

Bestiary Creature	Snake Species	Reasoning
'Viper'	Mali Cobra	<p>“They say that the male spits his seed into the female, with his head inserted in her mouth. Mad with lust she bites it off” (Folio 66v). – The Mali Cobra is a spitting cobra, meaning that it ‘spits’ its venom. This may have spurred the idea that the ‘viper’ “spits its seed into the female.” The head coloration, being yellow in contrast to a red body, gives the possible illusion of having no head.</p>



Sunbeam Snake  
(Xenopeltis unicolor)

Blunt-Headed Slug-Eating Snake  
(Aplopeltura Boa)

Paradise Flying Tree Snake  
(Chrysopelea paradisi)

Arabian Sidewinder  
(Crotalus gasperetti)

European Asp  
(Vipera Aspis)

Mali Cobra  
(Naja natiensis)

Thick-Tailed Sea Snake  
(Hydrophis hardwickii)

European Adder  
(Vipera Berus)

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