

Severian's relationship with Thecla

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xury — 07 Jan 1999, 16:46

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Alex David Groce — 08 Jan 1999, 01:27 · follows xury

On Jan 7, 4:46pm, xury at pacbell.net wrote:

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That depends on the meaning of the word "is."

No, seriously, unless Severian is lying, he did have sex with Thecla.

Best reference being (in my opinion) chapter XXXI ("The People of the Lake") in SWORD, where Severian says "Pia and I spend the night on one of the floating islands, where I, who had entered Thecla so often when she was unchained but a prisoner, now entered Pia when she was still chained but free."

As far as I can recall, this is the first (and only) definitive statement by Severian that he and Thecla were lovers, although it is certainly hinted at much earlier (as in the House Azure).

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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