

# Wolfe's Apology

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Michael Straight — 28 Mar 2001, 10:09

When we sent off a list of interview questions to Wolfe about the Long Sun books, mine was about whether Horn and Nettle had to make up some of the scenes that they wouldn't have had much knowledge about, such as the bit with Musk training the eagle with the kite.

So perhaps I can be forgiven for feeling, when Horn mentioned how the kite builder told them stuff they put in their book, that Wolfe was talking directly to me, and, when Horn mentions it for the THIRD time, that Wolfe thinks my bulb is particularly dim.

(And there are at least a couple more comments Horn makes about getting information about Patera Q from time spent with him and from talking with Patera R that also seemed to be addressing the same issue. Cringe.)

"Thought you'd caught me out, eh? Didn't think I'd properly thought out this whole narrator business? Well let me explain every detail slow-ly and care-ful-ly."

On the other hand, I was greatly amused by Horn's comment about having a mania for writing about conversations. Yes, Gene, you certainly do.

-Rostrum

\*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.