

Chapter 1 : Alien First Contact

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Search Share Mike Souza at the glass lathe in his Princeton University workshop, where he has worked for the past 25 years. The year-old professional glassblower at Princeton University has been creating tricky scientific instruments for nearly 5 decades. This time, he had to shape glass so pure, it would contain almost no traces of radioactive contaminants that could interfere with faint dark matter signals. Souza chatted with Science about the challenges of blowing glass for scientific experiments, how his creations are being used to study dark matter, and whether he ever puts his skills to more sentimental use. This interview has been edited for clarity and length. How did you get into glassblowing? It was a form of punishment in our house [laughs]. My dad had five sons, and it was a regular ritual. I finished my apprenticeship in and spent 18 years blowing glass for chemistry, geochemistry, and physics experiments for different universities and scientific glasswork companies. When I came to Princeton in as a chemistry glassblower, I began working with a ghastly kind of glass called aluminosilicate, which is used for halogen lamps. You need a special touch and a lot of practice. What are you doing for the Europa mission? They look like little salt shakers. The cells have to hold helium gas for several years, and since helium is a small molecule, it would work its way through typical glass in 2 to 10 years—and the Europa mission could last much longer than that. Aluminosilicate can hold helium for 20, years. What was unique about this glass? So instead, we had to work with an ultrapure glass. It had to be put together in a clean room, and it was nerve-wracking because the lead scientist was right there, watching his glassware that cost more than your house. Is that strange, knowing the number of people in your career is dwindling? Originally, we were hired by chemistry departments to be an in-house manufacturer for stuff, like distillation equipment, that was hard to fix, or was a lot cheaper to have made in-house. Chemistry has shrunk vastly in the amount of glasswork required, but glass has expanded into new sciences, like ion traps for quantum computing research and replicas of patient blood vessels for research. Nothing gets you faster into their hearts [laughs]. After a while, it becomes kind of like having all the chocolate you want.

Chapter 2 : Luka Doncic and DeAndre Jordan set to make magic out of pick-and-roll

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Company policy requires any potential distress signal be investigated, so they land on the moon, sustaining damage from its atmosphere and rocky landscape. Parker and Brett repair the ship while Dallas, Kane and Lambert head out to investigate. They discover the signal comes from a derelict alien ship and enter it, losing communication with the Nostromo. Ripley deciphers part of the transmission, determining it to be a warning, but cannot relay this information to those on the derelict ship. Meanwhile, Kane discovers a chamber containing hundreds of large egg-like objects. When he touches one, a creature springs out, breaks through his helmet, and attaches itself to his face. Dallas and Lambert carry the unconscious Kane back to the Nostromo. As acting senior officer, Ripley refuses to let them aboard, citing quarantine regulations, but Ash overrides her decision and lets them inside. It later detaches on its own and is found dead. The ship is partly repaired, and the crew lifts off. Kane awakens with some memory loss but is otherwise unharmed. During a final crew meal before returning to stasis, he chokes and convulses, then dies as a small alien creature bursts from his chest and escapes into the ship. The crew attempts to locate it with tracking devices and capture or kill it with nets, electric prods and flamethrowers. After heated discussion, the crew decide the creature must be in the air ducts. Dallas enters the ducts, intending to force the alien into an airlock, but it kills him. Lambert implores the others to abandon ship and escape in its small shuttle. Now in command, Ripley explains it will not support four people and pursues the plan of flushing out the alien. Now with access to Mother, Ripley discovers Ash has been secretly ordered by the company to bring the alien back, with the crew deemed expendable. She confronts Ash, who tries to choke her to death. Parker intervenes and clubs Ash, knocking his head loose and revealing him to be an android. Ripley cuts off his power; as they leave, Parker incinerates him. The remaining crew decides to self-destruct the Nostromo and escape in the shuttle. Parker and Lambert are killed by the creature as they gather supplies. Ripley initiates the self-destruct sequence, but finds the alien blocking her path to the shuttle. She retreats and attempts unsuccessfully to abort the self-destruct. With no further options, she makes her way to the shuttle and barely escapes as the Nostromo explodes. As Ripley prepares for stasis, she discovers that the alien is aboard, having wedged itself into a narrow space. She puts on a spacesuit and uses gas to flush the creature out. It approaches Ripley, but before it can attack she opens an airlock door, almost blowing the creature into space. It manages to hang on by gripping the frame. Ripley shoots it with a grappling hook, but the gun catches as the airlock door closes, tethering the alien to the shuttle. As it floats into one of the engine exhausts, Ripley ignites them to blast the creature free. After recording the final log entry, she places herself and the cat into stasis for the trip home to Earth. Cast[edit] The principal cast members of Alien left to right: Later, when Scott was attached as director and the budget had been doubled, Skeritt accepted the role of Dallas. Weaver, who had Broadway experience but was relatively unknown in film, impressed Scott, Giler, and Hill with her audition. She was the last actor to be cast for the film, and performed most of her screen tests in-studio as the sets were being built. Cartwright had experience in horror and science fiction films, having acted as a child in *The Birds* and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Holm is a character actor who by had already been in twenty films. Kotto, an African American , was chosen partly to add diversity to the cast and give the Nostromo crew an international flavor. Nigerian Badejo, while a year-old design student, was discovered in a bar by a member of the casting team, who put him in touch with Ridley Scott. They investigate and their ship breaks down on the surface. Giger , and Jean "Moebius" Giraud. I had never seen anything that was quite as horrible and at the same time as beautiful as his work. And so I ended up writing a script about a Giger monster. I stole it from everybody! Simak in which a crew lands on an asteroid and discovers a chamber full of eggs. That whole idea and scenario was theirs. Development[edit] Despite these rewrites, 20th Century Fox did not express confidence in financing a science-fiction film. A *Space Odyssey* and *Star Wars*. None of them were particularly young. Tom Skeritt, the captain, was 46, Hurt was 39 but looked older, Holm was 48, Harry Dean Stanton was 53, Yaphet Kotto was 42, and only Veronica Cartwright at 30 and Weaver at 29 were in the age range of the usual thriller cast. Many recent action pictures

