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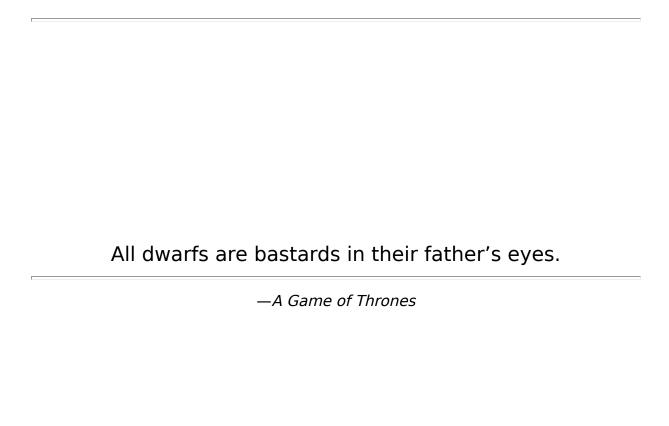
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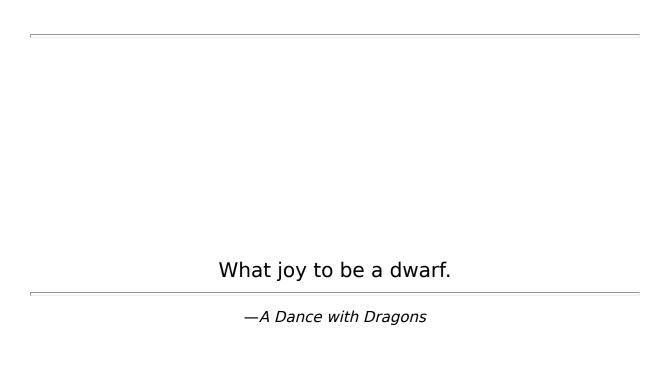
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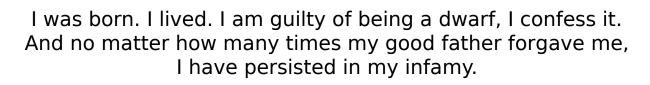
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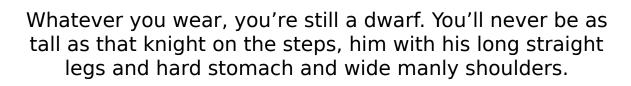
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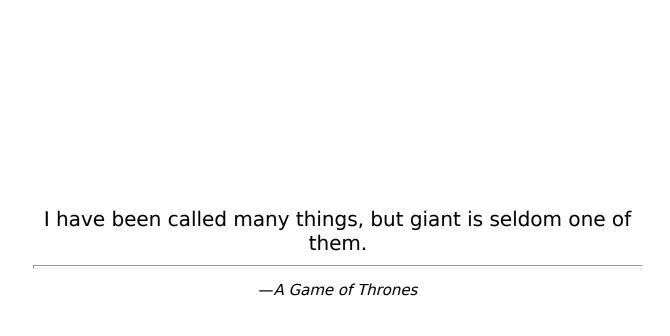


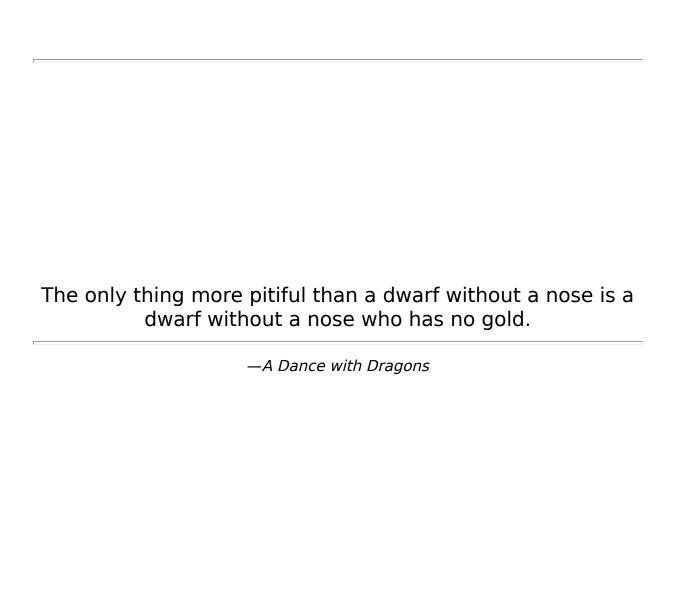
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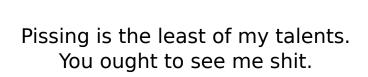


