
Subject: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sun, 21 Sep 2008 20:23:15 GMT

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I decided to start one for Jadis since it doesn't seem to go well in either the Phase or Bad Seeds topic.

Afternoon Tea with the Devil's Daughter was a great read. Good job, Beck and Dianne. Now I wonder where this is going to lead - especially with the connection, tenuous as it is, with the Capes.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [grover](#) on Sun, 21 Sep 2008 21:15:13 GMT

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XofA got it right. This was a fun read. I loved how two of our favorite authors got the perfect tone of two old friends trying to reconnect. Their dance around sensitive subjects was wonderfully enjoyable. I loved it. Nacht's jealousy? was interesting and I must say I would love to see more of this rather strange friendship. (Even by Whateley standards!)

grover

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That's what impressed me with Dr. Diabolik. Bek came through with a personality, a rationale, a logic behind the good (well, not-so-good) Doctor. Once I understood, it made sense. It was internally consistent. Heck, I even sympathized with the guy...in a way. To the outside world he is a terrorist madman that is so totally bipolar that he is completely unpredictable. He's making grand plans (like the moonbase) but even when those are crushed, he just continues on with the next bit of torture or robbery or lunacy or blackmail. And it all makes sense!

You see, the simple secret behind Dr. Diabolik is [DELETED BY AUTHOR OVERRIDE] cats!

So now you, too, understand.

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Ayla knows enough about the real world (read: international finance) to know that dropping all your other options can have *major* consequences. We'll see her go for the BIT-slicer, and we'll see if that works for her (or if Thuban will even let her use it). If not, she hasn't burnt her bridges behind her, so to speak, and still has at least one other immediate option.

If she absolutely has to.

But that's all in the winter term and spring term stories. We have to get through Ayla #5 (Ayla and the Networks, currently being written) and Ayla #6 (Ayla and the Grinch, written and awaiting #5 to go into the queue) before then. Not to mention all the amazing stories still being written about fall term and the winter holiday by the other Canon authors...

Diane

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That's how I felt too (although I wouldn't be surprised if you understood him better than me) Interestingly the author mentioned its as much about Fatale as Doctor Impossible but the Doc just steals the focus every time I even think about Soon I Will be Invincible.

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So first you compare Dr. Diabolik to my favourite supervillain ever, then an author override hides the details. Why must you torment me so?

I really cannot wait to see more of Dr. Diabolik.

Diane Castle wrote on Mon, 22 September 2008 00:35 We'll see her go for the BIT-slicer, and we'll see if that works for her

Oh goodie, Alya and the Bit Slicer was one of the plots I'm looking forward to (the other bit slicer one being finding out how Zenith reacts to realising there is a possibility after all), nice to know its in the cards.

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Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 13:46:57 GMT
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Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 04:38:22 GMT
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Also, it's hard to read some parts of it and not sort of MST3K the text, since many names and phrases have since become cultural memes that usually have little relation to the original epic. The Red Cross Knight appears! <insert snark about blood drives and such>

Diane

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 05:12:30 GMT
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Some of them are just ASKING for it... I mean, every time I read "Britomart" the only thing that comes to my mind is some kind of Briton version of K-Mart or Wal-Mart... maybe the Whateley character would be better off with the spelling "Britomartis" instead...

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Posted by [tensai](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 05:17:45 GMT
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Give me a thesaurus and access to the Online Etymology Dictionary, and I'm set; mind you, it is a little culturally biased.

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What language barrier?

<http://www.uoregon.edu/~rbear/fqintro.html>

Looks like standard English to me.

Of course, I read The Canterbury Tales in the original, so...

(I've also read parts of it before - if you want real fun, read "The Incomplete Enchanter" by L. Sprague DeCamp.

BW

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 05:55:54 GMT

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Actually, I'm a huge L. Sprague DeCamp fan- the adventures of Harold Shae are exactly whence I pilfered Gloriana, Britomart and Belphegor. And Belpheobe, as well, tho it will be a while before you run into HER!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Anodyne](#) on Mon, 29 Sep 2008 16:12:03 GMT
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It was nice to see some interaction between Jadis and Ayla.
It's also interesting to note that even though Jobe is Jadis's friend - or supposed to be, anyways - even she doesn't trust him; she didn't want to recommend Ayla stay away from him...but she didn't say it was safe or a good idea, either.

What she did recommend was a good contract negotiator, and making sure that there are no obscure clauses hidden in the contract.

Which does say something about Jobe, if not even someone who's supposed to be on his side trusts him; I rather got the feel that, if for some reason Jadis had to draw up a contract with Jobe for something, this is exactly what she'd be doing, too.

Also Quote:(the other bit slicer one being finding out how Zenith reacts to realising there is a possibility after all)

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Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Mon, 29 Sep 2008 20:35:22 GMT
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I think I can understand Jadis and Mal's reluctance in encouraging anyone to deal with Jobe -- despite him being, supposedly, their friend.

It's not unlike that fun friend you have, the one who is the soul of every party, the one who always do something outrageous, the one who originates all the funny tales. But NOT the one you would encourage a friend to date.

Or that other friend who you grew up with, who you like to hang around with, who is great

company... but you KNOW can't be trusted to finish a job in time. So you can't recommend him to work for another friend.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Babs](#) on Mon, 29 Sep 2008 21:21:30 GMT
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You are all so cruel to Jobe! How does the song go? (From memory...)

Quote:Now it's happened once or twice
That someone couldn't pay the price
And I'm afraid I had to rake them 'cross the coals

Sure I've heard the odd complaint,
But on the whole I've been a saint
To those poor unfortunate souls.

And that's Jobe to a "T". Sensitive, caring, helpful, and occasionally called to fulfill his contractual obligations. (Sigh) And never does he get even a bit of thanks.

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Posted by [tensai](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 02:14:15 GMT
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Diane

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Posted by [tensai](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 05:23:34 GMT
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I'm reminded of the saying: technology implies belligerence.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 11:32:57 GMT
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That depends in how much teenage rebellion you throw in the mix. It might work better with daughters than sons -- I can't avoid remembering Lord Evillo's daughters (from the "adult" Legion of Super Heroes' "Five Years Later" times, by Giffen & Bierbaums). They wanted to be *superheroes* and Daddy HAD to help them...

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Posted by [Violet](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 18:37:49 GMT
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The key is in the word "accepted": from her conversation with Ayla about it I got the feeling she still wasn't happy about it but had realised that there was no reason why she can't have a great life anyway so she just stopped moping and got on with things. Of course I could be wrong maybe Zenith is now happier like this or she has some other reason not to change back (Semi's bi so probably not love). Unlike Ayla and Jade I haven't got any emotional investment in seeing Zenith change her gender but I do think whatever choice she makes it will be a great story and I can't wait to read it.

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Well, it seems to me that Jobe's got a double whammy there. Nature and nurture are both working against him on his behavior issues. Not only is his dad an unattractive supervillain (and Ghu only knows what his mom is like, or if he's cloned, or what), but he's been raised by said supervillain as a crown prince who deserves everything around him. When has anyone (other than Mal and Jadis) ever said 'no' to him or told him he was wrong?

Diane

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Posted by [Violet](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 19:51:09 GMT

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um, did I imply Jobe had a good nature? If so oops . I meant that a different theoretical person, not Jobe, might have a good nature to counter their upbringing.

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The last I heard personality was 50% inherited, 45% a result of adolescent socialization, and 5% a result of upbringing. The numbers may be a bit off (I have little confidence in the second place myself) but they're based on large longitudinal studies and on studies of identical twins raised apart.

The bottom line is that, as a parent, you can either nurture a kid's personality or you can wreck it by being a vicious bastard (bitch, whatever) but you can't make it go somewhere it doesn't want to and get a good result.

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We don't know that he does any of what you say. From the way he's portrayed, I doubt it.

Xaltatun

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Posted by [Violet](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 20:56:40 GMT

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Posted by [grover](#) on Sun, 08 Feb 2009 21:29:14 GMT

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I knew she had a discussion thread around here somewhere. No Beast So Fierce, told us a lot about Jadis, but also about her father. The little odds and ends posted here and there make the line used within the story very appropriate. "Nobody Disses Dr. Diabolik!" I mean there is a implant in her head that her father won't tell her about for goodness sakes! And the head count for the dead at his hands is at over 17 thousand? That is so not a good thing.

We learned that she can shaped that PK shell of her's quiet a bit so it virtually a type of shapechange. Add to that she showed a nice bit of leadership in the Boston Brawl B and she helped Belphebe adjust to her new reality. Even cooler, she made Jobe pay for the privilege.

However it was the end that really was the killer. All along we've gotten the idea that maybe she wasn't so thrilled at going into the family business. Demon bound to her or not, she's just another kid that misses the Mom she never knew. I loved the whole White Witch and Jadis connection too.

I thinking before I read this I could see her and Alya down the road perhaps getting together. I do mean after Whateley while in whatever higher education institution they end up in. Both of them being Lit nuts, the whole Capulet and Montague thing would be just too rich for them to tweak both sets of parents noses. Maybe both of them walking that third path mentioned by the Kimbas.

However that implant in Jadis's head suggests that Dad has plans. The only person that might be able to do anything about it is Ayla if he can refine his talent enough to snatch that thing out of her brain. Loads of problems including she's an exemplar and what his phase talent could do to her as well as how that implant had bound itself to her tissues. Definitely one of those last resort kind of plans.

Bek what intriguing character you've gave us!

grover

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Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sun, 08 Feb 2009 21:36:47 GMT
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Maybe. And maybe it's what keeps her from betraying her emotions.

Xaltatun

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The Disproportionate bit is how Jade also seems to be heading, Jobe doesn't attack first either he just finishes things

Back on topic however, I think that White Witch really is her mother, I mean isn't she currently active?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Rabiata](#) on Sun, 08 Feb 2009 22:34:01 GMT
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There are some more people who might be able to do something about it:

- 1) Caitlin might be able to find out what it does with her artificer skills. That is, if they work for stuff that is buried in someone's body.
- 2) With the information from 1), someone like Paige might be able to reprogram it reasonably safely.
- 3) Fey has once teleported a nasty implant out of Merry's butt. See Merry 6a. Maybe she could duplicate that for Jadis.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Belgarion213](#) on Sun, 08 Feb 2009 22:39:43 GMT

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Teleporting something from the butt and the brain are probably VERY different. And as said nobody knows WHAT its doing. In fact it might be there as a fail safe to make sure that Devil that was bound to Jadis doesn't take control or something.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [grover](#) on Sun, 08 Feb 2009 22:41:23 GMT

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Could also be helping control that demon that's bound to her. Perhaps isolating her from some of the most serious effects of the creature.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [negation](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 00:20:15 GMT

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Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 00:24:16 GMT
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Apparently the White Witch looks better than Jadis does. The main similarities are height, thinness, facial structure, and when Jadis manifested, her eyes went to the same gold colour that WW has.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 00:30:28 GMT
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From how I understand exemplars, they don't usually change much after they've acquired their BIT in the first place. So, probably not.

But (again based on my - maybe flawed - understanding) she doesn't even know if she's a *real* exemplar or if it's just the devil or the cybernetic implant that does that.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [grover](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 00:38:02 GMT
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It could also be like Lily that Jadis is simply a late developer. Some women beauty matures with age, but that makes it tough on them while in school. Of course at Whateley it is even tougher. The good thing about that is that type of beauty tends to last nearly their entire life time. Not much help for poor She-beast that even Jobe has bigger boobs than she!

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Given that he specifically said tampering with it would be 'disastrous' and given Dr. Diabolik's noted schemes, I suspect screwing with Jadis's implant may have -far worse- consequences than 'merely' being fatal to her.

He doesn't seem to be the type to toss around words like 'disastrous' casually or imprecisely.

Gamlain

- Who wonders, what does Jadis's power *really* do that she needs a bound demon and a cybernetic implant to control it..?

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Posted by [dpragan](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 02:27:55 GMT
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I though she had the
From her MID:
Exemplar-3
Mage-2
PK-4

She would be at the upper limit of human development, unless the exemplar is mental then it might not effect the physical as much.

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Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 04:34:23 GMT
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dpragan: Well, the way the exemplar classification works, they are tentatively throwing it in based on physical/mental test results. I think there's the possibility to detect if people have a BIT though, so they could later be reclassified to not be exemplars. We don't know if Jadis does have a BIT or not.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 04:41:41 GMT
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Never mentioned a BIT in her case, if her EX status leans more on her Mental abilities she may not have a BIT.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 07:02:08 GMT
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gamlain wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 07:03
16:50grover wrote on Sun, 08 February 2009 19:29
Sir Lee wrote on Sun, 08 February 2009
However that implant in Jadis's head suggests that Dad has plans. The only person that might be able to do anything about it is Ayla if he can refine his talent enough to snatch that thing out of her brain. Loads of problems including she's an exemplar and what his phase talent could do to her as well as how that implant had bound itself to her tissues. Definitely one of those last resort kind of plans.

