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Andrew Mason — 16 Jan 2011, 20:21

Jeff Wilson wrote:

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David Duffy — 16 Jan 2011, 22:31 · in reply to Andrew Mason

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Inire and the Cumaeon are not widely known to be nonhuman, outside their circle of acquaintances. "'Just a little man he is, with a wry neck and bow legs.'" This is possible in part because of the masquerade their "cousins" maintain.

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Jerry Friedman — 17 Jan 2011, 01:26 · in reply to Andrew Mason

From: Andrew Mason <andrew.mason53 at gmail.com>

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Jeff Wilson — 17 Jan 2011, 02:29 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

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Adam Thornton — 17 Jan 2011, 04:11 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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If that means he's not willing to have sex with any woman but one, it started after the
encounter with Pia, and I remember no trace of this change in him.

I'm sure I've read that many times as "There is only one living woman
I desire, and I fear no man but myself." Yet my edition has it the way you quoted it. Just my
unconscious editor?

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My first guess would have been Dorcas, and my second, Valeria.

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Severian's behavior in this whole scene is rude, crude, and socially unacceptable (as we said in
junior high). Is your idea that he strips her naked to underline the point that even then he
doesn't want to have sex with her? If he does reject her, that's pretty serious humiliation, and
I'm surprised she's so friendly with him before the battle (Ch. XXI). But if he doesn't reject her,
maybe she can write his actions off as the odd behavior of Johns.

I think the point he's making is that she has no power over him, so their sex is going to be on his
terms.

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Okay, I guess it depends on what "it" means.

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