

*Lying in a Bed with a Barbarian Girl: Exposing the Empire's Utilization of Their Own to Oppress Barbarous People in J.M. Coetzee's Waiting on the Barbarians*

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J.M. Coetzee in *Waiting on the Barbarians* a general "Empire" taking over "barbarians" is displayed. The magistrate, an officer for the Empire, becomes enthralled with a barbaric girl. A sexual/dependent relationship develops between them, which at first excites and comforts the magistrate to have someone who is his, but his thoughts begin to change. The magistrate realizes he has become a victim of the Empire's ideology which is to seize, explore, and conquer foreign land. The magistrate had conquer the barbaric woman body. It is the magistrate that realizes he is doing this to the women, and he eventually rebels against the actions of the Empire. The magistrate displays the the readers the harsh reality of the relationship between Empire and the barbaric. The relationship between is one that is very frequent and common in history, but through the magistrate, there is a charge to break that trend history and be better than those before us.