

# A Wooden Leg Named Smith

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 18 Nov 2002, 20:29

Roy quoting me:

Perhaps the Claw (or Severian) cannot heal artificial persons,  
but only natural persons ..., <<

... What I was addressing,  
however, was the contention that the Claw worked by reaching  
back in time to a point before the pending problem. If the  
Claw's power was a function of time, why should the presence  
of prosthetics present a problem? Would it not work for a man  
with a wooden leg who was wounded woefully by a weapon?

Per se I do not think it would represent a problem (though I suspect that if it was the wooden leg that was woefully wounded the Claw would either fail or make it take root).

But in the cases of Jonas and Jolenta we don't have "the presence of prosthetics" -- Jonas actually came into existence as, and Jolenta has become, in a different way, an \_entirely\_ artificial person, and I suspect that the Claw fails/refuses to work with such.