

Cim Glowing as platypus/human analog(?)

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sean ako — 09 Apr 2010, 17:14

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Sean Ako

Jerry Friedman — 13 Apr 2010, 17:54 · in reply to sean ako

I thought this was very interesting, but much of it could apply to a snake as well as a platypus, except maybe the short hair (which is in the direction of snakes, but I guess Wolfe could have made her hairless) and the shape of the wand). Snakes are much more common in fiction, including Wolfe's, than platypuses. (On the other hand, maybe we need to hear more from the underrepresented monotremes!)

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David Duffy — 13 Apr 2010, 22:00 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

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Wielded only by the male of the species, of course.

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