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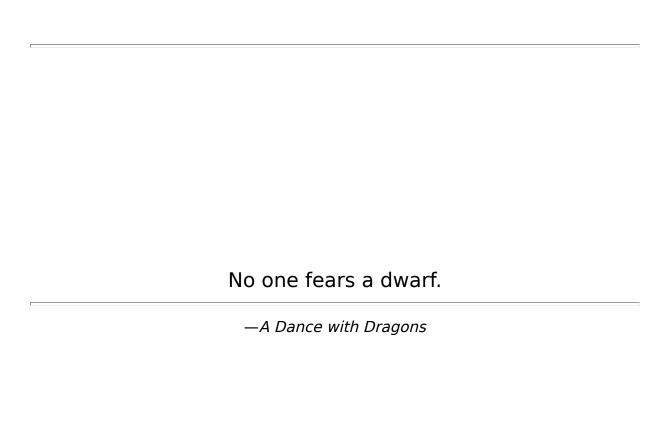


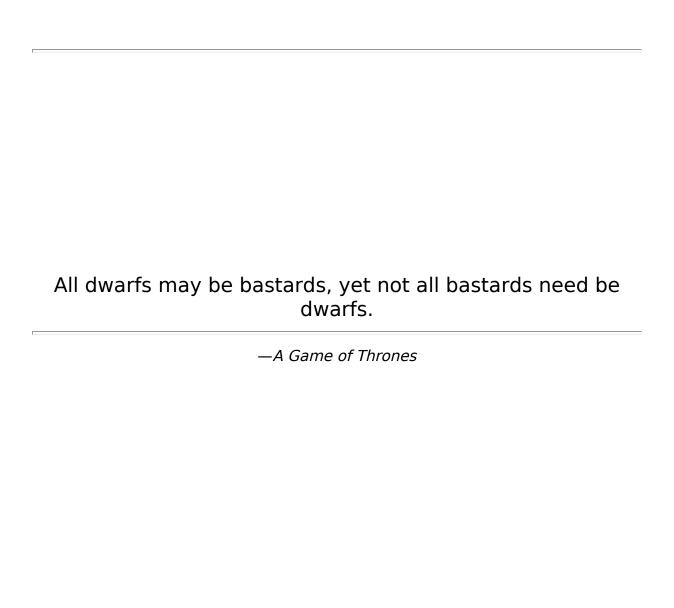


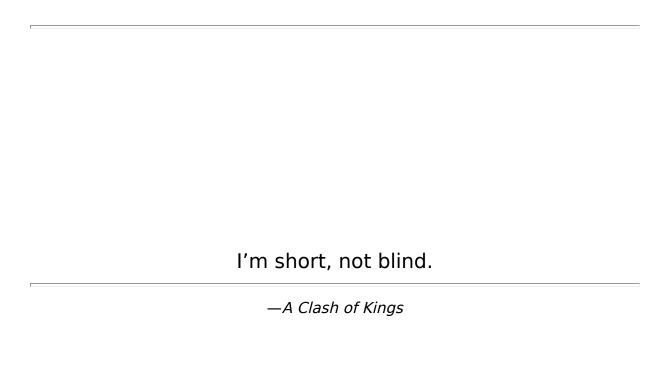


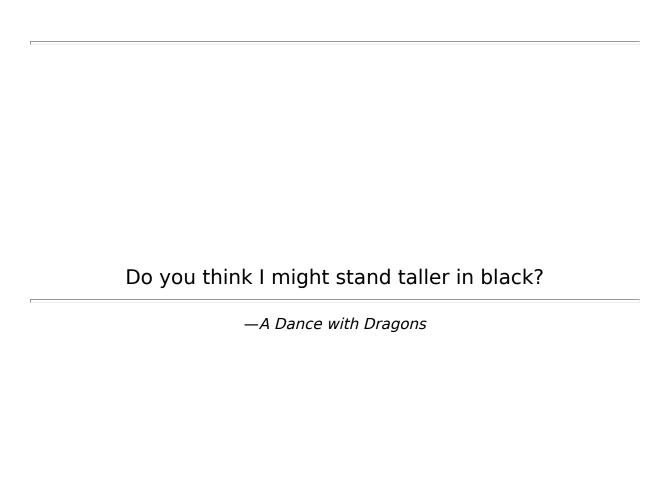


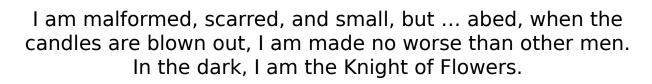
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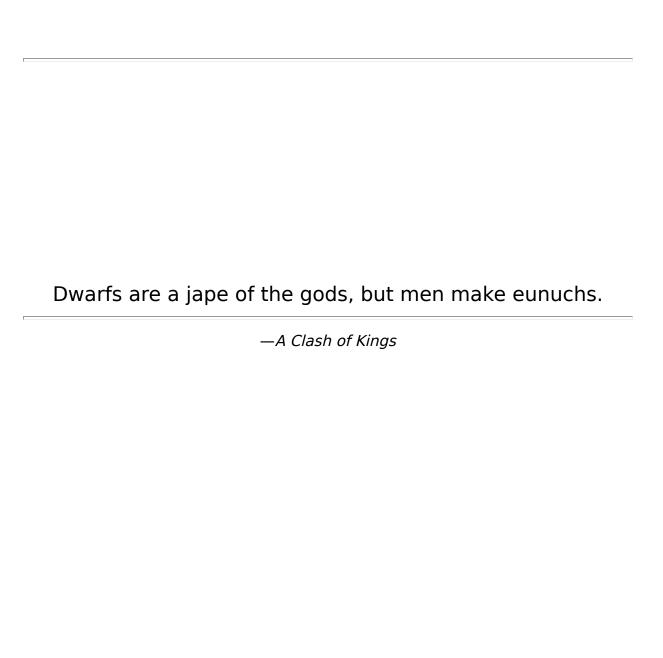


