



Figure 1. After her ship crashes, Ripley is found on the beach covered by the planet's parasitic, lice-like arthropods, in *Alien 3* (5:35).



Figure 2. Thinking she is stalking an Alien, Ripley hits it in the head with a pole, only to reveal a broken pipe infested with bugs that pour out, accompanied by horror music and lighting provided by waving flashlight, in *Alien 3* (1:45:41).

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Bugs and Blood: *Alien 3* and *The Bel Dame Apocrypha* and Social Outrage

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The Bel Dame Apocrypha

God's War (2010)

Infidel (2011)

Rapture (2012)

Apocalypse Nyx (2018, short story collection)

Texts of note

"We Have Always Fought: Challenging the Women, Cattle and Slaves Narrative"

The first blogpost to ever be nominated for, and to win, a Hugo Award for Best Related Work, 2014

The Geek Feminist Revolution, 2017

Collects Hurley's articles and blogposts. Nominated for a Hugo Award for Best Related work, 2017.

Other Series

Worldbreaker Saga (2014-2019)

The Stars Are Legion (2017)

The Light Brigade (2019)

Nyx finally managed to get a look at her legs. Bloody wounds crisscrossed her flesh. The lines moved and wriggled. Alive.

They'd stuffed her wounds with bloodworms.

Her gut roiled. She looked up again. Something moved in the far dark corner of the room in the broken masonry. She briefly saw the shiny head of a giant centipede peek through. The pain would kick in soon—maybe another couple hours—when the bloodworms had excreted enough poison into her skin to start the slow burn. Her lower limbs already tingled.

(*God's War*, 216)

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