

bad silk?

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Seth Lombardi — 13 Jul 2002, 06:24

The current talk about the nature of suicide has me rather baffled. You're saying that Silk did not in fact attempt suicide, he simply wailed at his forearms with a knife, as resulting from a complete and overwhelming despair of life? I'm no psychologists, and I don't claim to be an expert on suicide, but this seems to be rather close to what I'd define as a suicide attempt. Many, many, suicide attempts are unsuccesfull. The man's taking a knife to his forearms; there's a lot of instincts to overcome no matter how adamnt the subject is about taking their life. On the other side of the coin, take a look at your forearms and tell me that you could take a knife to them without your own death being at least one of the possible results in confused, reeling mind. I can't, but that may be because I have pretty skinny and, I suppose, delicate forearms. I guess to sum up what I'm trying to say here is that cutting into one's forearm is such an extreme act that it is both telling in that you would have to pretty darned crazy and suicidal to do it, but at the same time so paiful an against our instincts that the fact that Silk failed is totally acceptable. He didn't have a bridge, or a gun, or a bottle of pills handy. Otherwise I think perhaps the story would have ended there. Ah, but that reminds me; where is the Azoth during all this? I think it was with Mint, which if true backs up my feelings. If it was in their house, then that's a big strike against it. I'm sorry, but I don't have my books handy at the moment. I'd also like to cast my vote for the most negative possible estimation of Haycynth available. I know Horn takes an incredibly dim view of humanity in general, but either she did the crap (exposing herself, etc.) he describes in the afterword to The Book of the Long Sun or she didn't, and I don't think he's lying. That sounds like someone it wold be hell to live with, and though Silk puts a brave face on his pain, I think it's still there. If Silk wasn't at least partialy to blame for her death, then I don't really have any interpretation for "Though trodden beneath the shepard's heel, the wild haycynth blooms on the ground." It is also telling that this supernatural phrase is the culmination of Remora's talk with Slik about his suicide attempt. But I think Steve already pointed this out.

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"Two faces are alike; neither is funny by itself, but side by side their likeness makes us laugh"

-Pascal