

Re: Comet 73P fragment B splits in two

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Matthew D. Mills wrote:

I tried again last night to see fragment B with no luck. As I watch fragment C I noticed it brightening and dimming while I watched. Wondering if anyone else noticed this? Out gassing?

Probably. Comets can be very active. If they rotate fairly quickly then new sources for jets come into the sunlight and do their thing. If fresh surfaces have been created for outgassing, as one would guess from the breakup of the pieces we see, then these would cause jets as they rotate into the sunlight.

Sincerely,
---- Dave Nakamoto

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Miller's Daughter ---- There, I was visited by a bizarre, strange imp of a man.

Sam Shovel ---- Pee Wee Herman?

Miller's Daughter ---- Not THAT strange.

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