

Dr Talos

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b sharp — 07 Sep 2006, 10:45

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-bsharp

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 08 Sep 2006, 01:40 · in reply to b sharp

On 9/7/06, b sharp <bsharporflat at hotmail.com> wrote:
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Actually, no, I hadn't thought of it that way; just the idea of a made thing becoming in some way greater than its maker ... the desire to do which is, itself, pretty much the ur-sin. But Talos and the HieroXs don't _seek_ to surpass their makers; it just happens.

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No, Hiero-Foos, where "foo" is a sort of generic variable name from (my generation of) computer science students. If you need two, the second one is either "bar" or "baz," depending on whether you went to Berkeley or Stanford 8*)

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I've got a piece of braaaaaain lodge in me heeead!!!

Jeff Wilson — 08 Sep 2006, 02:51 · in reply to b sharp

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I believe Dan'I is employing a metasyntactic variable here, rather than making a typo. The "higher" beings are much too manipulative to be considered holy fools.