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Daniel Petersen — 02 May 2012, 12:13

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Oh, I haven't seen that secondary character before. Excellent! A nice touch.

//scurries off to order the DVD's that are out that I haven't already purchased//

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From: Daniel Petersen <danielottojackpetersen at gmail.com>

Antonin Scriabin — 02 May 2012, 17:20 · in reply to Daniel Petersen

Yeah, someone working on that show is a die-hard fan :-)

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Daniel Petersen — 02 May 2012, 17:41 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

The girl liking sci fi bit was painfully geeky to me, but I think it was a real name drop, a nod of respect, a wink to Wolfe nerds everywhere.

I did just find all the threads on this from a few weeks ago and, I must say, I'm glad I brought it up again, so there, ha! Ya'll got that one WAY off track from the get go! Discussion of LOST brought all the lurkers out of the woodwork and no one even chatted about how cool this scene was.

Someone brought it up again for a second and I like Mark Aramini's comment: ' that clip kind of cracked me up. It's like they are saying, if you read and enjoy Gene, cuneiform is no problem.'

Anyway, all good fun.

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