Mucor's fish

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Joel Priddy — 09 Nov 1999, 13:25

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BTW, as soon as I got my copy of _OBW_, I took the paper jacket off and tossed it. I recommend this to everyone because (a) the cover is tacky to the point of acute embarassment, and (b) the hardcover under the dustwrap is actually a lovely rich blue. This greatly improved the object-quality of the book.

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William H. Ansley — 11 Nov 1999, 23:30 · follows Joel Priddy

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I have to admit that when I read the fish story, I thought: telekinesis. Then when Horn thought someone else was responsible, I remembered: Oh, yeah. Mucor doesn't telekines (say tel-u-kin-ees... it's a joke).

I agree that Mucor possessing the fish seems to satisfy Occam's razor better than invoking a mysterious third party but I just don't remember the extent of Mucor's powers. As far as I can remember, the only beings she possessed in _The Book of the Long Sun_ were human. Aside from possession, the only other power she has that I recall is the "astral projection" ability that she uses to talk to Silk, at Horn's request, in _On Blue's Waters_.

Of course, we only have her word for it that she actually "talked" to Silk and for what he "said" to her.

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