have improbably young actors cast as key roles or sidekicks, but by skewing older, *Alien* achieves a certain texture without even making a point of it: Everyone aboard the *Nostromo* is a normal, everyday, working Joe just like the rest of us. They just happen to live and work in the future. Principal photography took place at Shepperton Studios near London, while model and miniature filming was done at Bray Studios in Water Oakley, Berkshire. The children nearly collapsed due to the heat of the suits; oxygen systems were eventually added to help the actors breathe. By removing the glycerin she was able to continue working with the cats. However, Ridley Scott conceived of a "fourth act" to the film in which the Alien appears on the shuttle and Ripley is forced to confront it. He pitched the idea to 20th Century Fox and negotiated an increase in the budget to film the scene over several extra days. And I think the slowness of it made the moments that you wanted people to be sort of scared. *Alien* soundtrack Jerry Goldsmith composed the music for *Alien*.

Chapter 3 : Scientists say space aliens could hack our planet

Kids can make these "alien" concoctions and more by following the instructions for fifteen science experiments in this winning combination of aliens and chemistry. Kit includes: petri dish, test tube with cap, dropper, glow-in-the-dark slime powder, slime pods, sticky eyeball, and a page book.

SETI Institute With all the news stories these days about computer hacking, it probably comes as no surprise that someone is worried about hackers from outer space. Yes, there are now scientists who fret that space aliens might send messages that worm their way into human societyâ€”not to steal our passwords but to bring down our culture. How exactly would they do that? Astrophysicists Michael Hippke and John Learned argue in a recent paper that our telescopes might pick up hazardous messages sent our wayâ€”a virus that shuts down our computers, for example, or something a bit like cosmic blackmail: Mind you, making a small star like the sun go supernova would be a mind-boggling trickâ€”one that would impress astrophysicists if any were left. Imagine modern humans threatening Neanderthals with nuclear war unless they washed our cars. Would that make any sense? The astrophysicists also suggest that the extraterrestrials could show their displeasure what did we do? In other words, aliens that could muster the transmitter power not to mention the budget to try wiping us out with code are going to have a real compatibility problem. SETI receivers integrate incoming signals which is to say, they average them over seconds or minutes. That would turn any message into digital goo, and no pernicious content would remain. Yet there is a way that messages from space might be disruptive. Extraterrestrials could simply give us some advanced knowledgeâ€”not as a trade, but as a gift. How could that possibly be a downer? You have a stack of reprints, a decent position, and a modicum of admiration from the three other specialists who have read your papers. So much for your job and your sense of purpose. If humanity is deprived of the opportunity to learn things on its own, much of its impetus for novelty might evaporate. In a society where invention and discovery are written out of the script, progress and improvement would suffer. Then again, aliens would likely have real trouble transmitting knowledge to us. In movies, extraterrestrials often communicate with us in colloquial English. But a real message from space is likely to be no more understandable than a digital TV signal would be to Guglielmo Marconi.

