

Bye Silk! ... fusion ... and Escape from the Airship ...

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Greg Neyman — 02 Nov 1998, 19:33

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Alex ... thanks for respond RE: Quetzal ... it's nice to know that I didn't miss something that important ...

New question: Anyone else shaking their heads at the way Silk escaped the airship cell ... didn't it seem too easy? I just can't believe that the Trivis would be caught with their skirts down like that. Input would be appreciated, as always.

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Alex David Groce — 03 Nov 1998, 12:39 · follows Greg Neyman

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Well, it wouldn't have to be a "trance"--humans don't necessarily go into a trance to make a kid, but don't have conscious access to the workings of it. But it does seem odd the black mechanics can't get at this if they can mess with programming as much as they seem to be able to (maybe Pas had this a lot better guarded, especially the fusion pack part--as that would seem to be the really dangerous part.)

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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Michael Straight — 03 Nov 1998, 13:58 · follows Alex David Groce

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I predict that if we see Silk at all in the Short Sun books, it will be as part of a Silk/Pas amalgam residing in Mainframe.

-Rostrum

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