

Some paranoid speculations by Rock

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Peter Cash — 14 Feb 1997, 12:55

"Alga" wrote:

Another thought on Tartaros. He appears to be in charge of Mainframe at the end of the series. If that is so, and if the monitor on the landing ship is connected to Mainframe, and I would think it surely must be, then it is Tartaros that makes the decision to override orders and send the lander to Blue.

Which makes him a good guy.

But your presume that Blue is the better planet. I don't really think we have enough to go on to decide that this is so. Horn's knowledge of Blue's geography is necessarily limited, and he has never been to Green at all. Thus, his remarks can't be given much weight.

Consider this also: Pas is dead, so where is the push to execute the "Plan of Pas" coming from? If Tartaros is in charge, then it is _his_ plan that is being carried out. If Tartaros is such a fine fellow, then why is he sending people to the Inhumis-infested planets, instead of repairing the Whorl, and keeping everyone safely aboard? Why hasn't he launched an effort to rid the Whorl of its Inhumis? --I don't think there are any good guys in these books.

On the condition of the Whorl:

The mechanical condition of the Whorl is something of a puzzle to me. It seems to have been designed to be self-repairing and sustaining. So why is everything breaking down? I think it has to do with the "gold cards" that are used as currency in Viron--and presumably everywhere in the Whorl. I find it hard to believe that Pas would have allowed humans to literally rip the brains out of the computers that run the Whorl while he was alive, so I suspect that this currency is a recent innovation. Could it have been encouraged by Tartaros to create conditions under which the "cargo" would be forced to leave the Whorl? Or perhaps the Prolocutor had something to do with the "gold cards". Descending the ladder to paranoia, perhaps the Inhumis have taken control of Mainframe, and all the actions of the "Gods" are a sham directed by the Inhumis to bring about the Exodus.

This has the additional benefit (to the Inhumis) of reducing what could surely be a very powerful weapon against them--the Whorl itself--to uselessness. Think of the threat the production capability of a Whorl-sized ship could pose to the indigenes of Blue/Green.

On War:

At one point (I think on the airship) Silk remarks on how few the surviving Chems are. Now, it seems to me that the Chems--particularly the soldiers--would be a grave threat to the Inhumis: they don't have any blood to suck, and they would be as good at killing Inhumis as they are at killing anything else. So perhaps the puppet Gods are fomenting war (and it seems to me that they had a hand in the Trivigaunte invasion) at the behest of the Inhumis to whittle down the

Chem soldiery.

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