Sara possibly could get the implant out too. However...

...we don't know what the implant does. We don't know if it's rigged as a "dead man's switch". Maybe if one of those ultra-thin wires is disconnected, the whole thing explodes. Or maybe the implant is there to *save Jadis' life* in some way and Dr. Dad won't tell her because he doesn't want her to worry.

Given that he specifically said tampering with it would be 'disastrous' and given Dr. Diabolik's noted schemes, I suspect screwing with Jadis's implant may have -far worse- consequences than 'merely' being fatal to her.

He doesn't seem to be the type to toss around words like 'disastrous' casually or imprecisely.

Gamlain

- Who wonders, what does Jadis's power *really* do that she needs a bound demon and a

cybernetic implant to control it..?

Another Epileptic tree

1)White Witch is Jadis' Mother.

2)Jadis has no BIT, but has genius-level intellect.

3)Dr. Dad doesn't want Jadis to know who her mother is (for now, at least)

So he put an implant, that blocks early memories of Jadis' mother, and also has some other features, like improving her reflexes. It is unscannable by conventional means.

Since she has a PK shell, she could get a MATD that would change her to look like her mom. So he put a devil in her so it interferes with PK frequencies, making it unattuned to her so MATD won't start, and shell is monstrous rather than feminine. Devil also boosts her strength to Exemplar levels and resists scrying attempts.

We know Jinn had a theory about how she could fight a demonic entity back, but didn't have time to test it. Jinn also has excellent ESP vision. So IF she could fight the devil on even grounds without harming Jadis and IF the implant is not rigged to explode or something when the devil is threatened, Jade could suppress the devil and get a good look on the implant's insides. If Jade used sticky-charge or prepared a monitor she could give the structure to others, like Mal or Techwolf, so they say what are the purposes. Jinn could also try and disconnect the implant. As for disastrous consequences, implant and devil could interfere with each other so neither can gain control of Jadis, like replacing her brain with nanos or reshaping her body in a way similar to EI Penitente.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [tenwaters](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 07:20:02 GMT

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The White Witch is Jadis' Mother. She disappeared for two years. How far apart are Jadis and her brother in age?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [A. Lurker](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 10:13:23 GMT

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tenwaters wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 08:20The White Witch is Jadis' Mother. She disappeared for two years. How far apart are Jadis and her brother in age?

The White Witch could be Jadis's mother. Neither she nor we know for certain at this point, and the canon authors might just be sadistic enough to eventually reveal that it was all a simple

coincidence all along. (Or maybe Dr. Diabolik was harboring a secret obsession with WW at the time but couldn't get his hands on the real thing, so he decided to at least create his daughter in her image...)

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Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 10:21:14 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 11:41:55 GMT
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You are assuming that the White Witch is AWARE of having had a baby... maybe Gizmatic somehow suppressed those memories.

Or maybe she DOES know, but she still haven't found out WHO kidnapped her and impregnated her.

Oh, and by the way... wonder if Mal has a different mother?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 16:25:56 GMT
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tenwaters wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 01:20The White Witch is Jadis' Mother. She disappeared for two years. How far apart are Jadis and her brother in age?

Once school year.

Alya and her brother are both Freshmen while she is a Sophomore.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [DaveK](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 19:13:26 GMT
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You know, if Jadis wanted to get the devil out of her, she could just ask Lindsey to get her dad to do it.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 19:15:02 GMT
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But at what cost? We have no idea why Devilmaster does what he does

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [DaveK](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 19:16:08 GMT
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If she gets Lindsey to ask, it'll probably be a much reduced cost. What we've heard suggests that Devilmaster will do a lot for his little girl.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Violet](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 21:42:46 GMT
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Sir Lee wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 06:41 Oh, and by the way... wonder if Mal has a different mother?

I wondered the same thing.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Tovath](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 22:27:54 GMT
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Violet wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 16:42

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I agree with you there

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [negation](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 22:39:07 GMT

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Would the reason Ole Dr Dad bound the devil to her be because without it, her PK shell would look very similar to the White Queens?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [LuLou](#) on Mon, 09 Feb 2009 23:54:21 GMT

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Or maybe he didn't have a choice. It could be a result of a deal he made when he was younger and stupider. How many stories are there of people making deals for their offspring? Rumpelstiltskin comes to mind.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Jabbrwock](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 00:20:37 GMT

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I got the impression that he'd do almost anything if it supported his cause. It's hard to reconcile any other conclusion with his body count of over 17,000. That said, I don't see how raping the White Witch to get a couple of kids would support his cause any more than just finding a willing woman to bear his children.

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [James K](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 00:33:35 GMT
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Dr Diabolik strikes me as an extreme consequentialist. Which is to say, if he figures out there a way to save 1001 people's lives, but it will kill 1000 other people and there's no way to reduce that number, then he'll do it with a clean conscience because 1 more person was saved than killed. Think "the ends justify the means" dialled up to 11.

With that type of moral system there are no hard and fast moral prohibitions, since its only what comes out your actions that matters. So I could see him raping the White Witch if and only if:

- 1) He had some grand plan to meet his objectives that requires The White Witch to have children.
- 2) There was no available alternative to get her to have children.

If those conditions were met, then I'm sure he would do it. Otherwise, I don't think he's the sort of person that would do that.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 01:07:03 GMT
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Well, the White Witch is the major villain in the Chronicles of Narnia, which is where you might be getting the idea from. And Jadis does seem to have a Narnia fixation, unless she was just joking when she said her wardrobe had everything except a pathway to Narnia, and she was working on that.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 02:32:40 GMT
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I think she was joking. And it probably was a *repeated* joke every time she showed the wardrobe to someone, considering:

1. Her name.
2. It's a WARDROBE.
3. She ALREADY used it as an endpoint to a gateway (to the Bad Seeds clubhouse).

I mean, she could hardly AVOID the joke. If she didn't do it, somebody ELSE would.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [tenwaters](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 02:37:25 GMT
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So we have the witch and the wardrobe but Ayla is the only Kimba she talks with on a regular basis

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 03:17:58 GMT
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tenwaters wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 20:37: So we have the witch and the wardrobe but Ayla

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 04:06:48 GMT
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Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 04:20:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 04:59:40 GMT
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The reason I have my rape theory is that Jadis seems to be the one that there was some major nastiness involving how she came into being

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 06:05:11 GMT

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Well, she is named, and probably modeled, after the Queen of Narnia, who was a pretty bad lady.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 06:08:52 GMT

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Given the descriptions of the government and supervillain in question - the supervillain.

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No, but supervillains who oppose the first might very well do so.

The Unicorn

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Only if you count Rythax as lion. Jade came with the cabbit. Although ANY Kimba could count as a lion (of sort) so "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" will be fulfilled as soon as she invites Ayla to her room.

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Posted by [James K](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 07:08:37 GMT

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Hmm ... Jadis, Ayla and another member of Team Kimba. In a wardrobe, together.

I think I need a moment.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [DaveK](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 19:37:52 GMT

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Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 20:32:45 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [veterrimus](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 22:31:07 GMT
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Maybe the implant is a recorder so if something happens to Jadis it can be downloaded to a new body.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 22:42:01 GMT
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Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 22:49:56 GMT
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Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 23:23:20 GMT

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The description is in the present tense:

No Beast So Fierce

Section W is my shrine. I lit the tea-candles and gazed, yes, I admit it, worshipfully at the large picture of HER. The White Witch. Denver's greatest superheroine. Guiding light of Heaven's Thunder, the superhero team that guards Denver and the greater Rockies area. Mistress of magic and the winter winds. She has magic but her powers are mostly psychokinetic, like mine. She's tall and slender, but graceful and regal- not like me. But her face is long and thin, like mine. But her features are well composed, and her lips are full and warm- not like mine. And her eyes- she has my eyes- or, do I have hers? Her eyes are large, round, and golden, like the snowy owl that is her familiar and companion- and mine.

However, we also have:

Christmas Crisis

"Huh!?" I have to admit to being surprised and shocked by that. I couldn't imagine any reason someone would want to go through so much trouble for me.

"Don't ask me why but that's the demand. They want to trade for you. I think they had bad intel and thought you were coming home yesterday. Mom and Dad went to the airport to pick up something and that's when they were grabbed. Dad got off a quick warning to us before they got him. I think the Knights were expecting you to be there and then things went south. The Denver Gold happened to be nearby and I was able to give them a heads up. Using a tracer we had on Dad, we helped the Gold chase the Knights into their hole and the Army has them pinned down there."

I'd heard of the Denver Gold. A new Hero Team starting to make a name for themselves. They supposedly operated out of a base somewhere near Pike's Peak. I'd recently learned that Mom and Dad knew them and had worked with them some. I guess it wasn't too surprising they'd have regular contact and would work together. But I was really wondering how the Army got involved so quickly. It normally took ages for them to get moving.

So there are two teams in the Denver area?

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 23:31:31 GMT
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Yeah, but as Tennyo pointed out, the Denver Gold are new, while Heaven's Thunder has been active for about twenty years. Maybe the Thunderers are getting old and the Golds are thinking about stepping in their place.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [RAllen](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 00:53:03 GMT
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Fully Dark Shadows Soap Opera...

How about Jadis is the device implanted? That her body is one of Carson's lost children and a devil that has been combined. The device is powered by the soul of Diabolik's dead brother (who was once a Champion) and "goo" magic. The body image changes are not her father's effort but the chaos leaking out. White Witch and others are involved with this creation. But, are conflicted between potential power for good and an abomination that can go bad like a multiple-plainer H-Bomb.

Wild enough? I am sure we can come up with something even more baroque (totally wrong, but fun).

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Posted by [tensai](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 00:58:56 GMT
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You forgot that device-Jadis is actually the engrammatic recording of Doctor D himself.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 01:03:08 GMT
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In short, however, even if the WW _IS_ the mother of one, or both, of the children, leaving them with Dr. Diabolik was probably the safest thing to do, at least until they're adults.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [bergy](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 01:35:21 GMT
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Or how 'bout this, since this is the Whateley Universe:

Dr. D wants children and, needing a good genetic material/incubator, goes shopping and picks up the White Witch. WW doesn't want to accommodate so Dr. D swaps bodies with WW, putting WW (in his body) into cryogenic suspension. Then he knocks himself up, waits 9 months and gives birth to Jadis. In a bout of maternal instinct he does it again before pulling his body out of deep freeze and restoring their minds. Dr. D now has the two children he wanted (along with 2 years that he's not keen on talking about) and WW is left wondering where she got those stretch marks.

But that's just how I'd do it.

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BERGY, YOU SICKO!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Jabbrwock](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 20:42:52 GMT

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I remember it being the cabbit, rather than the lion. Could be wrong, though.

Granted, either way, it's the J-team.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [dpragan](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 20:47:50 GMT

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Lion belongs to Jade with the Cabbit belonging to Billi and Cabbit DNA/Shifter BIT (Warp/En/Shifter-KiBot 4.3) is owned by Splice ;p

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 21:34:36 GMT

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Well, yes, the original cabbit from the cabbit chase belonged to Tennyo. In Christmas Crisis we see a Bunny made cabbit for Jade, though, so we can't assume it's Tennyo's cabbit that is acting here. But it was the cabbit nonetheless. With a carrot. Miya!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2009 00:02:10 GMT

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Posted by [charm](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2009 05:00:14 GMT

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"First Day" indicates that Jade is known to take the Cabbit without asking.

Quote:

"Oh yeah, like I'm going to hide a space ship around here. Hey, Rhyo-oki. Where are you?"

"Miya?"

That had come from somewhere behind me. The three in front of me got all wide eyed. Then the biker pointed behind me. I had this funny, sinking feeling that all my efforts had just been doomed to utter failure.

"Look! It's Rhyo-oki! I told you! I told you! Look!"

I turned around and there it was, my cabbit. Looking wonderful and cuddly. I knew what had happened. I just wondered how long she had been there before calling attention to herself.

"JINN!"

Her ears flipped up and with a loud, "Miya!", she spun around and sped off towards Poe.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2009 06:16:42 GMT
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We can't blame her, though. The cabbit is SO KYOOOOOT!!!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [negation](#) on Sat, 14 Feb 2009 05:53:11 GMT
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Over the Top:Elsewhere on campus, a devisor worked feverishly. A remote control was completely the wrong design! It could only control a single person. But a ray gun, a ray gun could be used on anyone! Plenty of people would pay for such a blessing! Yes, they'd pay dearly! The precise theory and application were difficult, but those minor problems had been washed away in a torrent of inspiration. Glorious, rounded inspiration. With just a little more work, the Mammo-maximizer would be ready!

And then... then a test would be required!

Down in a dark lab, a devisor laughed with mad delight.

