

Sopor Aeternus "Backbone Practise"

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[unpleasant reminder in a subterranean pathology department]

We are entering the operation theatre of the ramiliar morgue:

the student nurses are making a lot of noise,
their voices echo from the bare tiles walls...

I improvise a fainting fit: "I cannot bare these voices anymore...!"

the tiny spineless spider, who really is a dog,
has hurt herself - or did she get hurt ?- somthing 'bout her back...

oh, does she need a new one?

Torso-less she onlydoes consist of legs...

much like a crushed little cross, a tiny crucifix.

so cautiously she's stalking now across the palm of my right hand,

merly a thin branch in the wind,

touching the wound... where i had cut my finger.

I hand her over to the nurses, one of them - directed me by the teacher

carries out theoperation, for wich i dont have the knoledge.

one day everyone here must fulfil this very task alone, as it's the only way to learn... and in the end become a master...

yes, this means responsibility,

and it's connected directly to stress and fear.

the little spider has her operation on a table that is decorated like a forest, all with thicket and fir trees...

and right beside the flashing lights and displays of the instruments.

so hear now of the very scene thet happend right before this (here):

an elephant on the plane roof of a tall cathedral... very close to the edge.

"climb down his tail, as if it were a rope!
have faith and confidence, believe that he will hold
you!"
but the elephant is not anchored in the ground,
yes, he might have the will to remain in position,
perhaps doing everything within his power to hold me,
not to slip and fall himself...
but in my opinion this is hardly enough.
can this be a question of trust, at all ?!?

looking out of the window, while the underground
moves down
into the tunnel ... - a man, who has already passed the
elephant-test, says:
"fear must be conquered, boy!
many of what comes up are merely old fears of death!"

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