

is Gene Wolfe among us?

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b sharp — 20 May 2006, 21:55

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What sort of name would he choose? Since this archive is composed of his loyal fans, he might pick a name which reflects his feeling that he is our humble servant, the artist serving his patrons. On the other hand his name might also reflect that he and his work are the focus, the center of everything here; that we honor and revere him. His name might also reflect that this is a place where an anonymous sovereign might view his subjects, the monarch can see his vassals, lord see peons, King C. Servant

-bsharp (=what note on the keyboard?)

mournings glory — 21 May 2006, 00:19 · in reply to b sharp

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Reply-To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>
To: urth at lists.urth.net
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Date: Sat, 20 May 2006 17:55:30 -0400

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maru dubshinki — 21 May 2006, 00:44 · in reply to mournings glory

On 5/20/06, mournings glory <mourningsglory at hotmail.com> wrote:

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I am a dunce. It actually took me a few moments to get this one.

~maru

Roi c. lackey

b sharp — 22 May 2006, 11:09 · follows maru dubshinki

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mg

Transient — 22 May 2006, 15:17 · in reply to b sharp

On May 22, 2006, at 7:09 AM, b sharp wrote:

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It would put Roy's general denouncement of Able and WK late last year in a new light...

b sharp — 22 May 2006, 15:34 · follows Transient

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OMG what have I done!!

<http://www.maison-de-stuff.net/john/pictures/ParisFeb2005/SANY0060.JPG>

Sorry Gene!

Roy C. Lackey — 23 May 2006, 06:34 · follows b sharp

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I have been known to inveigh against buffet-style theorizing myself, but it is usually a waste of time. People tend to see what they want to see. Meanwhile, carry on!

Who was that in the picture?

-Roy