

sev/silk contrast

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Marc Aramini — 22 Nov 2008, 01:51

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John Watkins — 22 Nov 2008, 02:01 · in reply to Marc Aramini

I think Silk's guilt was playing out in that scene. He'd already done enough to Horn's family, he couldn't let Jahlee do more.

Doesn't make it ok, of course.

On 11/21/08, Marc Aramini <marcaramini at yahoo.com> wrote:

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