

jolenta rape?

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maa32 — 21 Apr 2003, 20:43

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Who falls asleep on a boat with Severian? Come on. In any case, I was going to say that from the first time that I read that scene in like the fifth grade, it invoked the worst mental image ever. Everytime I think of the term "unhatched chick" or "newborn chick" my eyes tear up. It's awful. That truly scarred me for life. I have no idea how a female's genitals can be called that. Its the weirdest simile ever. I have nightmares about it. Anybody else similarly affected by it? These are the kind of odd things that completely ruin your curiosity about sex growing up. Chicken breaking out of egg and gobbling up worms from mother's mouth- how revolting!

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Marc Aramini

James Wynn — 21 Apr 2003, 22:12 · follows maa32

Marc said:

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Crush responds:

Well "she wanted me to do it" was Severian's argument. She was far enough out of it that she didn't wake up. That would qualify as "date rape". Your argument would bring into question whether it is possible to rape a promiscuous woman.

I'm comfortable (so to speak) identifying this event as a Wolfean rape scene.

-Crush

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