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aside, has the scissors. And once Atropos is called into play, just like BSE, the thread is cut. There is no negotiation, there is no appeal, there is nothing. When time comes to cut the thread, it's going to be cut. I like Atropos' occupation. I talk about issues that others don't want to talk about. They think I should compartmentalize my mind and my interest because they have to compartmentalize and they can only think of one thing at a time and cannot think deeply about that, lose their concentration. But these serious issues that can be tied into what we're discussing I'm going to tie into what we're discussing. We are dealing with the interests of young women, and that's why they can be so easily cast aside. I see a relatively large headline on the front page of the Lincoln Journal-Star for Sunday: "Equity in Gender Still Lags at NU." A peer survey finds the university system has fallen behind in hiring and keeping female professors. Because it's not taken seriously, that's why. And they know there are people on this floor who won't talk about these issues. But I shall. Life is like a seamless web. If you watch these cartoons and these commercials on television, they'll say that if a butterfly steps on the ocean on one side of the world there will be a tidal wave someplace else. True or false? Who knows. Who knows whether a butterfly's tread caused a tidal wave. But whether it did or not, it makes a point. Everything in life can be deemed to be interconnected. If an insect lands on the farthest outreach of a spider's web, Senator Loudon, there will be a vibration transmitted through that web, and the spider will know that there's a trespasser or there is food. So my web is seamless, and something that hits the part over there that talks about gender equity at the university affects what I'm going to say on this floor. And nobody is going to tell me I cannot talk about this, I cannot talk about that. And if you try, I'll say, then you all should start speaking in complete sentences and...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you ought to correct your grammar. But we're not going to do that. And you can't make me do anything anyway. You going to come over here and put your hand over my mouth? Certainly not. That's the one thing I'd probably kill somebody for if they tried to do that. The unsanitariness of it