No Beast So Fierce: "LIGHT?" Jobe yelped. She ripped her robe and pajamas top open, revealing two ripe, budding B-cup at least breasts with bright, eye-catching pink nipples. "You call this LIGHT?"

Jobe. Not only do I have to live across the hall from Jobe fucking Wilkins. Not only is he a girl now, but he has bigger tits that I do! OH GOD, HOW HAVE I SO OFFENDED YOU?

Any chance for Jadis to volunteer/pay for the services of the Most Common Super Power-Ray Gun?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Sat, 14 Feb 2009 06:20:24 GMT
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The one some Faction 3 deviser is attempting to create after Jade 7:Over the top?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Flipside](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 00:28:35 GMT
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As for Jadis's implant, I see no reason why there has to be anything nefarious about it. If as a father Dr. D could implant something in his children's brains that would enhance their physical and mental abilities, isn't that just the supervillian version of vaccinating your kids? As for why it shouldn't be removed, in order for it to be effective, it had to be integrated into the brain. Think Wolverine's adamantium skeleton, once you've gone through the trouble to enhance someone to that extent, undoing it would be incredibly invasive and risky.

Also, a note about Jadis's childhood, she wasn't outed as the daughter of a supervillian till she was in 3rd grade (when Ayla was in 2nd grade I believe). Hence, Jadis actually had a "normal" childhood up to the age of 9. Her mother wasn't a part of it apparently, but her father had managed to hide his identity up till that point from her. If she had not been outed, it is quite possible she would have continued to lead a normal life until her powers developed. At that point, Dr. D didn't really have any choice, and simply did what he had to in order to guarantee the safety of his children, even if that meant enhancing them with demons and implants and such. Bad seeds have a tough rap, and of course father knows best when it comes to preparing them for those challenges.

I gotta say it, yet another fascinating character in the Whateley Universe.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 00:43:29 GMT
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The thing is, he won't even tell *her* what's the implant for. Generally speaking, I see two possible

reasons for that:

- Benevolent: the implant is there to protect her of something (like, say, a neurological disease), or maybe it is some kind of enhancement. He doesn't tell her because he doesn't want her to live under a shadow of fear (in the first case) or hurt her pride (in the second case).

- Malevolent: the implant is a piece of some plan of his. It might be related to the implanted demon, or it might be some "insurance" case Jade decide to betray him in the future, or whatever. The point being, it's not there to help Jadis in any way. So he won't tell her what's for, because if she knew she could conceivably find a way to deactivate it.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [KenJ](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 01:50:24 GMT
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The interesting point is that he isn't telling her anything. He could lie , you know.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [eddie](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 06:52:28 GMT
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If the implant is to prevent Jadis from betraying him why does Malachai not have one?(or does he?)

Eddie

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 06:56:50 GMT
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Malachai has one (don't know if it's Dr. Diabolik or self made, though), but we know at least one thing it does. It downloaded data about Silver Serpent and Iron Dragon, I think in the Bad Seeds story.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [thtiger](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 12:13:02 GMT
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Well, there you've hit the nail on the head. Everyone knows that the greatest single threat to any evil doer is having a daughter who will fall in love with the hero and reveal all of her father's secrets to him. Clearly the device in her brain is to prevent that.

Does it control her hormone levels, making it impossible for her to fall head over heels, or does it assure that she will only fall in love with a boy daddy approves of?

Heck, forget super bad guys, how many regular fathers would love to 'save' their daughters from an inappropriate male.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [DaveK](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 20:49:40 GMT
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Flipside wrote on Mon, 16 February 2009 00:28

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Mon, 16 Feb 2009 20:58:58 GMT
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Well, it was two years earlier, not just before, but that's beside the point. Yeah, Mal and Jadis knew since they were old enough to know to keep it secret. And by contrast Silver Serpent never had to hide her relation, because she grew up in the hidden city. I think we can consider Jobe even further off to that side, since he practically advertises who he is.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [charm](#) on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 19:36:36 GMT
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A stupid question occurs to me.

The Police can't arrest Jadis or Malachai because they haven't committed any crimes. (Right, how hard would it be to frame them.)

However, why didn't the "Government" use child services (or what ever the USA equivalent) is to detain Jadis & Mal, on the basis that her father is unsuitable as a parent, and no one knows who the mother is.

He's a super villain, he bonded a demon to her. (Or was it a devil?) He wired some unknown devise into her brain.

Although I suppose, do that, and the families of the judges, child services officers, and anyone else involved are going to be in serious danger.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 20:20:32 GMT
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Actually, Charm, an ambitious Assistant DA in New York named Timbrook tried that, right about the time that they got 'outed' by the press.

Let's just say... he doesn't make court appearances anymore, and leave it at that.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 23:42:57 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Tue, 17 February 2009 14:20Actually, Charm, an ambitious Assistant DA in New York named Timbrook tried that, right about the time that they got 'outed' by the press.

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How "sudden" was his last court appearance? 175 mph, straight down?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [charm](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 04:51:05 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Wed, 18 February 2009 09:20Actually, Charm, an ambitious Assistant DA in New York named Timbrook tried that
Surely not this gentleman?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 11:41:56 GMT
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charm wrote on Tue, 17 February 2009 20:36He's a super villain, he bonded a demon to her. (Or was it a devil?)IIRC a devil, and she made a point to explain the difference.Quote:He wired some unknown devise into her brain.Wasn't that something that was first discovered after she got to Whateley though, as part of some medical or powers testing?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 16:24:51 GMT
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Bookworm wrote on Tue, 17 February 2009 18:42BekDCorvin wrote on Tue, 17 February 2009 14:20Actually, Charm, an ambitious Assistant DA in New York named Timbrook tried that, right about the time that they got 'outed' by the press.

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Oh PLEASE! Like Dr. Diabolik would ever be THAT obvious! No, Dr. D. merely let the ACLU lawyers (who wouldly proclaimed that they were working on the behalf of the two children and NOT their father!) argue that the move was purely legal tactic to try and get at Dr. D. The Family Court judge, who was under pressure from groups ranging from three NYC organized crime families to the Amazing Three and the Archioces of New York, all of whom had pressing reasons to keep such a maneuver from becomina a legal precedent, agreed. The fact that ADA Timbrook had pulled strings to have Jadis and Mal placed with foster parents who were known to be drunken and abusive, helped a lot. A 'temporary' guardianship was arranged, and things pretty much went back to how they'd been at Casa Diabolik.

After the dust had settled, Dr. Diabolik sent in a robo-skorpion that injected Timbrook with the dead-end super-soldier nanite suite as that which created:

PANGOLAS

The Armadillo That Walks Like A Man!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [itinerant_007](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 18:09:45 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Wed, 18 February 2009 11:24

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And he's now doing commercials for credit card companies?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [charm](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 19:08:20 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Thu, 19 February 2009 05:24: After the dust had settled, Dr. Diabolik sent in a robo-skorpion that injected Timbrook with the dead-end super-soldier nanite suite. Ah, he's very probably dead then. 99+% chance.
Ayla #4: "Ayla and the Tests" Part 8: For some insane reason, the project scientists had thought they had their problems solved after that, and they tried the nanotech on two hundred Red Army volunteers. Only three survived, and only one of the three was healthy enough to use as a super-soldier. He dissolved into a puddle of goo less than a year later, while battling Brilliante in Hungary.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Wed, 18 Feb 2009 19:39:26 GMT
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Ah, but you're forgetting this rule: The Big Idea Carson robbed her temples, as if she was getting a headache. "Before anyone says anything stupid, let me point out that Spark's XSI dingus is a DEVISE! The fact that it worked on Sawyer the way that it did, means nothing! You were angry, right, Spark?"

"Mai Oui." Jenny said, not following Carson's train of thought.

"An angry devisor can pull off almost anything, especially aimed at the target of her anger. But that doesn't mean that it will do the same thing when used on someone in cold blood. Indeed, the potential for disaster here is mind-boggling! That thing is DANGEROUS! But, there are non-Exemplar students on campus who simply will NOT CARE! Miss Etincelle, you will go now, and I do mean NOW, directly to the Workshop and move ALL your Exemplar State Inducer prototypes, plans and notes from your secure bay to an Ultra-Secure isolation lab! You will do so with a full complement of security covering you. You will NOT remove any of those prototypes or plans from that Ultra-Secure lab. You will only do work on it under close supervision, at least until we have determined exactly what happened to Sawyer. In the mean time, the official line is that what happened to Sawyer is a fluke, and no live experimentation is to be done with students, no matter how vigorously they volunteer."

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [darkmoon](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 09:25:37 GMT

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Posted by [darkmoon](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 09:49:42 GMT

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Ha! I thought I recognized that name. Did anyone by chance see the BBC miniseries that aired over PBS some years ago, with Barbara Kellerman taking the role of the White Witch (Jadis)? Oh, if only they had an award for "Queen of overacting in a television miniseries." Still, it was a great series, with actors in animal costumes and special makeup, traditional cel animation, and an animatronic Aslan.

No Beast So Fierce I held up Jobe's Platinum AmEx card, as if it were an object of worship. "Behold! Our key to the most hallowed halls of fashion and haut couture! BUT, before we begin, there are things that you must understand- First, you must show NO FEAR! Countergirls can smell fear, and they will tear you apart like a pack of ravening dingos! Remember, no matter how superior and uber-cool they may ACT, in reality, they're just a bunch of wage-slaves working on commission! WE, on the other hand, are customers! WE have the real power! WE are teenage girls! WE, not THEY, have the ultimate say in what's cool and hip! WE can take _this_-" I held the card up on high again, "and go somewhere else! If anything, they should fear US!

"Second, sales people are NOT your friends. They don't really care how something looks on you. They just want to sell something, something really high-end, preferably. Sales people will LIE, right to your face. Not only will they sell you complete and utter CRAP, but they get bonuses for

getting that crap out the door. If you have a question, come to one of us.

Having sold retail electronics on commission for a year, I can say that this is all too true. I did that during a major recession when highly qualified people couldn't find work (so people weren't buying, either), so I was glad to have a job, but still I hated it. The part I hated most was trying to convince people that what was in my best interest (getting them to buy it now, from me) was somehow in their best interest. I knew some who hated playing the game too, but others who got a big power rush from being manipulators, or who enjoyed the "challenge" of getting into people's wallets.

There are almost as many angles as there are sales people, though. Some will try to advise their customers well, in the hopes of building repeat trade for themselves – the consistent best performer in the district where I worked used that angle. So, while retail sales people may not be your friends, it is occasionally possible to find one whose interests coincide with yours.

Oh, and by the way, customers play the game, too. Try having a couple pick your brains for a half an hour, then say to each other right in front of you, "Now that we know what we want, let's go find a good price on it." Civilization? It's a thinner veneer than that cerebral cortex that sits atop an animal brain.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 18:58:03 GMT

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Diane

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Posted by [darkmoon](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 20:08:08 GMT
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Interesting... Thanks for sharing that. The story definitely had an experimental feel to it â€” that came through to me very strongly. I might have guessed that it was the result of such a dialog between the two of you had I paid closer attention to the "by" line.

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Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 20:53:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [darkmoon](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 21:25:11 GMT

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I have the entire series on video tape, uninterrupted by pledge drives (IIRC) â€” one of several precious things that I recorded off the air before PBS went south. Must transfer to a digital format, some day...

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

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I only named my muse long after I found out that Bek had a name for hers. After Bek's dreadfully ADHD muse Enid came and pestered me several times (and drank everything in my liquor cabinet), I learned that Maggie had a named muse as well. I seriously considered naming my muse something pretentious enough to satisfy the Ayla in me (like, say, Melpomene or Calliope), but I opted for an old-fashioned name that would go with Enid and Phoebe.

And yes, the original half-dozen Canon authors started out treating Whateley as a special RPG, with story-telling instead of the usual formats. Bek was behind that, naturally. Bek is behind *everything*. Bek is behind a lot of the Whateley characters I have used and abused. Heck, if the Trilateral Commission had a funny acronym, or had the legal team of Dewey Cheatham and Howe, I might even suspect Bek of being behind that, too.

