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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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