

some notes about that free live free write up

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Marc Aramini — 21 May 2014, 17:56

I just sent a rather lengthy write up on Free Live Free with a pretty typical academic thesis .. the second to last major section lists the important differences between the Ziesing and Tor editions, if someone were inclined to skip to that section (though I hope you won't be so inclined, obviously) A foolish young poster once pondered what those differences might be - I found this, circa 2001 in the archives:

"As far as I remember from a Wolfe interview, I thought he identified Madame Serpentina as pride (she is a haughty wench) and Stubb as Envy. I think Wolfe waffled a little on identifying Stubb (little man complex seems like envy mixed with pride to me). (Is there a big difference in the Ziesing version of the text? I can't imagine editing a Wolfe work down by thousands of words. Who knows what subtle details were destroyed? Only Wolfe. Maybe not even him.) I readily agree with your analysis of the Wizard of Oz parallels.
Marc Aramini"

Given enough time, I have finally provided a pretty comprehensive look at the differences for that past version of myself. I don't feel that I would call Serpentina a "haughty wench" anymore.