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Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold is a novel by C. S. Lewis. www.enganchecubano.com is a retelling of Cupid and Psyche, based on its telling in a chapter of *The Golden Ass* of www.enganchecubano.com story had haunted Lewis all his life, because he realized that some of the main characters' actions were illogical.

Characters in order of their relative importance

1. ORUAL, the Narrator and the subject of the story, who brings her "complaint against the gods" and who learns, at the end, how selfish her love for Psyche and others has really been.
- TROM, King of Glome, a bloated man ridden by coarse passions, sudden in anger but not without craftiness, with some remnants of a good heart; father of Orual, Istra, and Redival.
- GRAM, a subordinate officer to Bardia.

Synopsis of Chapters Book I, Chapter 1: Childhood of Orual and Redival. Their hair shorn when their mother dies. The Fox put in charge of them. The King takes a second wife, hoping for a son. Orual and Redival sing and attend their stepmother on the wedding night. Dispute between the King and the Priest of Ungit. Psyche, the unwanted girl, grows more and more beautiful and beloved by Orual and the Fox. Orual takes Psyche away from the wet-nurse to whom Batta had given her. She is caught with Tarin, who is castrated. Redival becomes spiteful toward Psyche, mocking her as a "goddess. Redival threatens to tell the Priest of Ungit about this; Orual buys her off with a necklace. Rebellion and pestilence in the land. Redival conspires against her with the Priest of Ungit. Pestilence, drought, famine, rebellion in the land. Psyche now is called the "Accursed" by the people, for making herself into a goddess. The palace is virtually under siege. The King will not heed the attempts of Orual and the Fox to save Psyche. Psyche, unafraid, wonders about the nature of the gods. Orual, frantic with her grief, protests her love, chides Psyche for not reciprocating it. Psyche confesses the fascination--even attraction--that death has always had for her. She is eager for the moment: She sees the procession depart with Psyche for the place of sacrifice on the mountain. She is very ill and unconscious, or with bad dreams, for many days, nursed by the Fox. Glome is restored; the King is well-liked; the Great Sacrifice has solved all immediate problems. Bardia seeks through kindness to distract Orual from her grief by giving her lessons in swordsmanship; she is an apt pupil. He agrees to go with her up the mountain. During the trip Orual feels a joyous mood trying to break through, but deliberately represses it to be faithful to her grief. They reach the tree of sacrifice to which Psyche had been bound and find no trace at all. Dismayed and uneasy, they search, and find a ruby that Psyche had worn to the sacrifice, some distance away. They find a secret valley, and in it, Psyche. Interview between Orual and Psyche, who is alive, well, and happy. She recounts in detail the day of the sacrifice as she lived it. Long after all had departed and left her bound to the tree, the West-wind came and carried her away to the palace of the god, whose bride she was to be. Invisible servants attended her, and at night, in her sumptuous chamber, the god came to her. Orual is incensed and demands to see the palace. Psyche is amazed, saying that they are at that moment standing on the main stairs. Orual see nothing but the mountain meadow. Orual accuses Psyche of pretending, but knows it is not so. Psyche will implore her bridegroom, the god, to let Orual see the palace. Orual becomes jealous of the god, for Psyche now belongs to him, not to Orual. It begins to rain. Psyche says they are under a porch of the palace; Orual sees the raindrops on her cheeks. Orual tries to force her to come home, but Psyche is too strong. Bardia will not come to help Orual. Psyche sends Orual away, but says she may come again soon. Orual bivouacs with Bardia on the ridge over the hidden valley. At night, in the storm and fog, she catches one fleeting glimpse of the huge marble palace the god prepared for Psyche, -- then doubts her own eyes, then doubts the doubt. On the journey home Orual asks Bardia his option, but he is noncommittal. He doubts that Psyche is mad or lying; as the the affairs of the gods, it is not for him to say. Orual thinks Psyche may be the bride of a monster, resolves even to kill her, if necessary, to save her from such desecration. The Fox gives Orual a rational explanation of the whole thing. Psyche is with some vagabond on the mountain, who found her so crazed, tied to her tree, that he could seduce her and make her believe anything; Psyche is fantasizing. Alone, Orual prays to the gods for a sign, and receives none. In her conflict her generous self says not to meddle, anything might be true, leave Psyche to her happiness. But her possessive love wins out: Since Bardia must guard the palace while the King is lion-hunting, Orual is accompanied on her second trip up the

