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Dennis G. Berdanis — 10 Aug 2000, 08:40

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I also don't see the evidence that Silk had committed suicide. Perhaps he was just at the end of his life span. Many times when two people are joined in spirit and body for many years as he and Hyacinth (sp?) were when one dies the other doesn't live much longer. Perhaps he was just dying from sadness/grief.

What in the text leads the suicide believers to believe so?

Dennis/Endy

<http://home.mindspring.com/~endymion9/index.htm>

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Jim Jordan — 10 Aug 2000, 09:49 · follows Dennis G. Berdanis

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Yeah. I did not remember right. We aren't told what might have happened to Silk's soul. My guess is that he is dead. For Silk to die and to pass on his gifts to another in the process (i.e., his genetically enhanced body) is in keeping with the religious structure of the book. But with GW, you never know!

Nutria

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