

# Pathos for Latros (Son of Witz)

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David Stockhoff — 19 Mar 2010, 21:11

Just reading that again gave me chills.

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Geese fly overhead, flying by night, calling like new boots across the sky to their fellows. It may be the last sound I hear. Every man hears a last sound. For many it must be the clash of arms. That is a good last sound, but the shouts of geese is a better one. We sink into the earth, down into the lands of the dead. Where I shall drink from Death's river to forget a life I cannot remember.

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This is a paragraph written by a man with remarkable depth of soul. Gene Wolfe may be a great and tricky science-fantasy author, and a lot is made of his head scratching acrobatics, but first and foremost he is human with a profound sense of empathy and an amazing gift for conveying it across the gulf between our souls. I'm grateful to read his work. I think Latro might be my favorite of his narrative voices. So very human.

~Witz

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Son of Witz — 19 Mar 2010, 21:32 · in reply to David Stockhoff

On Fri, March 19, 2010 5:11 pm, David Stockhoff wrote:

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happy to help. it's a hot day.

I really love these Latro books. I don't mind feeling lost in the plot. Latro is lost too.

I haven't heard anything about more of them, though I don't suppose I would. It must take a lot of research to write these. I don't know how Sidon ends. One wants Latro to get his memory, but that might thwart the very point. Still, one wants him to find peace.

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