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Subject: Is It Riffable?: Antonioni's "Red Desert" (1964)  
Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2012 21:54:47 GMT  
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Posted by [Judith](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2012 20:41:57 GMT  
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I agree - I start giggling whenever I hear something like "...a woman's  
existential search for meaning in our modern world."

Judith

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Posted by [Bloodfart](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2012 23:24:45 GMT

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Posted by [Judith](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2012 20:40:33 GMT

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