

Thecla as transvestite

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I was always amused and puzzled by a scene, in a Severian dream, where he turns into Thecla and she is pleased to find herself in men's clothing.

A recent web surf showed me that the original Thecla travelled around with Paul, with her hair cut and jewelry removed, so she could pass as a man and not be molested (by rapists or suitors).

Before that, there is a lot of imagery of her sitting in a window (trays and a rood?) to listen to Paul's preaching when she wasn't allowed to go out.

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