

Scene from 'Penny Dreadful'

John Logan

Dr Seward: Let's start with sin.

(He starts to record the conversation)

Dr Seward (cont'): Have you sinned?

Vanessa: Everyone has sinned.

Dr Seward: Have they?

Vanessa: Mmm-hmm.

Dr Seward: Including you?

Vanessa: Yes.

Dr Seward: When?

Vanessa: How long is your cylinder?

Dr Seward: Start with the first time.

Vanessa: Apart from childhood indiscretions, the first of importance then.
I ... I betrayed my dearest friend Mina on the eve of her wedding.

Dr Seward: How?... How?

Vanessa: I seduced her fiancé.

Dr Seward: What was the result?

Vanessa: It led to catastrophe. And eventually her death.

Dr Seward: You blame yourself for her death?

Vanessa: Indirectly.

Dr Seward: What directly, then?

Vanessa (irritated): It's hard to say. Can you turn that off?

Dr Seward: No ... tell me your story.

Vanessa: And if it involves murder?

Dr Seward: Then let it.

Vanessa: And much beyond that.

Dr Seward: And what's beyond murder?