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aramini1 at cox.net — 09 Jan 2005, 16:17

I never implied that Silk or Pig would be downloading anything from eye to eye. In Book of the Long Sun, Silk speaks with Chenille about possession, and how it always leaves something behind that changes the one possessed and the fragment of the possessor that leaves, so that they become inexplicably conjoined and change each other. I was merely taking several facts:

1. Silversilk is in Pig
2. Silversilk is trapped until the eye of Pig can be repaired.
- 2b. It seems implied that Silversilk plans to leave Pig to rejoin mainframe, as a fragment of Pas once planned to return to mainframe.
3. The book is about the search for Silk.
- 3b. Silk's original spirit has been damaged so much that it is no longer whole, and requires outside support.
4. It makes sense that the book would end when silk is found, one way or another.
5. SOMETHING makes Silk whole again.

Therefore, it seems logical that both narrative strands would culminate in a retrieval of Silk.

Certainly the admonishments to return to the text are unwarranted - I see the interpretive task as one of opening up a multitude of options. Without the presentation of options (whether valid ones or not), the discussion of the work becomes pretty much moot. We would then have to tow the party line, and the discussion becomes stifled and dead. Whether you believe these options or not is irrelevant - the point is that I work both with facts from the texts and themes which I believe are extent in the text but are not always overtly stated.

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James Wynn — 09 Jan 2005, 16:42 · in reply to aramini1 at cox.net

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Anyone familiar with my posts knows I agree with this.

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Hmmm...well, okay. I thought that was what you were saying since the transfer to Silk occurred when Pig got his eye. Otherwise, Silver Silk could have possessed Silk's body at anytime without Pig being involved.

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I agree. I have an opinion of my own about this. I wanted to turn the heat up on yours to see if anything developed from it.

~ Crush

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 09 Jan 2005, 19:04 · in reply to James Wynn

Marc -

If anyone, including me, said you were wrong to present the idea, they were wrong to say that. I felt and feel that the idea that "Silversilk" has moved from Pig to the Narrator (either directly or via Mainframe) is direly in need of some textual support - it just feels wrong to me, to be honest - but I hope I did not suggest that this made the idea unworthy of discussion.

--Dan'l

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--J.G. Ballard