

# New Wolfe stories: comments

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Nicholas Gevers — 09 Jan 2003, 10:04

I've now read both of GW's newest stories, "The Dog of the Drops" (3SF, December 2002) and "Castaway" (Sci Fiction, February 2003). Both are good, if not his very best.

"The Dog of the Drops" is under 1,000 words, and takes the form of a tale told in rustic dialect by an old man to an unnamed frame narrator who is visiting the countryside, perhaps on official duty. The time is after some great holocaust that has devastated civilization; a talking dog features (or, just possibly, a werewolf?)

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--Nick Gevers.

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Richard Horton — 10 Jan 2003, 02:43 · follows Nicholas Gevers

On Thu, 9 Jan 2003 10:04:17 +0000 (GMT), you wrote:

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I thought "Castaway" quite good. One of his better recent stories. It reminded me of Tiptree's "Last Flight of Dr. Ain".

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SPOILER

Do you think the world was actually Earth? Or was the castaway remembering lost Earth somehow?

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