

The Floating Islands of Lake Diuturna

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John Smith — 07 Sep 2008, 00:32

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So what I took to be fantastic was simply fact. I wonder if there are more such fantastic realities in TBOTNS.

Best wishes,
Jack

brunians at brunians.org — 07 Sep 2008, 00:36 · in reply to John Smith

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Oh yeah. I thought everybody knew this.

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