

projective precognition

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Rostrum:

Thanks for responding to my idea that Silk can inspire others. Look at several of the other dream sequences in Long Sun: Hyacinth and Silk in a deadcoach, all the Scylla dreams in the Short Sun. His cheek tracing pattern usually precedes the deductive leaps he makes. Of course these leaps resemble precognition, but he doesn't have absolute faith in them. I am willing to say that Silk's major problem is self-doubt, but not doubt in external forces like "God". I have always thought the analytical power he shows (like in Nightside, when he knew Chenille had stabbed Orpine, or in Exodus, when he knows Hyacinth cheats on him) where in large part due to his precognitive abilities. Silk "knows" without knowing. After all, the enlightenment gave him glimpses into all times in one time. He saw Jesus crucified, he saw the war, he sees accurate symbols in the guts of animals. He is a precog who does not have faith in his precognitions. The tracing of circles on his cheek usually precedes these jumps. I think his precognition might have allowed his enlightenment to occur. I don't know if this helps. Maybe he has some kind of projective precognition: without directly knowing, he can inspire that same knowing in others. Odd. I'll need to re-read Long Sun again... he doubts that Jahlee bit Sinew because he cannot rationalize his "prophetic soul" -> the same thing Hamlet does. Do I act? Do I just sit here? To be? Not to Be? (even though he knows there is "being" after "not being" because his father has appeared to him after death, and it agrees with what he suspects from the beginning) Sorry for the Shakespeare digression. The main thing is that Silk does NOT need all the evidence to reach accurate conclusions (something that resembles the concept of "FAITH") and he can project this accurate knowing without evidence onto others. Does that make sense? I think I'll adopt that stance on his powers for now... Marc Aramini