Diane

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 22:49:38 GMT
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Bek

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Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 2009 23:55:15 GMT
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Diane Castle wrote on Thu, 19 February 2009 17:46

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And frequently hit too close to home.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [darkmoon](#) on Fri, 20 Feb 2009 00:00:52 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Thu, 19 February 2009 14:49
I would like to take the opportunity to steadfastly deny any allegations linking me and the boys at- er, the Trilateral Commission. Such accusations are groundless, sucurreilous, wanton and inexpedient.
Sorry Bek, but yer too late. As discoverer of the Whateley Universe, you are the official DRP (Designated Responsible Party). That includes responsibility for the second floor of Poe Cottage being filled to overflowing with changeling froshes, this year.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Maggie_Finson](#) on Fri, 20 Feb 2009 01:01:58 GMT
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And will you PLEASE try to keep Enid from visiting Phoebe? The mess takes hours and hours and hours to clean up!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [LuLou](#) on Sun, 22 Mar 2009 19:24:44 GMT
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Oh man. Diane, that's just cruel. Poor Jadis took one look at Ayla's new face, and all her hopes

that she'd been carrying since she was eight, that she could grow up and marry Trevor, and no one would care that her daddy was a super-villain, just vanished.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 04:04:08 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 04:34:08 GMT
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I'd have to agree with Lu here. I think that Jadis had a bit of a crush on Trevor, and that's stayed, even though he looks completely different. She probably forgot about it for a while after being outed until Ayla came up to her one day, and, surprise! it's Trevor wearing a brand new pair of genomes but still the same inside. She probably was holding onto hope since he's putting a lot of effort into turning back into a guy, but she saw this and emotion took over. I really hope that Diane isn't that evil, that she'd force poor Trevor/Ayla into full girl.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Jabbrwock](#) on Mon, 23 Mar 2009 23:08:14 GMT
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I don't think so. . . I mean, it's possible, sure. Jadis has self image problems, what with getting function over form version of an exemplar package, but Ayla has *ALWAYS* been hotter than Jadis, and she didn't have any issues with it before.

I'm gonna throw in with the crush thing, and the belief that Ayla is giving up and/or embracing her girly side, putting her forever out of reach. Barring the sorts of things that could only happen at Whateley, of course.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 09:21:24 GMT

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Not to mention that her relationship with Ayla is probably one that her father doesn't enter into, she knew Trevor for year(s) before her cover was blown, with every other one I don't think that the other parties have known her for more then a few weeks with finding out about dad. I going with crush to. But what happens when she figures this out? Does she move into Poe? Because I guess she might know whats going on there

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Faraway](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 14:20:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 14:43:23 GMT

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Faraway](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 14:55:48 GMT

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Riight. Teatime? It's Jadis all right, but let's put it into "multiple" category right now, like other Bad Seeds tale. Combat Final Vignette? Works fine, but I counted it as a sidestory and not a definite character story. Fierce? THAT's Jadis 1 for me.

Possible Jadis 2 plot? That other raid the girl team planned seems promising, with maybe some grooming that would lead to flashback because of an association.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 17:12:42 GMT
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I don't think that she qualifies as lesbian. After all, Ayla's a guy, and she seemed dismayed at the thought of him becoming more girly.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [vshnth](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 17:22:00 GMT
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There are things like that all over the place. At the moment, I'm reading Jade 3, and I remember noticing the scene with the Stringer Twins. I went: "Huh? Why aren't they using fiber optic cable? Like 20 years ago." That whole set of problems struck me as anachronistic. The labor savings on repairs would have justified the expense many times over.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 09:55:18 GMT
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XoA, when they do switch over to fiber optic, it's hard to get, very expensive stuff, the same as used in Cheyenne Mountain to be exact.
And Jadis doesn't have to be into girls to have a crush on TREVOR, in fact it works better, Jadis wants Ayla to return to being Trevor just as much as Ayla does because it's TREVOR she has the crush on, not Ayla

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:23:11 GMT
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Jadis/Ayla/Vanessa OTT!

By Lofn, I feel so dirty...

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:29:02 GMT
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This assumes Jadis BECOMES interested in girls, my argument was that she was into TREVOR NOT AYLA, different people as far as sexuality is concerned. And who says Vanessa would go for it?

Also LOFN?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:42:55 GMT
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Ever heard of the Trope "If it's you, it's OK"? I think maybe Jadis would make an exception for Ayla/Trevor. However, a plain Jadis/Ayla would end up with a very pissed off siren. I like Ayla/Vanessa. Why not simply combine the two and have it as a type 7 triangle relationship? Then again, I'm a fan of OTTs!

What you are thinking of is a type 8, where everyone loves everyone.

Lofn is the Norse goddess of forbidden love. Lofn is also the name of the Half-Eldar child from the story "Love Can Bloom"

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [negation](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 10:54:26 GMT
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What about adding Aquerna and Static-Girl into the mix?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 11:16:32 GMT
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Aquerna is too busy terrorizing the guy who thinks that everything is just webfiction.

Then again, Ayla IS a nice guy/girl. You know what happens to nice guys in the WU? They get rewarded with HAREMS! Vanessa/Aquerna/Ayla/Static Girl/Jadis. It's a relationship, kinda...

I think I'll stick to Jadis/Ayla/Vanessa. Much easier to work out, anyway.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 13:10:13 GMT
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Gemma Ethan Whitaker wrote on Thu, 26 March 2009 03:55XoA, when they do switch over to fiber optic, it's hard to get, very expensive stuff, the same as used in Cheyenne Mountain to be exact.

You're missing the point. First, fiber optic cable is not hard to get. (The 20 year comment was probably over the top, though.) Second, part of the advantage of fiber optic cable is that it's not subject to electromagnetic effects like EMP. Cheyenne Mountain predates fiber optic cable. Third, in the same story there's a long discussion of the "WP" mark, which means "over the top quality" or "Worldwide Premium", but really started as "Whateley Preferred". Whateley gets the best hardened components because second best simply costs too much in maintenance.

However, my biggest gripe is that I absolutely detest holes in universe construction where the gap is filled by the first clueless idiot (read, main character) to stumble into it.

Now, the fiber optic thing is something that I think a group of authors who don't bring in technical specialists (like high budget movies claim they do) could reasonably overlook. But there are other examples that are just bobbles.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 01:21:28 GMT
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Nocte, you actually think that Ayla would cheat on Venessa?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 01:32:07 GMT
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Xaltatun, as I do computer consulting for a living, and have installed wireless, wired, and fiber networking, I think I can answer this one for you.

20 years ago, there were two types of network cabling available. That was UTP, used for Token Ring, and Coaxial. (Aka 10base2). In 1994, 10base2 was still the standard hookup for small offices (In fact, I installed several. I remember it because of having to punch holes in the walls so you could daisy chain the systems). By 1996 or so, 10baseT was coming in, which used the same plugs as UTP, but the wiring layouts for Merlin (and earlier) phone systems. (UTP might have also used it - I didn't build UTP cables - only worked with one UTP system at all). In fact, I replaced one star-net coaxial system with a 10baseT system, and managed to zap myself. (I

didn't realize, then, that star net was a fully energized system).

Fiber Optics didn't really start coming into business usage until about 1999, or 2000. At that point, it was extremely expensive, and often required special equipment and tools.

For some place like Whateley, I would expect that they did the initial installation of networking using the highest grade stuff they could at the time - which would have been coaxial with terminals, then UTP, then Cat5 twisted pair (10/100 baseT). There's one HUGE difference between all of the copper cabling and optical cabling.

Flexibility. It doesn't have it.

The networking bundles would have made right angle bends, run through pipes, curves, lots of tension, and so forth. Pulling out one flexible cable and putting another one in wouldn't be a problem. Putting in fiber? You have to have service loops, bends can't be less than 10x the diameter of the cable. Cat5 can be as little as 4x the diameter, and coaxial is 6x the diameter. Even at that minimum bend radius, you have scatter through the cladding. Bend it too much, and fiber snaps. If you do have to have a right angle turn, you either have to wide loop it, or put in a powered fiber repeater box. (which are susceptible to power surges).

So, where you could just run most pre-fiber network cabling just like telephone (or cable), you must install fiber with fiber limitations in mind. That requires infrastructure changes, not just cable changes - thus a larger budget. (you also have to remove old cabling)

Installing new Cat5 cabling into a 40 year old office required cleaning a lot of ancient cabling out of there - including terminal linked loop cable from IBM VT100's, 25 pair analog phone system cables, and various oddball unidentified cut phone/power cable. That job took three times longer than if we had been able to go into a new installation and drop wires into empty walls - and these walls weren't plaster and lath! (Many of the original buildings at Whateley would be plaster and lath)

So, don't think of it as new cable. Think of it as infrastructure reconstruction.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 02:04:21 GMT
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The Type Seven Triangle relationship description is flawed. I don't see it as party A (Ayla)

cheating on party B (Vanessa) with party C (Jadis). If you read the somewhat good fic "Wildcard 1: Shuffling the Deck", you will see how I see the type seven relationship being a non-affair one. Wildcard has started a relationship with Sleipnir. Sleipnir likes both Wildcard and Bronze. Since neither of them are going to step aside for the other, Wildcard suggests that Sleipnir have two girlfriends and the three of them lay down some rules.

I can't explain how a Jadis/Ayla/Vanessa would come to being because some authors will intentionally rewrite scenes that the fans manage to guess what happens.

Besides, isn't it insinuated that Jadis wanted to marry Trevor before her family was outed? I smell a Childhood Marriage Promise.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 02:30:22 GMT
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Nocte, if your theory on how it works out is true it's a long way off, Ayla's pretty monogamous and Jadis seems to be het

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 03:17:34 GMT
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What part of "If it's you, It's OK" do you not understand?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Fri, 27 Mar 2009 06:55:28 GMT
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It will still take some time for her to come to the realization

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Jabbrwock](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 00:40:03 GMT
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Bookworm wrote on Thu, 26 March 2009 21:32

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It turns out Whateley has a line item in its budget every year to completely rebuild a cottage. Granted, we know it doesn't usually get used, but I can definitely see cottages getting slowly upgraded as particularly out-of-control mutants and/or unscheduled attacks demolish them.

Hawthorne would probably be first. Not only is it the ace quality number 1 nexus for out-of-control mutants, but it's also home to Paige, whose sponsors include a major computer company that seems entirely willing to see to it that she has access to the finest computers available, and the connectivity to really use them.

Melville, ironically, would probably be last. Nobody's gonna want to accidentally obliterate home-sweet-home to the social and (in some cases, anyway) financial elite of the school, plus as the deluxe accommodations, it's probably more ruggedly built.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 02:13:52 GMT
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Infrastructure, not _structure_.

As in the stuff _underneath_ the campus. If it breaks, you patch it. Copper can be patched by just about anyone.

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Jabbrwock](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 03:00:59 GMT
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Would you care to rephrase that in the form of a wager? This is Whateley, after all.

Anyway, the limitations of fiber optic cables would be most crippling when it comes to running the cables to the individual outlets in the rooms, where you have to work with some pretty serious space and access constraints. There's a reasonably spacious tunnel system for access and maintenance once you get out of the actual cottages.

Anyway, this probably belongs in a different thread if we're going to discuss it further.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 13:54:19 GMT

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Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [The Unicorn](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 14:40:56 GMT
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While that's true a few points:

1> Whateley already has the people trained in patching copper wire and is going to need highly trained technicians anyway so there's no money saving in that respect by switching to fibre optics.
2> There is a specified limit to the number of patches/repairs between amplifiers/endpoints you can have in a fibre optic cable - a limit that doesn't exist with copper wire.

So as you see there are quite a few disadvantages along with the advantages. Presumably whoever was in charge in Whateley decided the advantages weren't sufficient. They might have been wrong to do so but it's quite plausible for them to do so.

The Unicorn

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Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [eddie](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 19:25:12 GMT
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Surely Ayla will order an adequate supply of spares with anything she buys .To do otherwise would not be logical as using generic spares would degrade her gift.

Eddie

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Sat, 28 Mar 2009 22:29:05 GMT
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No NEXT is the maker of the fiber optics, it's a military thing, go re-read Merry 7 when it's put in

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 06:08:31 GMT
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Bek, did Jadis invite Ayla when they went to New York? and how long until the next Jadis story

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 14:36:43 GMT
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Gemma Ethan Whitaker wrote on Wed, 01 April 2009 02:08Bek, did Jadis invite Ayla when they went to New York? and how long until the next Jadis story
Why would she invite Ayla? The boy knows NOTHING about fashion, and well, the entire point of the thing was to get Belpy into the whole 'girl' mindset. Bringing along a gender confusion case like Phase along would have defeated the entire purpose!

As for She-Beast, I've got a lot of potatoes on my plate at the moment, but I DO have plans for her. Including a major 'guest star' appearance in an upcoming Eldritch story.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Zeblem](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 18:06:30 GMT
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BekDCorvin wrote on Wed, 01 April 2009 10:36 Why would she invite Ayla? The boy knows NOTHING about fashion.

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 18:33:08 GMT
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Huh? I had gotten the impression that Ayla knew a fair deal about fashion. She doesn't like looking feminine, so she's affecting that punk rocker style, but she does seem to otherwise have a rather good sense of fashion. Her taste is another thing...

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Zeblem](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 18:36:47 GMT
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Freeze Ayla! It's the Venus Inc fashion police. put the pre bought ripped and stressed jeans and shirt down and come out wearing at least a nice blouse and jean with your hands up so we can do something about your hair.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 18:50:32 GMT
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Unless they have a MAJOR Wiz on roster Ayla will escape through solid matter. And I doubt Fey would go for Mutual Assured Destruction.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 22:07:58 GMT
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"Freeze! You're surrounded by an electrified force field. Don't try to resist, just put down the hair gel and come out peacefully!"