mountain by the taciturn Gram. She finds Psyche and the dispute begins again. When Psyche will not obey her command to return, Orual thrusts her dagger through her arm, warning that next time she will kill herself, -- and Psyche too. This threat becomes the blackmail by which she gets Psyche to agree to disobey her god and look at his face that very night by the light of the lamp. Then, as the god awakes, the storm breaks loose, the palace crumbles, all nature rages. Orual cannot find Psyche, only hear her go off weeping into exile. Orual sees all the gods as her enemies. Orual home again, the Fox chides her bitterly for what she did, she withholding only the coercion of the self-wounding. The King makes Orual help the Fox with secretarial duties. The King has a bad accident and falls into his last illness. At the same time the old Priest of Ungit is dying, and his place is taken by Arnom. Orual assumes the duties of Queen even before her comatose father quite dies. Trunia, at war with his brother Argan for the throne of Phars, takes refuge in Glome. Orual makes him prisoner and sends word to Argan that the matter should be decided by a single combat: She is already thinking like a queen. Bardia has Orual kill a pig as a preparation for the killing of her man. She frees the Fox, who first thinks of returning to Greece, then decides to stay with Orual. Orual visits Trunia in his cell, and they arrange for him to marry Redival if all goes well in the single combat. Orual kills Argan in clean single combat, and feasts the officers of the force from Phars. Orual, who loves both Bardia and Psyche, imagines herself married to Bardia, having Psyche for her daughter. Then she uses wine to banish sorrow. Many years pass, with Orual a wise and valourous Queen of Glome. She avoids too many foreign wars. She never removes her veil, which she had first put on after the banishment of Psyche by her god. She hangs Batta and frees Poobi; she enobles the Fox and Hellenizes her court somewhat. The Fox dies, and after his funeral Orual resolves to go on along trip in foreign lands. All is in good order in Glome; Bardia and Arnom can run it. In Essur she comes upon a shrine, whose priest tells her that it is for a new goddess, called Istra. He then relates the story of the goddess, who is indeed Istra who was Psyche, but the story is all mixed up and different in many details from the facts as Orual knew then from personal acquaintance with them. It is the classic story of Psyche, as told in the *Metamorphoses* of Apuleius, but with local barbarian names replacing those of Psyche, Aphrodite, Eros, etc When Orual hears how garbled the story has become she resolves to write her own, true account of it all. She, Orual, had been jealous of Psyche? Thus she brings her book to its first close, bitter against gods, convinced that they are only noxious to man, and doubting that they themselves have the answers to any of her questions. Book II, Chapter 1: Old and weak Orual takes up her book again. The embassy of the King of Persia comes. The ambassador, a hugely fat eunuch, turns out to be Tarin, doing very well in the eastern court. He casts his mind way back, to his affair with Redival, and says that he really did it because he took pity on Redival, she was so unhappy. Orual realizes that she had never thought about that aspect of it before.

2: Till We Have Faces (Audiobook) by C. S. Lewis | www.enganchecubano.com

Told from the viewpoint of Psyche's sister, Orual, Till We Have Faces is a brilliant examination of envy, betrayal, loss, blame, grief, guilt, and conversion. In this, his final—and most mature and masterful—novel, Lewis reminds us of our own fallibility and the role of a higher power in our lives.

Brief Biography of C. Lewis was born and raised in Ireland. Growing up, Lewis was fascinated by mythology, particularly that of Scandinavia, Greece, and Ireland. He excelled at Latin and Greek in school and won a prestigious scholarship to Oxford University. Lewis fought in World War I while still an undergraduate, a traumatic experience that made him an atheist throughout his twenties. Although Lewis was an atheist for many years, in his early thirties he converted to the Anglican Church, based on his studies of classical Christian texts and his friendship with such Christian thinkers as George Macdonald and J. He was at first an unwilling convert, but felt that he could see no other truth. For the remainder of his life, Lewis was a vocal proponent of Christian values, authoring Christian texts such as Mere Christianity, a series of short lectures on Christian values and the existence of God. Lewis authored six more books in his Chronicles of Narnia series and also wrote the popular Space Trilogy. Although his fiction made Lewis wealthy, in his later years, he also taught medieval and Renaissance literature at Cambridge University. Lewis died on the same day as the author Aldous Huxley, which was also the day of John F. Stoicism teaches that people should learn to control their emotions to avoid making destructive choices—happiness results from accepting life as it is rather than constantly desiring something different. Stoics particularly valued logical thinking and the pursuit of truth. Furthermore, they believed that God was equivalent to Nature, and thus present throughout the universe and within everything. All people, then, result from this divine nature and are equal, without distinction based on class or nationality. In the original version, men worship Psyche too deeply to want to marry her, so the gods tell her father to sacrifice her on a mountain. Additionally, when as a punishment Aphrodite forces Psyche to retrieve the box of beauty from the land of the dead, she stipulates that Psyche must not look inside, but curiosity gets the better of her and she opens the lid. Additionally, the Fox tells Orual the story of Aphrodite and Anchises as found in the Homeric Hymn to Aphrodite, one of a number of anonymously written ancient Greek hymns. She seduces him in a human form and sleeps with him. Finally, Orual mentions a number of ancient Greek philosophers whose books the Fox acquires for the palace. Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold Where Written: Cambridge, England Literary Period: Fiction, Mythological novel Setting: Glome, a fantastical kingdom in a world that includes a country called the Greeklands, which corresponds to ancient Greece Climax: Orual reading her complaint to the gods and seeing herself truly for the first time Point of View: When Lewis was four, his dog was hit by a car. Cite This Page Choose citation style: Retrieved November 14,

