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Alex David Groce — 05 Jul 2000, 10:29

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Robert King — 05 Jul 2000, 14:06 · follows Alex David Groce

I think it's at the very end of Claw, in the scene where Jolenta dies.

As I recall, it goes something like: "In the end there is only love, only that divinity. That we are capable of being only what we are remains our unforgivable sin."

Believe it or not, I used the line when I had to give my speech as the valedictorian in high school. I figured Severian was a cooler reference than Polonius ("to thine own self be true," yadda yadda yadda). Damned if I can remember what context I placed it in, though.

-- Bob

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