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 23:22:36 GMT
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Bookworm wrote on Thu, 02 April 2009 09:07 "Freeze! You're surrounded by an electrified force field. Don't try to resist, just put down the hair gel and come out peacefully!"

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 03:23:57 GMT

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I was thinking that Jadis might invite Ayla so as to have someone to TALK to? they haven't seen each other in like 10 years, I think they have a still LOT of catching up to do. And Venus Inc. are probably more likly to do something about Jade first then Ayla

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 05:11:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Kyosuke](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 05:17:23 GMT

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She has several force field nullifiers. She did use one at the weapons fair, but the implication was that those could be replaced fairly quickly.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 05:24:57 GMT
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As of Ayla And The Tests 7, she did _not_. She used the one that Mega Death (Harvey) had ready in Ayla And The Tests 5.

Quote:

I said, "Hi. I was just in the neighborhood, and I thought I'd stop and see how you were doing."

"Umm, well, I don't have that forcefield scrambler ready," he winced.

"Harvey, that's not what I meant," I jumped in. "I stopped by to see how YOU were doing, not how your work was going."

Quote:

He smiled back. Then he frowned, "But I was working on a couple forcefield scramblers for you. They're just not working, and I don't know why. Sometimes devises are just like that. You can make something really amazing, but when you go back, your devise just isn't all there."

I told him, "Look, it's okay. Really. If you get one or two, let me know. If nothing works right, give it up for a while. This isn't something I need, and it isn't like I already paid you for it. So relax."

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 06:26:27 GMT
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No, Ayla took both scramblers and only used, I think she wanted more of them

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [vshnth](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 11:54:36 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 18:02:46 GMT
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PLUS, they're made by the flakiest deviser in Workshop, so you can make a wild guess about their success rate. The first one worked on a gadgeteer PFG. The second one blew up on a PK field.

And BTW, this isn't really appropriate for the Jadis thread. If you want to continue discussing

Ayla's holdout and such, I'll be willing to make obscure, unhelpful comments over in the Phase thread.

Heh-heh-heh,
Diane

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Thu, 02 Apr 2009 18:43:48 GMT
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Gahh, Now I have the title "How Megadeath Got His Groove Back" running through my head.

BTW While we have seen Jadis's public reaction to Alya's eyebrows, are we likely going to get a lowdown on her thought processes?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Sun, 05 Apr 2009 11:00:26 GMT
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Most likely only if we get a story set against when Jadis finds out, and No Beast So Fierce is probably the first Jadis story set after it, so my answer would be NO, file it under Noodle Incident. On the other hand, Alya might talk to Jadis about it at some point Alya 7, we never know

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 06:20:34 GMT
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Bek, any idea if we'll get more Jadis stories

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 15:32:51 GMT
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Gemma Ethan Whitaker wrote on Mon, 06 April 2009 02:20Bek, any idea if we'll get more Jadis stories

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Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 17:01:43 GMT
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Chestnuts roasting on an open lava pit?
Jack Frost nipping at your nose - with grafted-on cyborg arms?
People with eyes all a-glow because they drank Jobe's punch?

Inquiring minds want to know,
Diane

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 17:53:08 GMT
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ENCOURAGE HER! We NEED more of that!!!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [modus_0](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 19:48:57 GMT
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Diane Castle wrote on Mon, 06 April 2009 10:01Chestnuts roasting on an open lava pit?

No, no, no.

That'd be Chester roasting over an open lava pit. With a nice soothing audio track from the scene.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [James K](#) on Mon, 06 Apr 2009 21:47:45 GMT
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modus_0 wrote on Tue, 07 April 2009 07:48
No, no, no.

That'd be Chester roasting over an open lava pit. With a nice soothing audio track from the scene.

Compromise, Chester's nuts roasting over an open fire.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 06:48:09 GMT
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James K, with Chester still attached
Bek, do we know the main characters already or are you creating more orphans?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 14:57:39 GMT
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Bah that's boring, it's expected.

More likely just a normalish Christmas with calls from various villains wishing them well, and with a get together that is crashed by superheros or psychos-villains.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 15:40:05 GMT
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You might like to remember that there IS a Chester in canon. Chester Fitzgibbons.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [kd7mvs](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 16:02:59 GMT

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As noted over in the Angel in Dickinson Cottage thread, it appears that the White Witch is Jadis' mum, and the devil Dr. Dad had implanted is to obfuscate a psychic connection between the two. Bek wouldn't toss out this info without some plan to develop upon it down the line, would she? Bek's evil, but not that evil, right?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [AngelForm](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 17:09:58 GMT

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No good author puts things in that are unnecessary. Given the high quality of Bek's, and that of the Whateley CC in general, writing this is going to be developed.

But probably not for some time
:cry:

Why do you think it's a psychic link? Both mother and daughter have magic (ok we don't know that White Witch has magic but given the name and the fact she has a familiar...) and we know Jadis at least is not a telepath even if she is technically psychic.

Her new (and alas temporary) manifest form sounds good, if possibly unfinished. At minimum a beacon of shadow light is morally neutral.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 17:29:14 GMT

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Actually, we have this:

No Beast So FierceSection W is my shrine. I lit the tea-candles and gazed, yes, I admit it, worshipfully at the large picture of HER. The White Witch. Denver's greatest superheroine. Guiding light of Heaven's Thunder, the superhero team that guards Denver and the greater Rockies area. Mistress of magic and the winter winds. She has magic but her powers are mostly psychokinetic, like mine. She's tall and slender, but graceful and regal- not like me. But her face is long and thin, like mine. But her features are well composed, and her lips are full and warm- not like mine. And her eyes- she has my eyes- or, do I have hers? Her eyes are large, round, and golden, like the snowy owl that is her familiar and companion- and mine.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [negation](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 21:44:35 GMT
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I don't suppose the devil bound to Jadis' PK shell is what keeps the White Witch from remembering she has a daughter?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [AngelForm](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 22:01:36 GMT
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Doubtful. Dr. Dad is a high level supervillain so probably had the info erased from her mind before she was released. That or she believes her child dead.

Wonder if having a hero parent will get her thrown out of the bad seeds. She doesn't exactly act the part of budding evil as it is. A lot of people have gone to great lengths to prove that.

@oljak.ery
Sorry I guess I forgot about that bit
:doh:

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Forger03](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 22:30:59 GMT
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Jadis is practically the queen of the Bad Seeds... how the hell would they kick her out? Her C game is better than the Don's A game, i believe.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 23:02:52 GMT
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AngelForm wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 00:01Doubtful. Dr. Dad is a high level supervillain so probably had the info erased from her mind before she was released. That or she believes her child dead.That's what I figured too - she can't be consciously aware of her daughter, or if she is, that her daughter is alive. It could be something that he's repressing in her similarly to how he's repressing Jadis's true nature too.

AngelForm wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 00:01Wonder if having a hero parent will get her

thrown out of the bad seeds. She doesn't exactly act the part of budding evil as it is. A lot of people have gone to great lengths to prove that. The Bad Seeds are not the future-supervillains club. They are the children-of-current-supervillains club. Winter wants to become a superhero. Likewise Jadis, though she's not public about it. And Lindsay doesn't strike me as someone with villainy in her life plans. So why would they care if one of her parents was a hero and not a villain?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 00:01:38 GMT
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oljak.ery wrote on Mon, 07 September 2009 20:02

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- Jadis just wants to live her life, likely discussing literature with Trevor over long nights in front of a fireplace. In fact, she yearns for a mother's love, and if that mother turns out to be the White Witch as she hopes, she will want to give her mother reasons to be proud of her.
- Winter wants to be a superhero, although she seems to want it for the wrong reasons (and might end up a supervillain anyway).
- Jobe does not consider himself a villain; he wishes only to do research and, perhaps, to succeed his father as King of Karedonia.
- Thrasher is pretty much a regular kid: his interests are skating and parkour, that is, just having fun. His father is not even a supervillain anymore.
- Rosethorn wants to get out of his mother's thumb and find his own way. Other than that, he only displayed interest in dating girls. Pretty standard for a teenager.
- And Lindsay is also pretty much a regular cute-obsessed girl, personality-wise.

OTOH, Render, Nephandus and Cheese strike me as very interested in the villain career. Techno-Devil and Silver Serpent could go either way, I guess -- they seem like nice people, but they apparently feel that they have to be their fathers' successors.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 00:58:24 GMT

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About Techno-Devil and Silver Serpent - nothing prevents a villain from being a nice person as long as you are not getting in their path, or a hero from being a total boor. Both of them seem to have quite high standards they're setting on their own behaviour towards others, compared to people like Jobe who simply doesn't get other people or Nephandus who doesn't really care except for when he's got something to personally gain, and who'll change his behaviour the first moment he feels it's justified.

Heck, compare Dr. Diabolik - who's got a plan for humanity that he's working towards - to Gizmatic - who simply wanted to build his empire and retreat to it. Gizmatic doesn't mind his son turning lawbreakers into trolls for the mines, while Dr. Diabolik is trying to build and *give away* moonbases, build orbital mining platforms and increase the intelligence and life span of the general populace. And then compare both of them to people like the Necromancer who definitely doesn't have anything positive in mind for the human population at all.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 01:40:37 GMT
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I wonder if we will find out Jadis's Maternal parent in "Boston Brawl III"----err Ayla's Birthday party.

You know after the last two times Team Kimba (add in Outcast Corner and Sheba this time) went to Boston things happened. I bet that Carson herself will be sure to be on hand PERSONALLY.

I wonder if just before she goes she will hire Kerry to knock the devil out of her, Because I don't see her as once a weakness is exposed to not try to close the gap. In this case, it would be to control her power without it.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Forger03](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 01:48:39 GMT
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or my fanfic character, the Weatherman, going off oljak.ery's post, who is a very nice person, great to work under, extremely mysterious... and a halfway decent father with unrevealed plans for... well, nobody knows what the hell he's up to, cept for him, me, and possibly gold... but that's fanfiction.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:02:40 GMT
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dpragan wrote on Mon, 07 September 2009 22:40 I wonder if we will find out Jadis's Maternal parent in "Boston Brawl III"----err Ayla's Birthday party. Hmmm... Ayla would like to invite Jadis, certainly, and perhaps Malachai. Although that will probably surprise the Kimbas and some other invitees. By the way, WHO ELSE would Ayla invite, beyond the more obvious (Kimba hangers-on & SOs, friends from Poe, possibly the Pack)? Mega-Death, maybe? Aquerna? I don't think he would like to have Stimpdy driving the mood down. And then, there are people who Ayla WOULD invite... but there's just no practical way to bring to a public place in Boston: Phobos. Puppet. Fubar.

dpragan wrote on Mon, 07 September 2009 22:40
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Well, Ayla is planning on inviting Sam Everheart as "official chaperone." That should appease Ms. Carson.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:09:44 GMT
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For puppet I think a live Holographic Link, might work best. :)

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Forger03](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:13:49 GMT
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hum... i'm not sure how Ayla could get phobos there, but i know he'd hate to leave her out. but still, that's alot of people to invite to the party, he'll need more than just sam...

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Odin](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:15:31 GMT
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Maybe Diz can go? Or will she just share the link ?
I'm sure Ayla would want her too.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:26:37 GMT
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For that large of a gathering there might need to be one more Teacher to ride heard. :twisted:

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Odin](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:33:08 GMT
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Maybe they can invite Wilson as well.
That way we get to see him fight. I'm sure tht would be awesome to see. :d :evil: :twisted:

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 02:40:54 GMT
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<_<>_> You know this could be broken into two groups, Ayla's B-day party With Jadis Attending (this is her thread) another group doing Parkour Jam. Toss in a demonic invasion (no not Sara's fault) with Vamp coming into the light to warn everyone. (she does have the key to her innocence)

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 03:00:01 GMT
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Remember that Ayla's birthday and thus Ayla 8 will take place before NBSF. Don't you think we'd have heard about it if this was the second time She-Beast got into it in Boston in NBSF?

I seriously doubt that Boston Brawl III i.e. the third and last chance for Necromancer to take a hit at Fey will introduce She-Beast, if Ayla 8 indeed turns out to be Boston Brawl III. But then there's other alternatives for things to go wrong in Ayla 8 than them confronting the Necromancer the third time.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 03:20:51 GMT
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She may not have been able to take an active part in the brawl as she would still be working out how to use her powers without Tall horny and furry as a go-between.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [eddie](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 06:25:42 GMT
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Why is Phobos referred to without her sister Deimos, have they conjoined for all time ?

