

silk's clean plate

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maa32 — 22 Aug 2003, 16:15

Roy brings up Silk's clean plate. I suppose I should have been more precise - the fact that Silk eats very little and gets sick in winter seems important somehow. And he does say something about watching out for people who appear to eat only a little bit, I think. It's hard to find quotes in the Short Sun books! The unconscious nature of his consumption seems strange, as if he didn't remember actually eating the food. Alas, no dogs or huses under the table to feed it to, I guess. Does he get sick after that scene? I need to look at it again. The question is, can an inhumu even attempt to digest food?

I suppose not; Quetzal just likes to sniff his tea.

Yes, the abnegation of Urthly pleasures through abstemious eating and the love he fails to extend to Rose certainly explains the tomatoes. Marc Aramini

James Wynn — 22 Aug 2003, 22:11 · follows maa32

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James Wynn — 22 Aug 2003, 22:31 · follows James Wynn

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Ashley Crill — 23 Aug 2003, 03:44 · follows James Wynn

I might point out that Jonas seems to be a Chem with biological prosthetics...

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