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Welcome to the LitCharts study guide on C. S. Lewis's Till We Have Faces. Created by the original team behind SparkNotes, LitCharts are the world's best literature guides. Get the entire Till We Have Faces LitChart as a printable PDF. "My students can't get enough of your charts and their results."

This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. It begins as the complaint of Orual as an old woman, who is bitter at the injustice of the gods. She has always been ugly, but after her mother dies and her father the King of Glome remarries, she gains a beautiful half-sister Istra, whom she loves as her own daughter, and who is known throughout the novel by the Greek version of her name, Psyche. Psyche is so beautiful that the people of Glome begin to offer sacrifices to her as to a goddess. Orual plans to rescue Psyche but falls ill and is unable to prevent anything. When she is well again, Orual arranges to go to where Psyche was stranded on the mountain, either to rescue her or to bury what remains of her. She is stunned to find Psyche is alive, free from the shackles in which she had been bound, and furthermore says she does not need to be rescued in any way. Rather, Psyche relates that she lives in a beautiful castle that Orual cannot see, as the God of the Mountain has made her a bride rather than a victim. At one point in the narrative, Orual believes she has a brief vision of this castle, but then it vanishes like a mist. Hearing that Psyche has been commanded by her new god-husband not to look on his face all their meetings are in the nighttime, Orual is immediately suspicious. She argues that the god must be a monster, or that Psyche has actually started to hallucinate after her abandonment and near-death on the mountain, that there is no such castle at all, and that her husband is actually an outlaw who was hiding on the mountain and takes advantage of her delusions in order to have his way with her. Orual says that because either possibility is one that she cannot abide by, she must disabuse her sister of this illusion. She returns a second time, bringing Psyche a lamp for her to use while her "husband" sleeps, and when Psyche insists that she will not betray her husband by disobeying his command, Orual threatens both Psyche and herself, stabbing herself in the arm to show she is capable of following through on her threat. Ultimately, reluctantly, Psyche agrees because of the coercion and her love for her sister. When Psyche disobeys her husband, she is immediately banished from her beautiful castle and forced to wander as an exile. The God of the Mountain appears to Orual, stating that Psyche must now endure hardship at the hand of a force he himself could not fight likely his mother the goddess Ungit, and that "You too shall be Psyche," which Orual attempts to interpret for the rest of her life, usually taking it to mean that as Psyche suffers, she must suffer also. From this day forward she vows that she will keep her face veiled at all times. Eventually, Orual becomes a Queen, and a warrior, diplomat, architect, reformer, politician, legislator, and judge, though all the while remaining alone. She drives herself, through work, to forget her grief and the love she has lost. Psyche is gone, her other family she never cared for, and her beloved tutor, "the Fox," has died. Her main love interest throughout the novel, Bardia the captain of the royal guard, is married and forever faithful to his wife until his death. To her, the gods remain, as ever, silent, unseen, and merciless. While Bardia is on his deathbed, Orual decides she can no longer stand the sight of her own kingdom and decides to leave it for the first time to visit neighboring kingdoms. While resting on her journey, she leaves her group at their camp and follows sounds from within a wood, which turn out to be coming from a temple to the goddess Istra Psyche. In response, she writes out her own story, as set forth in the book, to set the record straight. Her hope is that it will be brought to Greece, where she has heard that men are willing to question even the gods. Part Two[edit] Orual begins the second part of the book stating that her previous accusation that the gods are unjust is wrong. She does not have time to rewrite the whole book because she is very old and of ill health and will likely die before it can be redone, so instead she is adding on to the end. She relates that since finishing part one of the book, she has experienced a number of dreams and visions, which at first she doubts the truth of except that they also start happening during daytime when she is fully awake. She sees herself being required to perform a number of impossible tasks, like sorting a giant mound of different seeds into separate piles, with no allowance for error, or collecting the golden wool from a flock of murderous rams, or fetching a bowl of water

