

Jonathan Stroud

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And then, as if written by the hand of a bad novelist, an incredible thing happened.

~Jonathan Stroud

That's usually how they start, the young ones. Meaningless waffle.

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Then again, Solomon was human. And that meant he was flawed (Go on, take a look at yourself in the mirror. A good long look, if you can bear it. See? Flawed's putting it mildly, isn't it?)

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One magician demanded I show him an image of the love of his life. I rustled up a mirror.

~Jonathan Stroud

The Amulet of Samarkand. It was Simon Lovelace's. Now it is yours. Soon it will be Simon Lovelace's again. Take it and enjoy the consequences.

~Jonathan Stroud

That's a gesture of endearment in some cultures. Some hug, some kiss, some set each other on fire in small patches of woodland

~Jonathan Stroud

When I write something that would have made me laugh as a 10-year-old, or would have scared me or would have excited me, I know I'm onto something.

~Jonathan Stroud

Haven't you done enough for a lifetime? Think about it - two power - crazed magicians killed, a hundred power - crazed magicians saved.

~Jonathan Stroud

Burned and squashed to death in a silver vat of soup. There must be worst ways to go. But not many.

~Jonathan Stroud

I wanted to wake you straightaway, but I knew I had to wait several hours to ensure you were safely recovered." "What! How long has it been?" "Five minutes. I got bored.

~Jonathan Stroud

Can you define "plan" as "a loose sequence of manifestly inadequate observations and conjectures, held together by panic, indecision, and ignorance"? If so, it was a very good plan.

~Jonathan Stroud

Me, I was still in the pygmy hippo in a skirt, singing lusty songs about Solomon's private life and a giant stone back and forth through the air as I climbed out of the quarry at the edge of the site.

~Jonathan Stroud

Hey, we've all got problems, chum. I'm overly talkative. You look like a field of buttercups in a suit.

~Jonathan Stroud

Check out that one at the end. He's taken the form of a footstool. Weird...but somehow I like his style." "That is a footstool.

~Jonathan Stroud

Ah, you coward! Look at you, running." "Actually, it's called improvising.

~Jonathan Stroud

Hippo in a skirt: this was a comic reference to one of Solomon's principal wives, the one from Moab. Childish? Yes. But in the days before printing we had limited opportunities for satire.

~Jonathan Stroud

Freedom is an illusion. It always comes at a price.

~Jonathan Stroud

Besides, if you're going to die horribly, you might as well do it with style.

~Jonathan Stroud

Minor magicians take pains to fit this traditional wizardly bill. By contrast, the really powerful magicians take pleasure in looking like accountants.

~Jonathan Stroud

What is a gathering without unseemly drunkenness?

~Jonathan Stroud

So I departed, leaving behind a pungent smell of brimstone. Just something to remember me by.

~Jonathan Stroud

Getting that first draft out is a horribly hard grind, but that (perverse) is where the joy of it lies.

~Jonathan Stroud

Her clarity gave her purpose and her purpose gave her clarity.

~Jonathan Stroud

I rather think he knew anyway.

~Jonathan Stroud

Long ago I dreamed of being a hero in your company" Halli said Huskily
"I'm sorry to say your reality disappoints me

~Jonathan Stroud

Most traditional ghost stories feature rather hapless protagonists, who have nasty things happen to them.

~Jonathan Stroud

There was a loud cough from the man on the stand. I replaced My Magic Mirror carefully on his tray, gave him a cheesy smile, and went my way.

~Jonathan Stroud

Pardon me, Highness, a women waits whithout." "Whithout what?

~Jonathan Stroud

If anyone else asked that question, O He Who Is Terrible and Great, I would have said they were an ignorant fool; in you it is a sign of the disarming simplicity which is the fount of all virtue.

~Jonathan Stroud

Oh, the boots were on the other eight feet now.

~Jonathan Stroud

When I was young, I kept a diary for about 10 years and I had to write in it every day. Even on days when nothing seemed to happen, I made myself think of something to put in it.

~Jonathan Stroud

He was transfixed at the sight of the lords and ladies of his realm running about like demented chickens.

~Jonathan Stroud

The mercenary finished his coffee in a single gulp, It must have been

piping hot, too. Boy, he was tough.

~Jonathan Stroud

What was it that drew you back? My marvellous personality, I suppose?
Or my sparkling conversation?

~Jonathan Stroud

Ambition is all very well, my lad, but you must cloak it.

~Jonathan Stroud

The important thing about any book is that you have to have a good story and that it has to be exciting. Then it's nice to add other levels underneath that people can pick up on.

~Jonathan Stroud

Watch where you leave your victims! I stubbed my toe on that.

~Jonathan Stroud

Zealots: Wild eyed persons afflicted with incurable certainty about the workings of the world, a certainty that can lead to violence when the world doesn't fit.

~Jonathan Stroud

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