

Hy-jinx

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So Auk's Hy-napping is still more "odd" ("mysterious," "wrong") than Auk's pushing Silk off a =cliff=?! Contributing to Silk's =death=?!

Hmmm.

(Maybe it is just that we didn't ask, "How come Auk pushed Silk down the hole to a painful death--I thought they was friends?" <g>)

The problem with linking Tartaros to the Hy-napping is that Tartaros relinquishes control of Auk before Auk pushes Silk and grabs Hy. What we are seeing is a layer of Auk-behavior which seems most like his uninhibited killing down in the tunnels. It seems to me to be that layer of Auk which is a "wolf" or a "bear," "with teeth that would sever a man's hand at the wrist," to return to terms used when Auk was first met by Silk.

To put it another way--the episode by itself and out of context (i.e., ignoring that Auk and Silk are allies) looks very much like the usual "Charles Atlas" primates-at-the-beach routine. Auk sees Silk as a =rival= (or dark twin) and sees Hyacinth as a =good mate= (rather than seeing her as a sister by profession to his "real" mate, Chenille; or actually seeing her as clone by Kypris possession, since it is arguable that Auk is in love with the Kypris in Chenille rather than Chenille herself). Like Den pushing Bobby Black down the stairs; like Hildegrin wrestling with Apu-Punchau; like Peter and Pete in "The Changeling"; and other cases.

There's a war going on and he's lashing out, looking out for number one. Not unlike the chaos and confusion that leads Mint to mistakenly launch an attack that costs far too many lives for no real purpose.

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