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Jim Raylor — 05 Feb 2005, 18:32

Just to makr it clear, I never intended to suggest Gene Wolfe was in favour of slavery, just that his understanding of it in historical context was deeper than the usual one-sided view.

Before the Severian dynasty gave citizenship to all freemen in the Empire (212 AD), a slave in a good Roman household had more rights and social standing than most free non-Romans.

Latro never saw Io as a slave, but that seems to be how she sees herself, albeit a slave who actually chooses her destiny.

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<http://prisoner143.50megs.com/>

I am not a number I am a free person!