

philosophical background for Gene Wolfe's Book of New Sun

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Ben Martin — 13 Aug 2003, 15:50

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rikstroeb — 13 Aug 2003, 18:57 · in reply to Ben Martin

On 13 Aug 2003 08:50:34 -0700, rsfmdocs at hotmail.com (Ben Martin) wrote:
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djinn — 13 Aug 2003, 20:31 · in reply to rikstroeb

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That reads like a BOTNS thing, where you go into the past and find yourself in the future. Wading in Briah?

With a silk umbrella and the handle of a broom;
Boomlay, boomlay, boomlay BOOM!
recited by Scar Gordon.