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David Langford — 30 Jan 2000, 20:59

Alga wrote:

the apparition of Patera Pike (LS1), which has caused a great deal of fingerwork on many keyboards for these archives. (I still think it was Quetzal, though.)

And Nutria wrote:

[...] am inclined to agree

with Alga that the ghost of Patera Pike is in fact Quetzal.

When members of this very list posed a number of questions to Wolfe back in 1997, Q27 and Wolfe's answer went as follows:

Is Pike's ghost really Quetzal?

No.

Of course it might still have been some other inhumu! I ran this material as part of an APA contribution, and it's still on my website at:

www.ansible.demon.co.uk/cc/cc77.html#wolfe

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Clearly I'm feeling picky today!

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Alex David Groce — 31 Jan 2000, 12:35 · follows David Langford

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Thank goodness--I just haven't read the Covenant books in so long that my memory of the details is slowly eroding. This lessens the spooky resemblance considerably.

By the way, you can all drop the "David Groce" part. "Alex" is plenty (the stuffy signature is because I'm too lazy to get multiple signatures working right with my Rube Goldberg mh mail interface to emacs).

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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