from a spring on a mountain which cannot be climbed and furthermore is covered with poisonous beasts. She discovers, however, that instead of reading the book she has written, she reads off a paper which appears in her hand which actually contains her true feelings, which are indeed less noble than Part One of the book would suggest. Then she is led by the ghost of the Fox into a sunlit arena in which she learns the story of what Psyche has been up to: Orual then leaves the arena to enter another verdant field with a clear pool of water and a brilliant sky. There she meets Psyche, who has just returned from her last errand: The God of the Mountain is coming to be with Psyche and judge Orual, but the only thing he says is "You too shall be Psyche" before the vision ends. The reader is led to understand that this phrase has actually been one of mercy the entire time. Orual, awoken from the vision, dies shortly thereafter but has just enough time to record her visions and to write that she no longer hates the gods but sees that their very presence is the answer she always needed. Conception[edit] The idea of retelling the myth of Cupid and Psyche, with the palace invisible, had been in C. In his pre-Christian days, Lewis would imagine the story with Orual "in the right and the gods in the wrong". Lewis originally titled his working manuscripts "Bareface", with the interplay of multiple meanings: This opinion was echoed by J. Tolkien as well as publications such as The New York Times. The novel was well received by the literary community upon its initial release and has continued to enjoy acclaim since.

4: Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis | Paperback | www.enganchecubano.com

Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis is about accusing God. By "just" we mean that we desire that God rule in our favor. But we don't think enough what might result should God heed the council of our minds and hearts.

Oft forgotten amid the fanfare for *The Chronicles of Narnia* and his sci-fi trilogy, C. S. Lewis's *Till We Have Faces* is not easy reading. Although the plot races through a powerful drama based on the pagan myth of Cupid and Psyche, readers must keep pace with difficult spiritual questions as the narrator navigates painful memories and grave soul-searching. A line popularly attributed elsewhere to Lewis provides an insight to understanding the novel: In examining her life to give a just account of cruelties and injustices she believes she has suffered at the hands of the gods, Orual begins to change. She sees her own love for the first time as the selfishness it really was; she sees in what she thought was only deprivation and pain both the mercy and the justice of the gods. Who are these gods, really, who seem to play with human lives? And who are we human beings? And who do we become through our choices? Can we demand that the gods reveal themselves fully to us, when we are so unwilling to expose our true character to them, or even to our fellow human beings? At first with resentment, Orual begins to understand that she is not God. She is not perfect goodness, or truth, or beauty, but she acted as if she could be exemplify these things. And when she could not have that, she exacted from the persons she loved everything she could—time, energy, devotion, even taking their other happiness—until she was "glutted with the lives of men. In a way, selfish love, in attempting to circumscribe the object of love, is really more akin to envy, jealousy, or even hatred than to love. Real love wants only the best for the beloved, while selfish love wants only the beloved for ourselves, to hoard rather than to diffuse. Orual sought, all her life, only to say "This is all mine, and the gods cannot touch it! Until she admits this—until she comes clean and lays bare her true identity, faults and all, before the gods—they cannot speak to her face to face. She gave them only her complaints, accusations, and excuses; her empty facades of noble victimhood and offended love. As she poignantly confesses: I saw well why the gods do not speak to us openly, nor let us answer. How can they meet us face to face till we have faces? We must be pure of heart before we can see God. Acknowledgement Lauren Enk Mann. Reprinted with permission of Crisis Magazine. A writer with a particular love for G. Chesterton, she currently works as an editor in Washington, D.

5: Till We Have Faces - Wikipedia

Till We Have Faces takes up with shocking clarity a grim problem as old as *Job*: man's complaint against a seemingly inscrutable God. Oft forgotten amid the fanfare for *The Chronicles of Narnia* and his sci-fi trilogy, C.S. Lewis's *Till We Have Faces* was the last novel he wrote; and it is an unforgettable fiction that feels, in some ways, a.

6: Till We Have Faces Study Guide from LitCharts | The creators of SparkNotes

I own a hardback copy of *'Till We Have Faces'* but I purchased this audio edition too! Adults who enjoyed C.S. Lewis' *'Chronicles of Narnia'* or his *'Space Trilogy'* will be carried away by this book. The story follows three sisters-- one ugly, one beautiful as a goddess, and one somewhere between the two.

7: A Way Into Till We Have Faces - Official Site | www.enganchecubano.com

88 quotes from *Till We Have Faces*: 'The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing—to reach the Mountain, to find the place where all the beaut.

8: Till We Have Faces Quotes by C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis's final novel, *Till We Have Faces*, is a retelling of the Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche. The novel is narrated

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by Orual, the Queen of Glome, and is framed as a complaint against the gods.

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