

New interview

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Kettil Rejving — 07 Jan 2009, 12:30

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Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2009, 15:18 · in reply to Kettil Rejving

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From: Kettil Rejving <kettil.rejving@gmail.com>

To: [urth at lists.urth.net](mailto:urth@lists.urth.net)

Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2009 6:30:59 AM

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Gwern Branwen — 07 Jan 2009, 15:26 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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Craig Brewer — 07 Jan 2009, 15:28 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Stuart Hamm — 07 Jan 2009, 15:35 · in reply to Craig Brewer

That's funny!

I had a hard time caring about AEG as well....

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Son of Witz — 07 Jan 2009, 17:09 · follows Stuart Hamm

I agree, I'd love to hear Wolfe read it.

Avers does a good job though. I really like his characterization of Severian, actually, just the right mix of foolishness and sophistication. I do wonder about many of his pronunciations, which change from book to book as well.

just started listening to the Nightside audiobook. I think it's Avers, but I skipped the attribution. Right off the bat I was wondering about his pronunciation. Pa(y)tera, not Pa(h)tera. I think the phenome must be Pah, not Pay, by simple contrast to Maytera.

As I may have mentioned, it's great to listen. I notice different stuff than when I'm reading.

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Adam