

Brother & Sister (Geographically speaking)

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Robert Borski — 24 Aug 2000, 11:46

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Not sure how rivers run in the UK, but do you have any intercontinental ones? (Might make an interesting remake of HEART OF DARKNESS, pitched Hollywood style. "Man sets sail on the Thames, winds up in the deepest Africa.")

Robert Borski

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Peter Westlake — 24 Aug 2000, 17:19 · follows Robert Borski

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Ah, you're right. I had mentally transferred them to the river that runs through Pajarocu, probably because their life resembles that of the people of Shadelow more than it does the comparatively civilised (parts of) Main. Thanks for setting me straight. It was just for occasions like this that I chose my nickname!

"Sbearo" ... a nice coining, thank you :-)

And Google doesn't have any matches for it at all, whereas it has dozens of spurious Sun Bears, Sloth Bears (okay, not that spurious in this case), Sitting Bears, Standing Bears, and even a site selling llamas.

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Endymion9 — 25 Aug 2000, 12:16 · follows Peter Westlake

John Roberson detailed:

If humans offer themselves willingly to the inhumu, who then develop something of their soul/spirit of not harming others and being self-sacrificing, then those inhumu will quit feeding on other humans. Feeding from only non-sentient animals, they would lose their sentience and revert to blood-sucking croc vermin. While this would get rid of the inhumu problem, it would be somewhat contrary to Incanto's ethical stance, since he believes the inhumu spirits to be developing "souls" and to do something that would revert them back to beasts would be "killing" their human-like spirits.

Besides the fact that even if the inhumi felt a *human* compulsion as reverted back to beast status, once they regained beast status they would forget the *human* compulsion not to feed on other humans. Once again as animals they would naturally feed on humans and regain human nature. An endless cycle but not the destruction of inhumi or the salvation of humans.

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