Eddie

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [khade](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 06:28:38 GMT
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eddie wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 02:25
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Eddie

Beacaus Ayla is specifically friends with Phobos. I think she just barely officially met Deimos at the Outcasts party.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 08:38:16 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 14:44:00 GMT
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Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 17:51:18 GMT
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Well, I'm not surprised she didn't read David Webber -- she's not a computer geek, so ebXML is probably far from her sphere of interests. Maybe Gemma meant David Weber? :d

However, your response confused me; I have heard some good things about the Honor Harrington series, and I don't see how that relates to Twilight. Although I haven't read either.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Odin](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 17:59:25 GMT
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They are as different as night and day Sir Lee.
I've read the whole Honor series but my response to Twilight was similar to Jadis' except I just returned it to it's owner with dire comments of the revenge owed for subjecting me to such horror.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 18:04:13 GMT
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I merely meant that Jadis has read contemporary fiction. And that she just didn't like some of it. Don't get her started on The Bridges of Madison County.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [AngelForm](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 18:20:38 GMT
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What's Jadis's stance, and Ayla's while we are at it, on David Gemmell?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Bookworm](#) on Tue, 08 Sep 2009 23:49:39 GMT
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Bad Bek! Pun Damage == No Cookie!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 03:18:04 GMT
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Yes, I meant Weber, I was worried about her getting ideas about what Jobe could get up to

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [vshnth](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 05:18:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [dpragan](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 06:26:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 06:35:21 GMT

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Or this.

Diane

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Smeggedoff](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 10:50:28 GMT
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this always makes me giggle, it's like a caption contest

"dude, what?"

"I require your chewing gum, give it to me!"

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 11:02:11 GMT

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This *assumes* that you can just rip out the devil with no undesired consequences. Jadis just hasn't enough info. There might a booby trap, Dr. Dad might have another reason to bind the devil there (and blocking the mother-daughter link could even be a "nice" side effect, not the main goal of the exercise), the act of pulling the devil might destabilize whatever that implant does, the ripping could be just too traumatic...

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Would a professional like Reverend Englund or whichever no-longer-Merry girl has the paladin

like powers not be better for a safe exorcism than a world destroying, soul eating entity with no clue as to its own capabilities?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [negation](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 11:51:17 GMT

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But isn't it worse for her since she has a photographic memory? No amount of Brain Bleach could scrub it from her brain. :|

Which makes me wonder, would the only way to mentally scar Jadis and Ayla forever be by forcing them to read My Immortal? :evil:

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 11:56:02 GMT

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Ah, but Jadis, being the spawn of Dr. Diabolik, and having, you know, a devil grafted on her, is kinda used to dealing with unspeakable horrors.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Smeggedoff](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 12:04:18 GMT

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I'm sure Jadis started to read twilight

Jadis: *Reads first page*

Jadis: What the?

Jadis: Oh! sorry Jay-Arm, I picked up one of your books by mistake

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.ery](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 12:04:26 GMT
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Sir Lee wrote on Wed, 09 September 2009 13:56Ah, but Jadis, being the spawn of Dr. Diabolik, and having, you know, a devil grafted on her, is kinda used to dealing with unspeakable horrors. Not of that kind, just of the plain ordinary kind, which anybody could get used to with only minor insanity being the effect.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Letomo](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 13:59:49 GMT
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Heh. She forced herself through the first chapter, when the Demon started wailing in her mind:

"The horror! Stop, please, I'll be good, just no more!"

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 16:23:39 GMT
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"Reverend Englund, come!" Nightbane said eagerly. "We FINALLY got evidence on She-Beast!"

"What? I'd better see it, before we go to Security. We can't afford another embarrassing incident." Nightbane lead him to crossroads out in the woods near he campus.

"We witnessed her burying something," Beacon said. "We think that it might be part of some Black Magic rite."

Reverend Englund nodded. "True. Burying things at crossroads at midnight was a classic votive offering to Hekate- ah, the ancient Greek goddess, not the wanted fugitive, that is. Well, dig it up. With luck, maybe we can prevent whatever dreadful bane the Diabolik girl was trying to unleash."

Silvermoon and Beacon started digging with a will. Then they found something. "What is it?"

"It's a copy of 'Twilight'-with a stake driven through it, and covered in rock salt."

"Put it back," Reverend Englund said. "Let this go as a lesson that there may be some good in any of us, even Jadis Diabolik. AND, what do we do, if we spot a vampire using the 'Disperse Sunlight' spell as a lure for gullible twelve-year-old girls?"

"DESTROY THEM!"

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Odin](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 16:25:29 GMT
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:o :d LOL!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Forger03](#) on Thu, 10 Sep 2009 13:23:28 GMT
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Bek you made me weep for joy. thank you, thank you, thank you!

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [a--d](#) on Sat, 03 Oct 2009 09:17:37 GMT
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Possible Connection Between Jadis' Implant and her Mothers' Disappearance:

Its possible that the reason Dr. Diabolik inserted the implant and why the mother left is connected. Perhaps at some point Jadis was in danger due to a genetic disorder and the only way her father could figure out to save her was to attach a devil to her.

And either the attached demon and possible resultant possession before or while he was using the implant to control it or some other aspect convinced her to run so any other children she had wouldn't be at risk.

This also makes me think that Super Chick is one of said mothers children, though whether White Witch is said mother is unknown.

Though it might explain why she at times seems a bit clueless, but is effective in combat.

If the White Witch or another super heroine is their mother then it wouldn't be surprising if she picked this stuff up as a mater of course.

It would also explain the time she commented that she knew they were wrong when they said she'd be bad.

Other siblings bad mouthing the man who hurt their mother.

Or the mother herself badmouthing the man who hurt her.

NegationWould the reason Ole Dr Dad bound the devil to her be because without it, her PK shell would look very similar to the White Queens?

LuLouOr maybe he didn't have a choice. It could be a result of a deal he made when he was younger and stupider. How many stories are there of people making deals for their offspring? Rumplestiltskin comes to mind.

This could be another reason the mother ran off.

So what if the father was able to trick said devil into powering up Jadis this time?

What about next time?

Just how many idiotic deals did you make?!

Whom Not to Tick Off:

dpragan Might be more like a marriage that didn't work out, WW tried to change Diabolik like a lot of wives and SO try to do, but gave up in the end and decided the children were safer with him.

Bookworm This would actually make more sense, well, at least to a point.

Which is more likely to be seriously targeted? The children of a super hero, or the children of a super villain?

Bwa Hah Hah Hah!

Good point. Heh heh.

DaveK But Jadis and Mal have been targetted. Jadis mentioned that they got kidnapped by the Iron Dragon once (he's Silver Serpent's dad, right?) and the Amazing Three came and rescued them.

Ok so it turns out it was Iron Warlord instead, but imagine the kinds of retributions that a super villain is "Expected" to use in retaliation for kidnapping or harming a member of their family. And that ignores entirely the matter of whether they care personally about the family member in question.

Examples:

"You attacked my family. You know what that means."

Versus:

"YOU WENT AFTER MY KIDS YOU @#\$% @#% @#!\$! WHEN I CATCH UP WITH YOU I'M GOING TO !@\$## \$!@\$# !@\$ \$\$@#\$ AND THEN I'M GONNA @#\$%#\$5 %@ %@ %@# SO YOU CAN'T EVER EAT AGAIN WITHOUT #@\$%@\$%@\$ #\$\$% SIDEWAYS!

New/Old Relevant Information:

kd7mvs As noted over in the Angel in Dickinson Cottage thread, it appears that the White Witch is Jadis' mum, and the devil Dr. Dad had implanted is to obfuscate a psychic connection between the two. Bek wouldn't toss out this info without some plan to develop upon it down the line, would she? Bek's evil, but not that evil, right?

Could you send a copy of the replies web address?

Connection Between Jadis and Jobe, Dr. Diabolik and Gizmatic:

veterimus Maybe the implant is a recorder so if something happens to Jadis it can be downloaded to a new body.

Interesting.

Jadis does does mention visiting the nation of Karedonia, and gizmatic does have that technology even if I doubt that's the main purpose of the implant.

Some of Dr. Diaboliks' Potential Connections and Self-Imposed Limitations:

RAllenI suggest we really get baroque...

Fully Dark Shadows Soap Opera...

How about Jadis is the device implanted? That her body is one of Carson's lost children and a devil that has been combined. The device is powered by the soul of Diabolik's dead brother (who was once a Champion) and "goo" magic. The body image changes are not her father's effort but the chaos leaking out. White Witch and others are involved with this creation. But, are conflicted between potential power for good and an abomination that can go bad like a multiple-plainer H-Bomb.

Wild enough? I am sure we can come up with something even more baroque (totally wrong, but fun).

One of my first thoughts was that "Dr. Diabolik" doesn't use Goo magic and isn't insane. Got no proof, but seems reasonable.

The following thought is that he'd have access to it if he called on "The Necromancer," though I've little doubt that a payment would be required, but he's shown that he'll do terrible things to gain access to what he needs to reach his goals.

And everyone probably heard the ethical question "If a building was on fire and you had to choose between three strangers and one person you loved what would you choose?"

Personally I'd say, "Let 'em burn" and go for the one I love.

What would he choose?

He's willing to be remembered as a villain to create his better tomorrow, but what if he had to choose between someone he cared about and one of his plans in an area?

It might be worth checking into where he's avoided in his plans and assistance towards others or where he's hit repeatedly with his "Beneficial" activities in case he doesn't want to risk someone there getting hurt or in case he's attempting to improve the lives of those he cares about.

Interesting Option:

bergOr how 'bout this, since this is the Whateley Universe:

Dr. D wants children and, needing a good genetic material/incubator, goes shopping and picks up the White Witch. WW doesn't want to accommodate so Dr. D swaps bodies with WW, putting WW (in his body) into cryogenic suspension. Then he knocks himself up, waits 9 months and gives

birth to Jadis. In a bout of maternal instinct he does it again before pulling his body out of deep freeze and restoring their minds. Dr. D now has the two children he wanted (along with 2 years that he's not keen on talking about) and WW is left wondering where she got those stretch marks.

But that's just how I'd do it.

Wow. Never even considered it.

Of course you can check on that by seeing if Dr. Diabolik disappeared for those two years also, though if he was the instigator there's all kinds of options for hiding it.

Switched out with her to do a job, if the stasis wouldn't hurt the baby.

Robotic surrogates making it look like he was personally still in the field.

Heh. . .or perhaps White Witch wanted to try out being a villain.

Accidental Team Up?:

FarawayRiight. Teatime? It's Jadis all right, but let's put it into "multiple" category right now, like other Bad Seeds tale. Combat Final Vignette? Works fine, but I counted it as a sidestory and not a definite character story. Fierce? THAT's Jadis 1 for me.

Possible Jadis 2 plot? That other raid the girl team planned seems promising, with maybe some grooming that would lead to flashback because of an association.

I've been wondering if Jadis' group is going to New York with Jobe at the same time Ayla is going there with Vox and if Ayla is attacked at that time, who the unfortunate fool trying such a thing at such a bad time will be.

Or perhaps worse, Who can they call on to give such a group a real run for their money?

What? BKCRMWDJVG wasn't bad enough?

Brief Silly Scenario:

Zeblemethe only thing Ayla would cotributef was chick oggling and drool probably.And he doesn't want to know anything about female fashion. Though the way things go for him he may soon be the victim of a venus Inc. drive by makeover

BookwormMore like a run-over makeover. (or would that be a make-by)

Zeblemefreeze Ayla! It's the Venus Inc fashion police. put the pre bought ripped and stressed jeans and shirt down and come out wearing at least a nice blouse and jean with your hands up so we can do something about your hair.

You can mess with my hair, If I can't pry it from your cold, dead, fingers. Ka'chak!

I know. Not his style.

The Necromancer? A Humanitarian?:

oljak.eruHeck, compare Dr. Diabolik - who's got a plan for humanity that he's working towards - to Gizmatic - who simply wanted to build his empire and retreat to it. Gizmatic doesn't mind his son turning lawbreakers into trolls for the mines, while Dr. Diabolik is trying to build and *give away* moonbases, build orbital mining platforms and increase the intelligence and life span of the general populace. And then compare both of them to people like the Necromancer who definitely doesn't have anything positive in mind for the human population at all.

You might not want to count "The Necromancer" out of protecting those living on earth entirely. "Maggie Finsons" story "Ill Winds, Part six" has him openly stating that he wants to take down "The Bastard."

And while that doesn't prove he cares what happens to everyone else, it might mean he leans that way.

Though it is mentioned that he's insane or mostly insane, which muddies the waters even further in the search for a definitive answer.

Jadis, Kerry, Devil Spirit, and Potential Actions/Consequences:

dpragan I wonder if just before she goes she will hire Kerry to knock the devil out of her, Because I don't see her as once a weakness is exposed to not try to close the gap. In this case, it would be to control her power without it.

Ooooo, good point.

Besides, while its unconscious her direct control might be more flexible.

Or teach her how to control it better afterwards.

Or maybe even after enough punches on the devils chin, cause it to change alignments with good. A devil was defined as a malicious spirit, right?

