

Pig's eye

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Roy C. Lackey — 30 Nov 2011, 17:35

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Marc Aramini — 30 Nov 2011, 17:38 · in reply to Roy C. Lackey

--- On Wed, 11/30/11, Roy C. Lackey <rclackey at stic.net> wrote:
From: Roy C. Lackey <rclackey at stic.net>
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To: "urth" <urth at lists.urth.net>
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 9:35 AM
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Marc Aramini — 30 Nov 2011, 17:41 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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James Wynn — 30 Nov 2011, 17:51 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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I presume Silver Silk is like any other Mainframe entity. A part --and aspect-- of him can possess
humans, chems, and animals. When the part returns to Mainframe, it's memories and identity
are reintegrated into the whole.

António Pedro Marques — 30 Nov 2011, 18:03 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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The narrator acts Silky enough from the first moment, which suggests there is Silk in him, but
showing no memory of the 20 years between LS and the sending of Horn into Silk's body. So
where did that Silk come from? Horn's memories becoming personality once in Silk's body?

Roy C. Lackey — 30 Nov 2011, 19:37 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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Yes, Silver Silk in Pig could only reunite with his greater self in Mainframe. That is the only way he could reunite with the "her" of the quote I gave. Not even a human can come close to harboring all that constitutes a god in the giant computer that is Mainframe. Scylla in Chenille at the lake also said she must reintegrate with her greater self in Mainframe, when she left Chenille. There is no reason to suppose that Silver Silk had been wiped out of Mainframe.

And yes, it would have been possible for the greater Silver Silk in Mainframe to flash part of himself into Silk's body, whether by way of the Grand Manteion's Sacred Window or the working glass in Pig's recovery room.

Of course the "her" of the quote most properly refers to Kypris, because Hy wasn't dead at the time Silver Silk became trapped in Pig. Hy may have "gone to Mainframe", so to speak, when she died, but it wasn't Hy that Silver Silk was longing for.

-Roy