

Silk as Pas; Hyacinth's mysterious past

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While I was trolling for Tickisms, I found two quotes that I think are very interesting. Just thought I'd fly them by everyone.

(1)

"Silk found he was staring up at her; she smiled, and his spirit melted." (IV, 346)

This one is part of Kypris's "temptation" of Silk. We've discussed previously whether he was incorporated into Mainframe. It seems to me that from what we know about the mechanics of possession, the answer has to be "yes." It's been established that looking at the monitor is what does it, and Silk is clearly looking at this point. It is immediately after that we see Pas with Silk's head. I think Kypris got him. The theological implications are interesting (in the Whorl and as literature). This is in some sense an Assumption. It is also merciful New Testament Jesus joining and presumably mellowing the jealous God of the Old Testament. And so on. I know the statutory warnings that Silk is more Moses than Jesus, but I find this interesting.

(2)

"You told me about that place, and I've seen it, and it's horrible!" (IV, 369)

This is when Hyacinth is about to run away. When did Hyacinth see the landers, or the Sleepers' Chamber, or the smashed embryos? I don't think this is just a reference to her visit to Mainframe. Is this more evidence that she was even deeper into spying than we thought? As Tick might say, "Buzzy laddie!"

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