

Aquastors I have known and loved

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In the BNS, if there is any difference between the terms eidolon and aquastor, it seems to be that the eidolon is created from the memories of the person being recreated. Aquastors come from the memories of other people. The mind from which the memories for the aquastor would not be able to tell that they were not the real people, since they would never act in a way that the originator wouldn't believe them to do, even if the real person would have done something different from that. An eidolon would be exactly like the original, since it is created from the original's memories. Actually, the eidolon would only be a perfect copy if the original had all the memories of its life. A being with imperfect memory would have experienced things and have memories hidden (or unavailable) to its current memories, and would probably actually be slightly different from the original, though not in significant ways, since only remembered memories would probably have affected the original anyway.

I am reminded also of the Tibetan "tulpa". I was reading up on the matter on a parapsychology website and it's interesting that apparently a tulpa is sort of a phantom presence that is maintained by its creator whereas a "tulku" is more of an independent, fully-formed (though created) being. Seems to correspond pretty nicely with the aquastor/eidolon distinction.

When Sev. resurrects Thecla in his mind he had eaten part of her and the alzado, so he had all of her memories when giving her life (recreating her soul in him). We can't even be sure exactly what the process of autarchization is like to someone with imperfect memory and without revitalizing power.

I should point out that this has been discussed at some length (check the archives).

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