

This was interesting. Since I had used Neanderthal images for the trolls in *More Sheep Brains* (the illustration for Book 21, *Lord Efran in the Hall of Memories*), I searched for female versions, but didn't find anything. So I resorted to Google's AI, [ImageFX](#), with the prompt, "young female Neanderthal." It returned three images, one of which is below. This female is not young, so I just gave her a facelift and stuck her in there. Then I had to get her a body. And I found [this](#) adorable little girl on rawpixel (also below).



Then I had to outfit my girl troll. Her [hair](#)¹ was the greatest find--I had never seen a Hungarian puli before, but now I'm in love with them. Nibor's "dress" was made from [this](#)², and her hairy legs came from [here](#)³.

She is sitting in front of a fabulous [partition](#) which, although not pierced-relief, is *Tiffany*. The parquet wood floor is from [here](#)⁴. Her [table](#)⁵ is actually a painting, as is her AI [lantern](#) from rawpixel. Her [chair](#)⁶ is sturdy enough to hold a troll, and her Klipartz [quill and ink bottle](#) are nice. (There's no clip art of Shardlow's inkless writing system.) I love her [PickPik](#) manuscript pages. (Google tells me that the language is Italian.)

As promised, the Abbey leadership has supplied Nibor with delicious [kitchen refuse](#) in a [museum-quality basket](#)⁷. I should receive comparable compensation for all the work I'm doing for them.

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