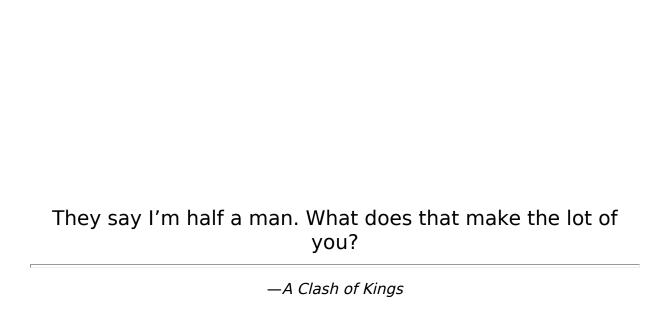


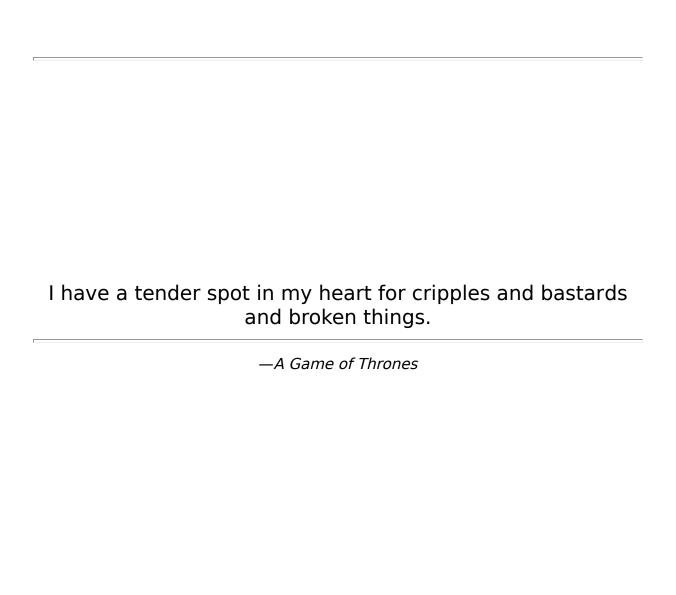


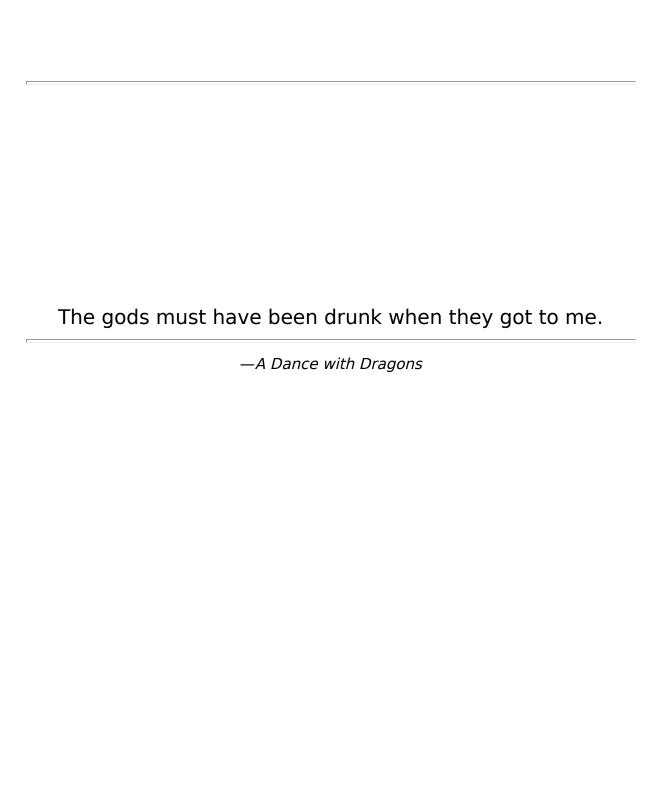


