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unable to control that interpretation as audiences became less tolerant  
of the glaring omissions in his self-portrait"--

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