

American gods

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DhSunanda — 25 Apr 2002, 09:11

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Phoebe Davis — 25 Apr 2002, 18:50 · follows DhSunanda

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Rory — 26 Apr 2002, 03:07 · follows Phoebe Davis

Hi, all--

This is my first post in years. I've enjoyed being on the list again.

When I got my copy of American Gods autographed, I asked Mr. Gaiman about Mr. Wolfe (not

knowing, at that point, anything about the epilogue). He told me to look for the line, and when I asked him what it was from, to the best of my recollection he said "that Christmas story." I asked if he meant "The War Beneath The Tree" and he said yes, but I am at a loss to find any matching lines of dialogue. He did look rather done in, so perhaps his memory was on the fritz. However, this may help someone out there to find it; I spent the better part of the evening looking through stories to no avail.

Rory

----- Original Message -----

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