Of course this could go bad in that the devil learns how to draw power from the blasts and allows it to go into direct competition with Jadis over control of the body or psychokinetic construct body. Granted, this too could go a ways towards changing its allignment for good since Jadis would probably be able to communicate with it then.

What would a "good" spirits TK shell look like?

How would a new TK shells' image influence or impair Jadis' normal Fixer style of interaction?

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dpragan I wonder if we will find out Jadis's Maternal parent in "Boston Brawl III"----err Ayla's Birthday party.

Sir LeeHmmm... Ayla would like to invite Jadis, certainly, and perhaps Malachai. Although that will probably surprise the Kimbas and some other invitees. By the way, WHO ELSE would Ayla invite, beyond the more obvious (Kimba hangers-on & SOs, friends from Poe, possibly the Pack)? Mega-Death, maybe? Aquerna? I don't think he would like to have Stimp driving the mood down.

And then, there are people who Ayla WOULD invite... but there's just no practical way to bring to a public place in Boston: Phobos. Puppet. Fubar.

Web Cams!

Wonderful, wonderful web cams!

Or maybe Ayla could convince Malachai to build a scouting robot with camera's, microphones, speakers, and really good legs or treads so they can be there by patching into the inter-cottage communication system he suggested to Mrs. Cantrel.

They would be useful as red shirts, victims killed to prove the attackers seriousness, and quiet assistance in case everyone is jumped by something dangerous or just an early warning system.

David Webers' or Stephenie Meyers' Twilight Series?:

In regards to "David Webers'?" do you mean "Stephenie Meyers?" "Twilight" series, I haven't read any of the books, but if the anti-fan comics you've shown links to are for the books I think they are then I've seen the first movie.

Not impressed.

In truth, a little disappointed.

In the movie Isabella Swan annoyed me when she claimed she wanted to be with Edward Cullen forever. To which my response was, "Yeah, like you know that after a few weeks."

But I've heard that beliefs like that are common so its forgivable.

My real annoyance was when she (Did she?) kept requesting that he turn her into a vampire as well.

Couldn't she take his word for it that it wouldn't be as wonderful as she might think? Was she unwilling to simply marry him as a human and live her life with him as husband and wife?

Again, somewhat understandable but more than I wanted to deal with, so I'll probably avoid the series.

Heh, but the anti-fan comics did make me smile.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Sat, 03 Oct 2009 10:41:30 GMT

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a--d, in David's latest HH books it's been revealed that one faction has the genetically engineered, non-communicable viruses that can control your mind, sound like Jobe much?

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Letomo](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2009 08:39:07 GMT

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It's also possible, since Michael Whaite mentioned once being on a moonbase on the moon, that it wasn't as destroyed as DD thought, and they rebuilt it, after clearing out all his little extras.

Or, they already had one [to watch for X-class threats], and sent the team in to destroy it on purpose.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Gemma Ethan Whitaker](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2009 08:57:31 GMT

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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2009 15:09:23 GMT

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Gemma Ethan Whitaker wrote on Sun, 04 October 2009 02:57TThere's nothing that say's the DD moonbase happened after that one was put there

There's definitely a moon base up there. In fact, I think there are two. I don't believe either of them is the one that Dr. Diabolik built.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [BekDCorvin](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 05:10:35 GMT

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I wish to apologize to my readership. I have been guilty of a grave error. I have vilified the 'Twilight Series' by Stephanie Meyers without actually having read them, based on their reputation. I haven't felt right about that for some time. Recently, I had the opportunity to buy the first book, 'Twilight', for \$6.

I regard that six dollars as having been well spent.

I can now vilify 'Twilight' with a clear conscience.

Admittedly, I only read the first 100 pages of a 500 (approx.) work, but if you can't get into the story within the first 30 pages, the writer's failed. I found the first 50 pages flat and uninteresting, and I had little if any patience with Bella Swann. The only thing that she did that endeared her to me in the slightest, was her appreciation of a late 50s/ early 60s pickup, which sounds suspiciously like a Ford. Past that, I should give a shit. People, Bella, the main character has an accident, is nearly killed, and is only saved by a seeming miracle. And I was BORED.

Past page 50, I started to get actively annoyed by having to read it. Before this I wondered what all the hostility is about. If the other 400 pages were as annoying, God forbid the escalation of irritation increased, then that venom is perfectly understandable. I sympathise with Jadis Diabolik, and now feel bad for having made her read ALL of it. And remember it.

One thing that really pisses me off, is that the basic premise, of a vampire being torn between the need to feed and a real emotional connection with his prey COULD have been a really good story. The premise was sound; the blame rests entirely with the storyteller for cardboard prose and a total lack of sympathetic characters.

However, there IS a bright side to this: now I can bash 'Twilight' and its sequels with true venom.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Nocte](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 00:42:42 GMT

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You could always bash the Inheritance trilogy cycle. It features a 5 foot boy weilding a six foot sword, vegan elves that wear leather and possibly the worst reason to declare the emperor evil (He taxes people! He MUST be evil!). Add to that some other wallbangers (Let's just say that Sloane's punishment seems a bit...over the top.) It has a similar hatredom to Twilight.

Eragon was a good book. Made my way half through Eldest before I couldn't stomach it anymore.

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Posted by [AngelForm](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 01:45:38 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Odin](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 01:51:12 GMT
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Or "Torg Potter and the Giblets of Fiber"
<http://www.sluggy.com/comics/archives/daily/20080305>

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Letomo](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 04:26:02 GMT
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I actually liked some of Eldest. The parts having to do with the older cousin, specifically. The rest, the other main characters? Turned me off the series completely. That, and the fact the media hyped this book, instead of one of the dozens of others that are so much better it isn't even funny.

Lately, I would suggest Jim C. Hines, for humourous fantasy. And, of course, Jim Butcher for both of his series.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 11:06:02 GMT
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You know what's really funny? Stephanie Meyer is actually a really good writer. She's done a few acclaimed books, and even the Twilight series is mechanically well written.

This is an author that's actually really good, but she apparently was smart enough to browse the internet and find out what fangirls read, and wrote that. And made a fortune off it. I'd be willing to bet she's laughing her ass off all the way to the bank.

Ookay. I guess I was wrong about that. Different S. Meyers, maybe. But in any case, she is an English major, and her other book, *The Host*, is, from what I can see of in the excerpt, miles above Twilight, meaning that she really can write, but just somehow managed to hit the middle of the Fangirl Trench. (It's like the Uncanny Valley, but for Fanfiction.)

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Posted by [Nocte](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 23:35:14 GMT
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Posted by [Diane Castle](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 00:16:12 GMT
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Posted by [Belgarion213](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 01:19:04 GMT

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I personally don't think its that simple. I'm willing o accept any number of new terms etc...as long as there is a good reason for the new word. For example making up a word just to be exotic annoys me but for things like magical systems/devices etc I'm much more willing to swallow something.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [khade](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 01:56:10 GMT

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What about books that use uncommon meanings of words or uncommon words that replace common ones? I've read a few like that, some were done well enough that even if I didn't know the relation to the common way of saying things, I could still understand what was meant.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

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That's pending me reading it. Mind you, Nadsat was the slang, rather than the predominant language. The purpose of slang is mostly to make things easier to say to those in the know and to

keep those not in the know out of the know. Just look at Cockney Rhyming Slang. Some of that is quite simple ("Hugs and kisses" = Missus) while some of it is quite complicated ("Butchers" = look, because a butcher hangs meat on hooks.)

While I'm in the area of language rants, the use of Japanese in fanfics. I've read MANY Naruto fanfics that have original ninjutsu in them, yet they don't explain what it supposedly translates into. Either put a glossary at the bottom of the chapter (not recommended) or don't use Japanese at all and handwave it by saying that the characters are speaking in the language of the land and it has been translated for the reader's convenience. Also, try and learn if there is a different word for a particular situation. Suffixes would prove a problem, especially the practice of dropping suffixes to denote a close friendship/intimate relationship or to denote severe rudeness by presuming to drop suffixes.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [James K](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 05:48:25 GMT
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Diane Castle wrote on Mon, 08 February 2010 13:16

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Diane

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Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 15:02:08 GMT
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James K wrote on Mon, 08 February 2010 03:48 If A Clockwork Orange gets a pass, The Moon is a Harsh Mistress should too (though its a much milder case anyway).

The Moon is a Harsh Mistress is not so much a case of invented words than a case of language borrowings. It's stated that the Moonies speak what's essentially a pidgin of English, Russian and Chinese.

And, for that matter, the Firefly/Serenity universe also uses a lot of Chinese loanwords.

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I knew a lot less about language back when I first read that, so the word "pidgin" didn't ring any alarm bells. Exactly what they speak depends strongly on how much language training is available: pidgins only occur when there either isn't readily available training in the "official" language, or where the need to have a common language isn't pressing enough to make learning it worthwhile for most people. Living in a pressurized dome where exact knowledge of safety procedure and the need to communicate clearly during an emergency is paramount would seem to require something more sophisticated than "me Tarzan, you Jane. You cook dinner." which pretty much exhausts a pidgin's ability to communicate.

And if there was a pidgin, the kids would be speaking a creole.

I doubt if Heinlein knew, or cared, that much about the linguistic niceties. In any case, I think that it was written before the ground-breaking work on Hawai'ian creole that put the skids under all those neat diagrams of language propagation I saw when I was younger. If children don't have a coherent language, they will create one. (See Nicaraguan Sign Language for a start on that discussion.) Creoles, by the way, usually start out with a fairly common syntax that isn't usually borrowed from any of the parent languages.

It's not a bad book, but the linguistics was arm-waving back when he wrote it, and it's laughable now.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [TheEyes](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 10:56:23 GMT

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AngelForm wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 20:45You want illogic? Read the Harry Potter books.

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To be fair, most of those can be excused by the fact that Harry, Hermione and Ron are roughly middle school aged for most of those, and frankly most middle schoolers should be locked in cages for three years and let out only when they reach 10th grade.

The stuff with Sirius was pretty dumb, though; that's one of the things that made the third book (IMO) the worst.

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Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 21:39:27 GMT

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Posted by [TheEyes](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 21:44:25 GMT

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thtiger wrote on Mon, 16 February 2009 07:13 Well, there you've hit the nail on the head. Everyone knows that the greatest single threat to any evil doer is having a daughter who will fall in love with the hero and reveal all of her father's secrets to him. Clearly the device in her brain is to prevent that.

Does it control her hormone levels, making it impossible for her to fall head over heels, or does it assure that she will only fall in love with a boy daddy approves of?

Heck, forget super bad guys, how many regular fathers would love to 'save' their daughters from an inappropriate male.

This is an interesting idea. I mean, Whateley does seem to have an unusual--even for high school--number of hookups and relationship triangles, etc. Maybe that has something to do with the Exemplar genes: maybe they increase the levels/effects of hormones? So Dr Dad tries to "fix" that by giving an implant to his daughter to counteract those, which is yet another cause for her (only somewhat reasonable) cynicism and relationship paranoia.

Only problem with that side of the theory is that Mal doesn't seem to have the same inhibitions--he snuck a gravedigger girl home with him for the holidays, after all.

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This is true. You must remember that on a ship, 'Captain' is a POSITION above and beyond a rank. The Ship's Captain is role with a long history and a LOT connected to it. The Ship's Captain is the man or woman who is ultimately responsible, on every level, for the running and welfare of the ship. The buck stops with HIM. Period. By extension, the seniormost officer of the ship's Marines is called Major, regardless of rank. If he's a Captain, on ship, he gets bumped up to Major. This is because there can be NO CONFUSION, legitimate or feigned, as to who's in charge, especially in a crisis. While this isn't as iron-clad and taken as gospel as it was in the Age of Sail, even in the Age of Electronics, a ship is ultimately isolated and self-contained enough that clear-cut chains of responsibility are essential. A ship may serve a democracy, but it is not a democracy in of itself.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Starbuck](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 22:00:42 GMT

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Sir Lee wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 17:39 Can anyone confirm or deny something I remember reading (I think it was in some of the Heinlein books) a couple weird traditions about captains in the Navy?

First one is that apparently the ship's skipper is called Captain no matter what his actual rank. Second one is that visiting officers with the rank of "captain" will take an honorary higher rank in order to not confuse the issue -- that is, so there is only one Captain in a ship.

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Heinlein was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and officer, before illness resulted in him getting a medical discharge.

The tradition is legitimate. The chain of command on a ship must be inviolable and having multiple 'Captains' can create confusion in a crisis, that is the source of the referenced tradition. The tradition is mostly for smaller vessels, cruisers, destroyers and smaller. Large vessels have generally evolved into exceptions, particularly aircraft carriers, where the ship has a captain and the airgroup has a captain, but even there, the ship's Captain is called as such while the captain of the airgroup is the CAG (Captain of Air Group).