Chapter 4 : Chemistry “ Middle School Science Blog

3. Now, give detailed information about your chart of Aliens. Circle group or period and list the group or period number. Then, list the Key Similarity and the Varying Trait for the Aliens in that group or period.

Edit Because humans have been divided amongst countries for an unusually long time, they have developed numerous different religions. Most of them have been nearly wiped out by colonialism. In Africa, for example, there was a wave of European colonialism just a few decades ago, and already only two percent of Africans follow their native religions. Christianity- A monotheistic religion which believes in God, who is supposedly the creator of the universe. Christianity states that someday Jesus will reincarnate again, and if you truly believe in God and Jesus, he can save you and help you live forever in heaven. Islam- A teaching that there is only one God, also called God, and that Muhammed is the messenger of God. In Islam faith, God says that the only reason he created man is to worship him. It also says that God sent Prophets to teach people how to worship him, the last of which is Muhammed. The Prophets were meant to teach one thing: That there is no God to worship but God, called Allah in Arabic. Atheism- The belief that there is no afterlife, no God, or both. Hinduism- Hinduism is polytheistic, and recognizes as many as million Gods. Hindus worship Brahma, however. Brahma is apparently the supreme God, and it is said that he inhabits every piece of reality and existence in the universe. Because Brahman is everything, humanity is considered by Hindus to be divine. Buddhism- The belief that follows a Prince named Buddha. Buddha was shielded from all evil by his parents, and eventually he ran from the palace to see the world. Horrified by the poverty and pain felt outside of the castle, Buddha renounced his royal title and became a monk, and was the first person to become enlightened. Buddhism suggests that we are forever trapped by the Four Noble Truths, which essentially state that we endlessly crave for impermanent things. This cycle can be ended, however, after enlightenment is achieved. Human Exploration Edit Several human civilizations have brought humanity far forward in exploration. Earth is divided up onto seven continents and three subcontinents: Each continent and subcontinent has a wide array of countries countries are civilizations which are controlled by separate, autonomous governments. Several have come into and out of existence. The watercraft was a very important development, as it allowed cultures such as the Polynesians to travel far from their point of origin. However, the cultures that predominated between the first cities and the renaissance did very little exploration. The Vikings and Chinese are important exceptions, and the Phoenicians circumnavigated Africa under the command of the Pharaohs. Starting from approximately the year , the Portuguese, Dutch, Spanish, English and French nations began a rapid and ambitious program of exploration. Meanwhile, the Dutch had a flourishing overseas trade company which brought immense wealth. In , the King A king is a regional human monarch. Kings are regional because they are monarchs originating from Europe. Other monarchs, such as Rajahs, originated from Asia of Scotland became the King of England, and in this would unify the two nations, thus creating the Kingdom of Great Britain, which would be the dominant power in all of the world until the 20th century. The Europeans came across new cultures and continents, fostering trade links and creating colonies. However, soon afterwards a time of aggressive colonization began, and the competing European nations began to try and subdue flourishing civilizations such as the Benin, Aztecs, Tarascans, Siberians, and many more. The countries taking part were always trying to get the edge over the others, and wars between them were common. It was also about this time that devices such as the telescope and chronometer were developed. Importantly, North America was settled at this time. Soon after its colonization, the War of Independence occurred. The United States emerged as a powerful country apart from Europe. For the next few hundred years, the relative power of the British, French and Americans increased at the expense of other nations. The slave trade began, and people were displaced from their native countries to work elsewhere, usually in plantation run by European powers. In the 20th century, Germany became a colonial power, raising the fourth largest empire in the world at the time. Past civilizations grew much larger. The third largest then was France, the second was Britain, and the first was Russia. It is important to know that, in terms of size, Britain would soon surpass Russia. However, in the 20th century many colonies were granted independence, and soon very little of any empire was held. The

