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“Stew of the Earth”

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Besides the leaves that a bag gathers, all you need for a cup of tea is hot water, and in the town of Furnas the earth boils it directly. I bend in front of a spigot and perform the same trick I learned as a child at family dinner parties: to run my finger through a candle’s flame as fast as I can—too slow and the heat will catch it. (From the article)

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