

would have been a liberation, a joy, and a fiesta. He sensed that had he been able to choose or dream his death that night, this is the death he would have dreamed or chosen.

Dahlmann firmly grips the knife, which he may have no idea how to manage, and steps out into the plains.

## **The Aleph** (1949)

## **The Immortal**

Solomon saith: *There is no new thing upon the earth.* So that as Plato had an imagination, *that all knowledge was but remembrance;* so Solomon giveth his sentence, *that all novelty is but oblivion.*

Francis Bacon: *Essays*, LVIII

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