

Silk Circles Edition 2

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Curious further adventures in cheek rubbing....

From EXODUS FROM THE LONG SUN, CHAPTER 1 (HARDCOVER), PG 21:

(Mint and Remora discover Councillor Potto's body at Bloods.)

"Gently at first, then with increased vigor, Maytera Mint rubbed the councillor's cheek. 'This is a chem!'"

Love that: "increased vigor."

But why? Why does the cheek reveal the artificial body? Why not the arm, the hand, the ear, or whatever? And why o why does rubbing it do the trick? Is Silk, when he habitually repeats this gesture, questioning his own nature?

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*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.