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"Distinctly great... Hofer paints a simple picture of man who loved metal seemingly above everything else. As the bassist for such metal greats as Anthrax, Brutal Truth, and Stormtroopers Of Death among others, Perpetual Conversion lets Lilker be the star of the show."--The Onion A.V. Club

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