

# What might become of Ouen?

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b sharp — 07 May 2006, 03:37

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Adam Thornton — 07 May 2006, 05:53 · in reply to b sharp

On May 6, 2006, at 10:37 PM, b sharp wrote:

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I think that's unnecessarily creepy. Do we have any reason to believe that Severian can see Ouen's future?

I always took this to have its obvious meaning, "I will not tell you you are the Autarch's father, and what you may become is a matter of your own free will."

Adam