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [TheEyes](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 22:03:32 GMT
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Another reason for this convention is that, back in Royal Navy days, a sloop could be commanded by a master-and-commander. You couldn't call such a person "Master," however, because it could cause confusion with the actual ship's master, an NCO position that basically means "navigator". Thus, Captain, by virtue of expediency, practicality, and courtesy.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Anvildude](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 01:12:26 GMT
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And that's where the title of Commodore comes from. It's not an actual on-paper rank, but the title that a Naval Captain takes when visiting another Captain's ship. Which, actually, might mean that it's no covered in the 'rule'. But it probably is, which is why I had my Erie native superhero go through Naval Officer school.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 02:00:28 GMT

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TheEyes wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 15:44: tiger wrote on Mon, 16 February 2009 07:13: Well, there you've hit the nail on the head. Everyone knows that the greatest single threat to any evil doer is having a daughter who will fall in love with the hero and reveal all of her father's secrets to him. Clearly the device in her brain is to prevent that.

Does it control her hormone levels, making it impossible for her to fall head over heels, or does it assure that she will only fall in love with a boy daddy approves of?

Heck, forget super bad guys, how many regular fathers would love to 'save' their daughters from an inappropriate male.

This is an interesting idea. I mean, Whateley does seem to have an unusual--even for high school--number of hookups and relationship triangles, etc. Maybe that has something to do with the Exemplar genes: maybe they increase the levels/effects of hormones? So Dr Dad tries to "fix" that by giving an implant to his daughter to counteract those, which is yet another cause for her (only somewhat reasonable) cynicism and relationship paranoia.

Only problem with that side of the theory is that Mal doesn't seem to have the same inhibitions--he snuck a gravedigger girl home with him for the holidays, after all.

I'm going back through There's an Angel in Dickinson Cottage, and it's got a very clear scene where the devil that daddy bound to She-Beast got knocked out, resulting in someone, somewhere else finding a connection that then fades from her awareness. This is possibly the White Witch, also mentioned in No Beast So Fierce.

Xaltatun

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Posted by [TheEyes](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 08:14:54 GMT

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Yes, that's pretty likely, but if the implant already has two functions (controlling the devil + hiding Jadis's presence) then it could have a third. But I agree, the hiding-from-Mom thing is most likely

the primary intent behind the implant; it remains to be seen why it's there, though.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Sir Lee](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 18:09:59 GMT
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No, we still don't know anything about the purpose of the implant. The *devil* was masking Jadis' presence, and that may be the main reason why Dr. D put it in Jadis; but we don't know if the implant is related to the devil, or if the implant also malfunctioned because of Seraphim's angel blast. As far as we know, it was totally unaffected by the blast.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [psianogen](#) on Mon, 26 Apr 2010 21:10:36 GMT
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Just finished reading through this thread and had another idea about how the White Witch and Dr. Diabolik could have had kids. What if WW needed something from Dr. D, the kind of thing that only he could provide, and it wasn't just hot, sticky Diabolik lovins? His price was a couple of kids, and they both agreed to keep it secret as what ever she needed plus her having a supervillan's kids would probably horribly tarnish her reputation as a hero.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [oljak.eru](#) on Mon, 26 Apr 2010 21:25:10 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nicky82](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 23:14:48 GMT
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All this story about the implant affecting the bound devil just don't mesh right in my mind, and how did Dr D get that bugger there? He's a mad scientist not a summoner.

I would also speculate that it's possible that the mother (most likely the White Witch) wanted to take the kids away from Dr D, either because she considered him a bad influence or to give them a better life, and he wiped hers memory, than had the devils bound to the kids in order to mask their presence from the mother, all so he could have a family (everybody needs somebody to love); this doesn't explain the implant but it's plausible.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Nocte](#) on Fri, 30 Apr 2010 09:27:14 GMT

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I'm trying to remember if I posted my theory that White Witch and Dr Diabolik were happily (albeit secretly) married (Possibly in a private service by EMPRAH Joe Wilkins of Karedonia), but lived apart. White Witch used to demand that she was the only one allowed to storm Diaboliks lairs and that she worked alone when it came to Diabolik. The two of them shared custody of Jadis and Mal via White Witch "rescuing" the two of them and Diabolik "attempting" to steal them back. To keep the masquerade up, sometimes, White Witch would succeed, sometimes, she would fail. Other times, Diabolik would sometimes succeed and sometimes fail. Occasionally, White would be "captured" and "brainwashed" by Diabolik and end up "serving" Diabolik for a while. Eventually, someone found out about the whole arrangement and blackmailed White if she made non-conflict contact with Diabolik. Maybe the two years White went off the radar were spent looking after Jadis and the pregnancy that would result in Mal in a luxurious mansion in Karedonia or another Mutant-loving country that judges deportation cases case-by-case.

No-one said that White and Diabolik were enemies. Maybe they were like Bruce Wayne and Selene Kyle

EDIT: Yes, I did, although the above theory is a lot better than the below one.

Nocte wrote on Tue, 10 February 2009 19:52

The theory was that Diabolik and White Witch were enemies who fought each other regularly. Sometimes, Diabolik succeeded, other times, White Witch managed to foil Diaboliks plans. Eventually, It kinda moved to "Worthy Opponent" territory, then to Destructo Nookie and Slap Slap Kiss. This lead to an "arrangement" which was something along the lines of "Enemies by day, Lovers by night". Eventually, White fell pregnant. She angsts over telling Diabolik. Diabolik finds out and breaks down crying. White starts walking away when Diabolik says "I'm going to be a father!" and REALLY steps up the SMILE stuff, as to make a better world for his son/daughter. White does some sort of illusion magic to cover the fact that she's pregnant. 9 months later, Mal is born (I think it's Mal who is older, if not, substitute Jadis) Diabolik and White keep the baby a

secret, White passing the baby off as a baby she rescued or something, with Diabolik "kidnapping" the baby every now and then and White "rescuing" the baby back from Diabolik. White falls pregnant again, does the not-pregnant-looking illusion, 9 months later, Jadis is born (Again, can't remember who is older) Some Super with an axe to grind with White finds out about the "arrangement" and threatens to blow the secret sky high...if she doesn't break total contact with Diabolik, Mal and Jadis. She does so. Jadis and Mal were too young to really remember White and I'll bet that Diabolik also has a secret shrine to White.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Faraway](#) on Fri, 30 Apr 2010 10:16:08 GMT
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Or, as a possibility, my earlier theory:Faraway wrote on Mon, 09 February 2009 12:02Another Epileptic tree

- 1)White Witch is Jadis' Mother.
- 2)Jadis has no BIT, but has genius-level intellect.
- 3)Dr. Dad doesn't want Jadis to know who her mother is (for now, at least)

So he put an implant, that blocks early memories of Jadis' mother, and also has some other features, like improving her reflexes. It is unscannable by conventional means.

Since she has a PK shell, she could get a MATD that would change her to look like her mom. So he put a devil in her so it interferes with PK frequencies, making it unattuned to her so MATD won't start, and shell is monstrous rather than feminine. Devil also boosts her strength to Exemplar levels and resists scrying attempts.

We know Jinn had a theory about how she could fight a demonic entity back, but didn't have time to test it. Jinn also has excellent ESP vision. So IF she could fight the devil on even grounds without harming Jadis and IF the implant is not rigged to explode or something when the devil is threatened, Jade could suppress the devil and get a good look on the implant's insides. If Jade used sticky-charge or prepared a monitor she could give the structure to others, like Mal or Techwolf, so they say what are the purposes. Jinn could also try and disconnect the implant. As for disastrous consequences, implant and devil could interfere with each other so neither can gain control of Jadis, like replacing her brain with nanos or reshaping her body in a way similar to

El Penitente.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Fri, 30 Apr 2010 23:50:09 GMT

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I don't remember Mal being said to have a devil bound to him. My memory could be faulty on this.

I don't know of anything that would prevent a devisor from dealing with devils and demons. All a devisor needs is a coherent theory for how it would work. And the fact that he's Dr. Diabolik with his hair going into devil's horns ought to say something.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik

Posted by [Faraway](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 04:09:08 GMT

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Posted by [Nicky82](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 12:33:52 GMT

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We really know nothing about him (if he is a him at all), beside that he is a MAJOR league asshole; we know that some of the devises he provided to various people have exhibited a dark technomantic nature but we really don't know if he outsourced the magical part or did it himself, even if it's probable that he himself is a dark wizard (he has to have enough understanding of the mystical side of the thing in order to integrate it in the devise); the fact that he outsourced the summoning of the LA demon could be due various reasons:

- The summoning wasn't part of the creation of a devise
- The summoners were more qualified than him
- He had better things to do with his time than doing something that could be outsourced
- He just let other people take the risk, after all they chose to take such risks as profession
- He wanted to add a level of deniability, distancing himself from the fact

As for Dr D. being also a mage I don't know, WoG stated that he wasn't but I really don't think that he would let a dark wizard tamper with his kid, actually I really would like to know how did that devil get bound and why would a father that has been described as caring have chosen to do it.

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Posted by [Faraway](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 12:50:34 GMT
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Posted by [Faraway](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 14:37:23 GMT
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Posted by [Nicky82](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 15:08:03 GMT
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Than why didn't he find a way to get them exorcised?

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Posted by [AngelForm](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 15:08:34 GMT
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Posted by [Nicky82](#) on Sat, 01 May 2010 17:11:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [XaltatunOfAcheron](#) on Sun, 02 May 2010 02:50:50 GMT
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Nicky82 wrote on Sat, 01 May 2010 11:11

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Especially when the phone call is received in a safe house that he shouldn't have known about.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [veterrimus](#) on Mon, 05 Jul 2010 16:03:43 GMT
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I was going to ask this in one of Ayla threads but I can't see Ayla initiating this. Given what we

know about Dr. Dad would Jadis ever take Ayla home to meet Dr. Dad? They do seem to have the same attitudes about geopolitical affairs and helping the "little people". Even if they never make it to the discussion stage at the first meeting, just having Jadis show up with Ayla in tow would shake up Dr. Dad's world.

Daddy, this is Alya Goodkind. You remember, he was my friend Trevor back at Benjamin Franklin Academy. He became a mutant last year and is now at Whateley.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nekoali](#) on Mon, 05 Jul 2010 16:38:36 GMT
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It is a subject that has come up before in discussion. Ayla and Dr Dad do share some similar worldviews, this is true. But Dr D does hide a lot of his plans in the 'standard super villain shtick', so it is not as obvious to any outsiders what his plans really are. Where they would probably encounter irreconcilable differences though is in methodology. Ayla wants to build people up, offering them advice, funding, jobs whatever they need to make themselves a better person. He is also very against violence unless necessary, especially deadly violence.

Doctor Dad on the other hand is trying to force people to evolve beyond their limitations. He's not offering them a hand up most of the time. He's performing experiments on people against their will and without their knowledge to see who will rise above. He pushes hard, using things like theft, assault and deadly force to see who comes out on top and rises to the challenge. He has no worry or concern for those who fall during his testing, and is responsible for thousands of deaths worldwide.

So while they may have similar end goals in mind for people as a whole, they take very opposite approaches. And given their personality types, neither is likely to change their methods without first going through some major personality shifts.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [dpragan](#) on Tue, 06 Jul 2010 00:09:08 GMT
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I would believe seeing Doctor Dad coming to Whateley to visit his kids between city-raids, maybe even giving Jadis the heads up on Silver Ghost and being surprised that she is not at Whateley yet.

I can imagine this going down at Jadis's table while Alya is there.

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Tue, 06 Jul 2010 07:26:50 GMT
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Posted by [TheEyes](#) on Wed, 07 Jul 2010 00:19:20 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [Nocte](#) on Wed, 07 Jul 2010 01:18:35 GMT
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Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [niknokitueu](#) on Wed, 07 Jul 2010 09:15:49 GMT
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Heh. Tau are a perfect example of what evils you can do whilst working for the greater good.

...I had lots more, but did not want to start a flame war over 'neccesary evils' like corporal punishment and capital punishment.

Have Fun!
Niknokitueu

Subject: Re: Jadis Diabolik
Posted by [James K](#) on Wed, 07 Jul 2010 09:36:34 GMT
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Nocte wrote on Wed, 07 July 2010 13:18

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The Greater Good

While I think Ayla and Diabolik have a conflict of methods, one could also see it as complementarity. Ayla could act as a philanthropic wing of Diabolik's operation, while Diabolik continued to try and provoke humanity into becoming more.

It would take a little flexibility from both of them, but they are both clearly smart and adaptable people, and it could work.

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If I understood what Jadis said, he seems more interested in collective action to deal with pressing problems and for the greater good. That comes across very clearly in Silver Linings 3.

It looks more like he's taken the route of a lot of hack sci-fi writers -- propose a big enough outside threat, and people will unite to face it. That isn't to say he's not interested in individuals, but that doesn't seem to be his primary focus.

Xaltatun
