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*this is my lake salmacis, and i am the wild nymph
with a hollow in her belly and nothing between her legs*



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