

Introduction, and a leading question

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Peter Westlake — 09 May 1998, 00:48

Are Vironese names allowed to consist of more than one word provided they are still real animals / plants / minerals?

Some time ago I heard a researcher on the radio describing her experiment in a Spectacled Bear, native to South America, was provided with some fruit suspended out of reach, and a long stick. The bear stood the stick on end and tried to climb it, and looked very put out when it toppled over. The conclusion: "bears are not universally intelligent". This was a male bear, BTW; a female bear held the stick and used it to knock down the fruit.

Now, I was quite pleased with myself for working out why Rose called her child Blood (Lake, ch 2, when she's thinking about how she used to play the flute), and who the father might be. But having had to read _Nightside the Long Sun_ three times before I realized how a mountain could throw a shadow into a valley when the sun was overhead, I shall sign myself, your fellow Wolfe fan,

Spectacled Bear.

P.S. Why does everyone only ever mention the *first* appearance of Patera Pike's ghost?