World Wars, catastrophic for Europe, enabled the United States to become more powerful in comparison, due to its powerful industry and military. Aircraft appeared late in the 19th century, and allowed precise mapping and rapid travel around the world. The Soviet Union also gained power. Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space, in 1961. In 1969, the USA landed two men on the Moon. In 1977, the furthest man-made object in space as of 2012, the Voyager 1, was launched. Humans in Popular Culture Human civilizations have been featured in various ways in an extraordinarily large number of works, including but certainly not limited to:

Patagonia may lose its only native bumblebee species due to invasions by alien bee species sanctioned by government policy. In a paper published today in Journal of Applied Ecology, Marcelo Aizen.

The first aliens we meet may be mechanical creations controlled by artificial intelligence. Thus far on this blog I have considered primarily the alien side of artificial intelligence: Tad Friend has an excellent piece in the New Yorker that explores worries over the rise of human designed AI. Researchers use three primary terms to describe human AI: We have this in varying degrees of intricacy now. It is the goal of many companies and institutions currently working in the field. It is generally agreed that AGI has not yet been accomplished, although the boundaries are being pushed daily. It would be intelligence beyond any human capabilities, even for the most gifted of humans. Defining AI based on human intelligence could be tough in the future, especially if we find ways to boost our own intelligence artificially. One could argue that your smartphone is a first step for that intelligence boost. What happens when your smartphone is directly connected to your brain? Of course AI researchers would say that access to information is not intelligence. Intelligence in the narrow definition is the ability to solve problems. Some would argue that a true test is the ability to understand shadings of meaning in language and use imagination to solve problems. Our decision to base AI levels on a comparison to human intelligence is perhaps a symptom of our anthropocentric thinking. However, it is also the only measure we currently have. Other definitions are not human based, but rather scale based- weak AI versus strong AI. This of course, would create problems as technology progresses. What is strong AI one day could be weak a few years later. There is further debate with the suggestion by pioneering AI researcher Judea Pearl that we not use reasoning by association to rate AI simply looking for correlations in data but rather causal reasoning; inquiring how causal relationships would be altered if there is intervention. Kevin Hartnett has a story explaining this in the Atlantic Monthly. I have said before that there could be two basic types of alien AI machines exploring the universe: The difference is simple: The answer has big implications for humanity. Will humans become extinct? Will we morph into increasingly mechanical beings? Will ASI decide to get rid of us or perhaps leave us behind to explore the universe while we struggle here on Earth? Those questions are far-fetched considering our current level of technology. But the concern it would raise in First Contact could have a direct impact on our relationship with alien AI. We could well understand a sophisticated alien probe controlled by biological creatures. There would be an inherent threat involved in any alien machine visiting our solar system. The worries would increase as a direct correlation with the differences exhibited by that visiting alien life form. A big question could be the relationship between the original alien biological creatures and their created AI. Do they exist together in harmony? Or did the AI grow to supplant the biological beings? If the later is the case - that would likely create a great deal of concern among humans. We could find ourselves with some major issues to consider, ranging from what kind of contact we would want to have with alien AI to how much further we want to go with the development of human created AI. One could imagine quite a bit of angst on the part of humans. Certainly it would be a tough way to start a relationship. And perhaps that is the reason aliens have not said hello yet: Alien AI might be better off waiting until we are further along on the evolutionary scale, if that is indeed where it leads. I think the best message to humans under such a First Contact scenario would be this: We are early enough in our AI development to choose a different road, perhaps with more closely controlled AI. Before freaking out we should carefully study alien history. It could show that the biological creatures moved willingly, over time, to increasingly mechanical based bodies. Perhaps AI merely assisted the biological intelligence until the two became indistinguishable? We would certainly want to request a timeline of alien history as part of our initial contact. In the meantime, we need to keep using that human imagination. We can create more fictional stories that explore these issues. It is our best way to conceptualize such matters. One can scoff at books and movies as mere entertainment, but when the idea behind such stories has weight, and the ideas are thoughtful, it may be our best way of considering how we want to proceed with AI.

Chapter 6 : Alien Infection - SF suspense

This glassblower is helping scientists search for alien life and the secrets of dark matter. By Leslie Nemo Sep. 21, , AM. When NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft sails by Jupiter's.

