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Close Reading Organizer - Chapter 16

Directions: Read each summary entry and think about which themes listed in the Themes Key apply to it, then color in those themes in the Theme Tracker. Next, write a few sentences of Analysis to explain how the themes you chose apply to each summary section.

Themes Key

- 1 Gender Roles
- 2 Religion and Theocracy
- 3 Fertility
- 4 Rebellion
- 5 Love
- 6 Storytelling and Memory

Summary	Theme Tracker						Your Analysis
<p>Offred lies on her back on Serena Joy's canopy bed, clothed except for her underpants. The bed's draperies look like ship's sails, pregnant with air. Offred lies between Serena Joy's (clothed) legs, and they hold hands. The Commander has sex with Offred's lower body, in an impersonal, disjointed style, which Offred doesn't call rape because she chose to be a Handmaid. The atmosphere is serious, as arousal, love, and kissing are unnecessary. Offred remembers her previous Commander, who smelled worse.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<p>After coming, the Commander leaves quickly and politely, which Offred finds somehow funny. Serena Joy makes Offred leave immediately, although</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	

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she's supposed to lie down for ten minutes to increase the chances of conception.							
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