

Got a spare grand-and-half?

The Urth list — 7 messages, 4 voices, 02 Dec 2008

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Gwern Branwen — 02 Dec 2008, 00:04

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I don't know if this was mentioned last year, but I just across this:

<http://millipedeypress.com/centipede-press/the-shadow-of-the-torturer-gene-wolfe>

"The Shadow of the Torturer"

"\$1500.00

Leather - Printed on mouldmade Saunders Waterford. Bound in full goatskin leather with the color illustrations and a map enclosed in a cloth traycase with an extra set of unbound prints. Limited to 14 copies for sale. ... It features 7 full page, full color illustrations by German artist Alexander Preuss."

I would like to read a copy, if only to look at the illustrations - the library scene looks nice.

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Son of Witz — 02 Dec 2008, 00:12 · follows Gwern Branwen

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Matthew Keeley — 02 Dec 2008, 00:22 · in reply to Son of Witz

On Mon, Dec 1, 2008 at 7:12 PM, Son of Witz <sonofwitz at butcherbaker.org> wrote:

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Lol. Well avoided.

though he did avoid the fuligin along with it.

and yeah, the Floating City is the most "off" thing there I think.

I'm just a picky bastard I guess.

~witz

hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 02 Dec 2008, 03:51 · follows Son of Witz

I got the non grand and a half version and am pretty pleased...come on over and I'll show you my etchings S of W...

-----Original Message-----

From: Son of Witz

Sender: urth-bounces at lists.urth.net

To: The Urth Mailing List

ReplyTo: The Urth Mailing List

Sent: Dec 1, 2008 4:12 PM

Subject: Re: (urth) Got a spare grand-and-half?

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Gwern Branwen — 03 Dec 2008, 01:06 · in reply to Son of Witz

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We have met the enemy and he is us.