

my father's mounted guard

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Marc Aramini — 18 Nov 2008, 20:45

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Son of Witz — 18 Nov 2008, 22:43 · follows Marc Aramini

well, I won't argue Borski's theory for him because I haven't tried to parse it out thoroughly. I believe he chalks up the "ridiculous" violation of "the integrity of the story" by suggesting Machiavellian manipulations by Inire.

and, uh, what if he impregnated his concubine against all better advice.

I just caught this documentary on the Royal Bastards, so it doesn't seem all that far fetched.

but again, I don't find that much use in this theory. It only adds to the court intrigue (a minor subtext if you ask me) and not to the meat of the story. I do find it interesting though.

~witz

-----Original Message-----

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