

wind in the chimney, purgatory

The Urth list — 1 messages, 1 voices, 12 May 2005

<https://urth.darkrealm.vip/thread/urth/4421>

Exported from an unofficial mirror of a public mailing list. Copyright in each message remains with the person who wrote it. Email addresses are obscured as `user at host`, the form the original archive published. This file was rebuilt from parsed fields rather than retained headers, so it is faithful in content but not byte-exact.

aramini1 at cox.net — 12 May 2005, 21:44

I'm sure this is nothing new, but I noticed that the list of names that Able hears at the end of "The Knight" is explained. After he slays Bymir in Chapter 67, Able hears "The wind in the chimney": "'The wind. The wind is in the chimney' A wild north wind moaned there as I spoke, as though it had heard me" (411). Then he runs out there to find Toug and hear names like "Walewein, Wace, Vortigern, Kyot", etc. and he runs into the mute Toug. On page 70 of the book, Disiri explains these names, where Able and Toug are brought before her:

"So men say, yet many have forsaken me. When the wind moans in the chimney, O my lover, go into the wood. There you will find me crying for the lovers I have lost."

So all those men, including Able's "two" names, are the "lovers" that Disiri has lost.

I've often wondered exactly how our Earth is connected to the realm of Mythgarthr and the levels from Niflheim through Elysion. Could it be that the realms are actually something like Purgatory - where the souls of the lost are reborn to a new hierarchy of life?

Marc Aramini