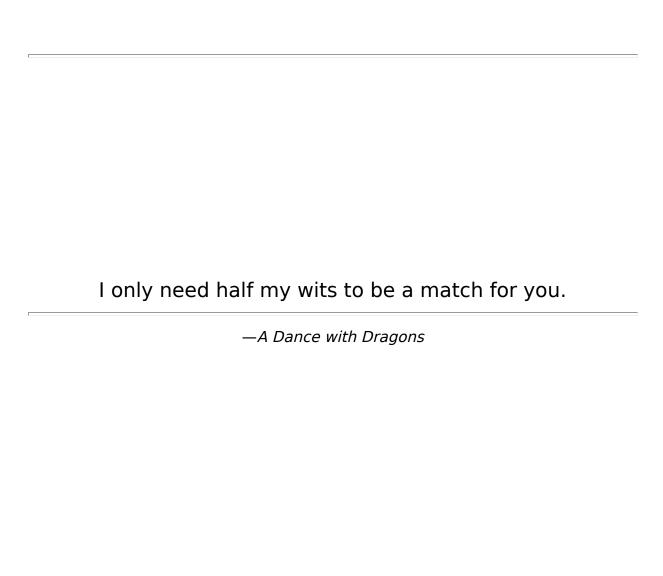
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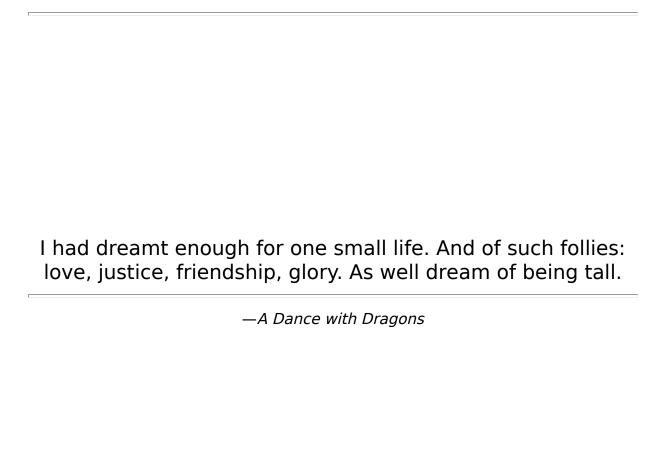


