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Alice Turner — 23 Oct 1997, 13:19

John,

Actually, I place Nashwonk as a moose rather than an elk, but a moose is a kind of elk, so either would be ok. But a buffalo can't cut it. Read the description of the fight with the chair, then mantis's clever gloss on how the points of the chair correspond to the points of the antlers. A buffalo, even the beloved sambhur, doesn't have that kind of equipment.

An African lion is what you're thinking of, and indeed he has the mane that Ketin enjoys. But there is a tawny mountain lion with a big shaggy head in the northwestern New World too, who stands in very well for Mr. and Mrs. Ketin. And the description of Mimmunka is, to my mind, clearly that of a lynx or bobcat; a leopard would be described quite differently (and would have spots!) What's more, dog was just a first guess for Cim; she is a mink, as the actual quotation from Wolfe (it's back there in the archive somewhere) and her own erratic behavior make clear.

The Min as monkeys is certainly a new idea---but not one that I take to.

-alga-

John Bishop — 23 Oct 1997, 15:44 · follows Alice Turner

Fellow Wolfians:

Please don't post stuff twice, especially if the second posting is HTML-source. It's ugly and takes up space. Ditto for long quotes, especially quotes of the boilerplate at the end of the digest.

Digest n035 had a couple of examples. It seems that "Jason Voegele" <voegele.6 at osu.edu> has a mailer that does this automatically.

Thanks!

On another matter, Cim Glowing says she is named after the "cim glowing on the trees" (approximate quote).

I can't find "cim" in the local big dictionary. Any ideas what it is? Wolfe doesn't usually make up words, but he does use obscure or archaic ones. Tonight I'll check my wife's OED.

-John