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Lee Berman — 21 Dec 2011, 18:08

Gerry Quinn: It's not magic — it's bad science

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes: It seems to me that what the sorcerers in the woods do is "real" magic.
.."psi" is a fancy word for magic.

I think the text duplicates this discussion:

The Cumaean looked up at Dorcas with eyes that seemed as bright as the stars. "Words are symbols. Merryn chooses to delimit magic as that which does not exist" and so it does not exist. If you choose to call what we are about to do here magic then magic lives while we do it.

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fwiw- Starvation really wasn't a problem for tribal Melanisiens. They had so many pigs they occasionally had to engage in ritual pig slaughter and engorgement, vomiting up one pork meal to make room for the next one.

Gerry Quinn — 21 Dec 2011, 19:27 · in reply to Lee Berman

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?The esteem attached to despoiling enemies and a real fondness for the unusual food seem to have been the motives.

<http://bits-n-pieces.hubpages.com/hub/cannibal>

- Gerry Quinn