

# On family meetings

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This is how you center clay.  
Thump it on the wheel  
and get it whirring fast. Lay  
your wet hands onto it.  
The clay will tell you what to do. Now,  
tell it back,

but do not startle it. Do not  
bully the clay, because it will win.  
You have to guide it to the center  
as if the clay is making some terrible mistake  
by being how it is. As if it is about  
to expel Cordelia from the kingdom

for speaking the truth and you've got to stop it  
without being expelled yourself. Poor Kent!  
You will try and try, but how can you save the king  
without losing a part of yourself, and how  
can you give yourself over like that?

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