Mulder believes that the paranormal can explain most of the cases, whereas Scully is more interested in finding a scientific, logical explanation. Her first case with Mulder involved a series of unexplainable deaths of young people in a small Oregon town. Mulder fears that Scully may be a spy for the higher ups at the FBI but still boldly theorizes that it is the work of extraterrestrials. When she comes to Mulder fearing she has the same marks as the victims on her own back, he tells her they are merely mosquito bites. Seeing her vulnerable and embarrassed, he asks her to stay and they get to talking. Scully may not believe everything he is saying but a bond has formed between them. They realize that one of the young people from the same graduating class, Billy Miles , has been delivering people to the woods and Mulder is present for Theresa Hoese disappearing in a bright light. While most of the evidence is stolen or burned in a fire at the motel, Scully brings back the implant made of an unidentifiable material which supports what her and Mulder experienced. Mulder ignores him so he and Scully go to Idaho and learn that the Air Force may be using planes with alien technology in them. Mulder gets too close to all of this and his memory is altered. Back in DC, the mystery man again meets Mulder and explains his purpose is provide information in service of the truth. He tells Mulder that the aliens have been here for a long time. Mulder refers to him as Deep Throat and it starts a useful partnership where Deep Throat gives whatever information he chooses to give despite clearly knowing far more than he ever tells Mulder and Scully. While he sometimes tips Mulder off during an investigation, he would lie on other occasions. Such as his deliberate misleading of Mulder during their hunt for a UFO downed by an Iraqi fighter jet. Such as their apprehension of Eugene Victor Tooms , a strange mutant and serial killer who would be killed by Mulder after his later release. Their alien investigations had a sudden break due to the fugitive Dr. Secare leads a police chase to the waterfront and his shot before jumping into the water. But his body is not recovered. Deep Throat insists that Mulder investigate despite Mulder not knowing what it is he should be looking for. Terrance Allen Berube is questioned by Scully and Mulder about why his car was being used by Secare, Berube is murdered. He follows another lead taking him to a storage facility where he finds five tanks with men suspended in liquid. And sixth empty tank. Elsewhere, Scully is being told by Dr. Anne Carpenter that the contents of the flask are extraterrestrial due to extra base pairs. When Mulder leaves the storage facility, he is chased by men in black but he evades them. Mulder and Scully visit the storage facility the next day and it is just an empty room. Deep Throat shows up and reveals that Berube was performing gene therapy on terminally ill patients using alien viruses, transforming them into alien human hybrids. This was going too far with the work and they ordered the hybrids destroyed, but Berube had included his dying friend Dr. Secare as one of patients and helped him escape. He urges them to get whatever evidence they can to expose the truth of what he revealed to them. Otherwise it is just a story. Secare but the man is shot to death by one of the clean-up team. Scully learns that Carpenter and her whole family were killed in a car crash and the flask is surely missing. Deep Throat helps Scully obtain an alien embryo to trade for Mulder. Deep Throat makes the exchange but is shot and left for dead. His last words to Scully are, "Trust no one.

Chapter 7 : My Colony Reference - Online Encyclopedia

ALIEN INVASION Burmese pythons, just one of the invasive reptiles now found in southern Florida and discussed in a new book, are consuming large numbers of mammals in the Everglades and nearby.

