

Silk's Abilities

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David_Lebling — 27 Jan 1997, 09:05

Doug Eigsti wrote:

Mucor, Pike, Quetzal and

perhaps Silk's uncanny abilities would fall into the supernatural, in spite of the conclusions arrived at by Silk. Silk has a pawn's whorl-view, he is not privy to the machinations of the Marvelous Brass

Chess Playing Automaton that inhabit mainframe.

I think Silk's abilities are explicable. He is a genetically engineered natural leader or even superman. This is made fairly explicit in either

Lake or _Calde_, in a conversation between Quetzal and Remora.

Quetzal tells how people would buy frozen embryos with special abilities emplaced by Pas' scientists. He states explicitly that Tussah bought such an embryo, although Remora jumps to the conclusion that the resulting adult is Chenille. He also states that they don't always work out as promised, which explains Mucor; she has a parapsychological ability, but is at least currently crazy. (Though one must also assume this may be due to her treatment by Blood.)

How do you suppose Horn sees things? Is he intentionally misleading the reader by having Silk come to the wrong conclusions > time and again?

My guess is that Horn is trying to be an accurate and reliable narrator. He's trying to show us Silk, "warts and all."

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