

Who wrote "Silk is Calde"

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David_Lebling — 07 Feb 1997, 10:13

mantis wrote:

3) Who was writing "Silk is Calde" five floors up? From the context, early in _Calde_, it might have been Quetzal, or maybe Mucor.

You really ought to read the passage you refer to again. Please.
(III, 20). (Unless, like Jahi, you =intend= to mislead! <g>)

mantis, that was me, not algae. I reread the passage [III, 6 in the paperback edition], and aside from it not giving an exact wording of what was written, I don't see any problem with my question or proposed answer.

What I meant is that Quetzal is telling Remora that he saw such a scrawling, and "went wide."
(That's an interesting remark in itself, as Quetzal is about to associate the Chapter with Silk's revolution; why would he go wide of a graffito five stories up? Guilty conscience, perhaps?)

But by "from the context," I meant both the physical context of the writing (high off the ground), and the fact that a few paragraphs earlier, Quetzal is talking about the Garden of Eden story, and of course he is the "cobra." Why might he not be the graffiti artist as well? "Silk for Calde" might well be equivalent to "Have an apple, Wo-man" in terms of the goals of the snakes involved.

Only mentioned Mucor because I am still curious as to exactly what her physical abilities during asomatous travel are. Could she write such a slogan? (Actually, I doubt she could or would, but...)

Why do you consider my question misleading?

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