Thanks for all the support and help. I just happened to be on duty in the lab that night when the accident victim came in. Mister Brandon speaking," I said, very correctly, when the phone rang; I already guessed what it would be. Most calls to the lab at that time of night were from either the emergency room or the intensive care unit and I had been to intensive care already, just a few minutes ago. The blood from that patient was already in the chemistry unit, being analyzed. It was the Emergency Room. I picked up the tray containing all the phlebotomy supplies by its handle, automatically checking to be sure I had enough of everything; needles, vacutainers, syringes for hard to get veins, special needles for the syringes, alcohol sponges, cotton balls, band-aids and so forth. Everything was there, as I knew it would be. Checking the phlebotomy tray was always the first thing I did when coming on duty; that and getting a fresh pot of coffee going. The building had grown in fits and starts as medical care changed and technology advanced. The lab was up on the second floor and down a long hall from the elevators. Taking the stairs when I got called was one way of getting it. As long as I had been in the game, I had seen it all. Or thought I had. The patient was lightly strapped to the gurney, with the ER doc and another nurse busy working on him. Carla, one of the nursing students, handed me the lab request forms. I glanced at them, then at the patient, and wondered what they wanted me for. The man on the gurney looked as if he were already dead. His clothes had been cut away and a bloody sheet was pulled back up onto his chest, showing a massive trauma to both of his legs, as if he had been run over by a vehicle. The doc and nurse both had blood on them, a no-good way to be working in this day of AIDS, hepatitis, avian pneumonitis and God knows what else the terrorists might be cooking up. The wounds had stopped bleeding and simply gaped open. I could see both the tibia and fibula, the lower leg bones of one of his legs. Both were shattered like someone had gone in with a big nutcracker and purposely crushed them. Witnesses said it was a high speed vehicle accident. The hospital used contract docs for the ER and they came and went oftener than new Medicare regulations. Looking at the patient, I doubted there was much blood pressure and figured his veins would be hard to get into. I decided to go with a 20 cc syringe and 21 gauge needle rather than vacutainers or a butterfly. I had just gotten all the blood I needed and withdrawn the needle when the patient gave a sudden spasm. Both of his arms jerked upward at the same time as his feet began thrashing, as if he wanted to run somewhere. His forearm hit my hand where I was still holding a piece of gauze on the puncture site and knocked it up into my other hand, the one holding the syringe of blood. I felt the prick of the needle entering my wrist. The needle pulled out of my wrist but it was already too late, of course. If the patient had an infectious disease that could be transferred by blood, I probably had it now, too. The doc and the nurse were busy trying to keep the patient from falling off the gurney and at the same time were tightening the air cast on the broken leg. It had been a long night. I quickly transferred aliquots of blood to three different vacutainers, then removed the needle from the syringe, all the while concealing the dot of red on my wrist where the needle had hit me. I dropped the used needle into the disposal box, stripped off the disposable gloves and got out of there, still cursing, but silently. That sort of thing is an occupational hazard for a lab tech, and a very dangerous one in this day and age when all kinds of deadly diseases keep popping up. The panel would take a while, but the blood count was finished in only a minute or two, a far cry from the old days when I was a youngster. Back then, while labs already had instruments that did the numerical count of red and white blood cells, the techs had to stain a slide and examine it under a high power microscope to differentiate the white blood cells into separate categories that told the doctor whether and what type of disease might be present. That was hardly ever done these days except when the instrument gave odd results. The blood analyzer dinged and flashed a light at me while it printed out the results. Not to get technical, but the counts were all screwed up, red and white blood cells alike. None of it made sense to the electronic sensors. Either a cold agglutinin or advanced leukemia of some sort was my first thought. I glanced at my watch. It was almost time for the morning shift to begin showing up, but I still had time to make a slide and take a gander at what the blood

looked like to the human eye. I heard the entrance door swing open and almost immediately there was a shout. When I turned around there was the ER doc, being shepherded by two grim looking men in suits. The other was dark colored and had black, swept back hair. Both were wearing suits but what they also had in common was a scared but determined look on their faces. We want it, right now! He was gripping the upper arm of the doc with a pressure so tight I could almost feel the pressure. The doc grimaced but made no attempt to get loose; his eyes were wide and scared looking and he was trembling like a whipped dog. We want that blood you just drew in the Emergency room. Still keeping me covered with his weapon, the putative government agent strode over and plucked the tube of blood from the rack. He checked the name on it and dropped it into his pocket. Does that patient have some bad disease? He turned to his companion. Get the results, too. I picked up the card with the weird results from the counter where I had dropped it and handed it to the armed man. Just then, the chemistry run printed out and I gave him that report, too. If the injured man was a terrorist, and given those badly abnormal results, along with the totally paranoid actions of the government men, it followed that he must be infected with some communicable disease and intended to spread it as far and wide as possible. All rights reserved by the author. Please do not copy without permission.

Chapter 8 : [Q] Where can I find collectors chemistry sets? : tf2trade

You are on an alien planet where the names for substances and the units of measures are very unfamiliar. Nonetheless, you obtain 87 quibs of a substance called skvarnick. You can trade this skvarnick for gold coins, but the vendors all measure skvarnick in units of sleps; not quibs. 9 quibs is equal to 8 sleps.

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