

Tussah was not Silk's Father

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James Wynn — 23 Jun 2005, 15:45

Chris,

I intended to say this in my response but that was long and I didnt' want this missed.

Silk was not Tussah's natural son, that's understood.
But he wasn't his adopted son or legal heir either.

Granted, Marble says Mucor is her granddaughter, but she
did at least grow up in Blood's house. Silk's relationship with Tussah was that of a sponsor of the scientists in Roslin, Scotland to Dolly the Sheep.

The Rajan calls the Inhuma (whose name escapes me) his
"daughter", but a *straightforward* reading of the text is that that is a ruse.

It never rang true to me that Silk would meet Tussah in the
Mainframe as his father. (and who are the other two sets of parents?)

Wolfe's answer to the question regarding Silk's "ancestry" resolved this issue for me along with a massive list of other problems in the story. It is surprising to me that other people read The Long Sun without these questions bouncing around in their heads....and that is clearly the case since part of some people's aversion to Tussah as a clone (and that there are other's walking around) is that it proports to resolve a mystery that they never considered a big mystery in the first place.

In which case, it looks like I'm complicating something that was previously so simple. I don't know what to do about that.

~ Crush