

Wolfe in Fringe

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Jordon Flato — 31 Mar 2012, 23:19

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Matthew Keeley — 08 Apr 2012, 23:00 · in reply to Jordon Flato

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Marc Aramini — 08 Apr 2012, 23:07 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

I don't watch TV anymore except for violence (boxing and whatnot) but that clip kind of cracked me up. It's like they are saying, if you read and enjoy Gene, cuneiform is no problem.

Yes, Carroll is very good ... but he wrote the same book many times over - his books have a definite pattern that they all tend to stick to.

--- On Sun, 4/8/12, Matthew Keeley <matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com> wrote:

From: Matthew Keeley <matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) Wolfe in Fringe

To: "The Urth Mailing List" <urth at lists.urth.net>

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2012, 4:00 PM

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