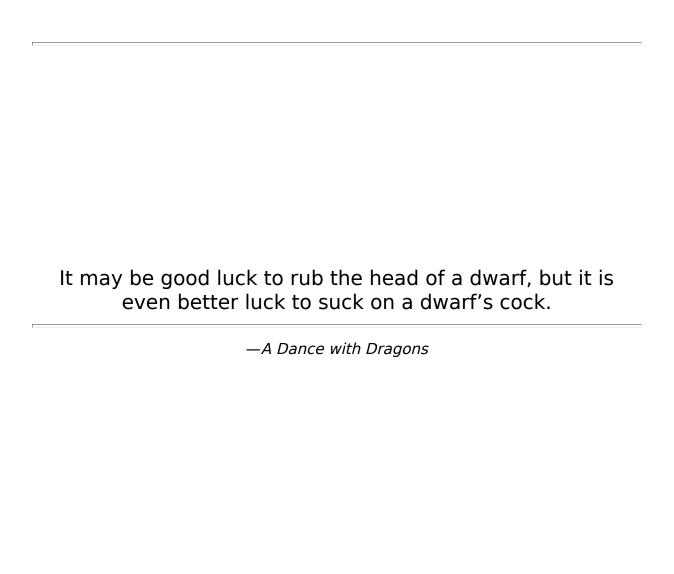










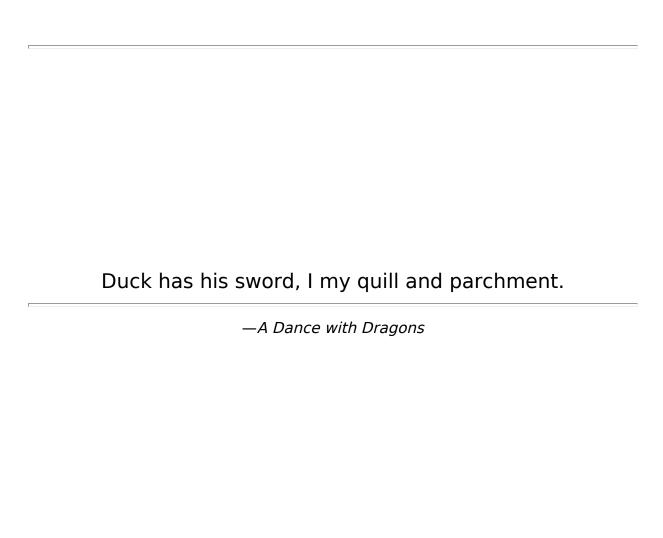


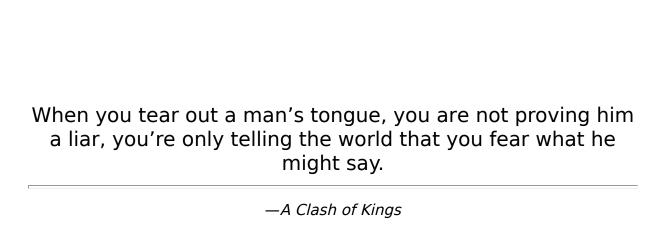


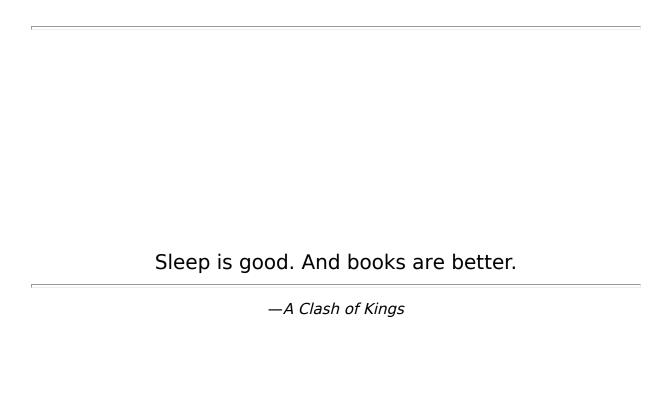
On the Power of Words

My mind is my weapon. My brother has his sword, King Robert has his warhammer, and I have my mind ... and a mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone if it is to keep its edge.

—A Game of Thrones



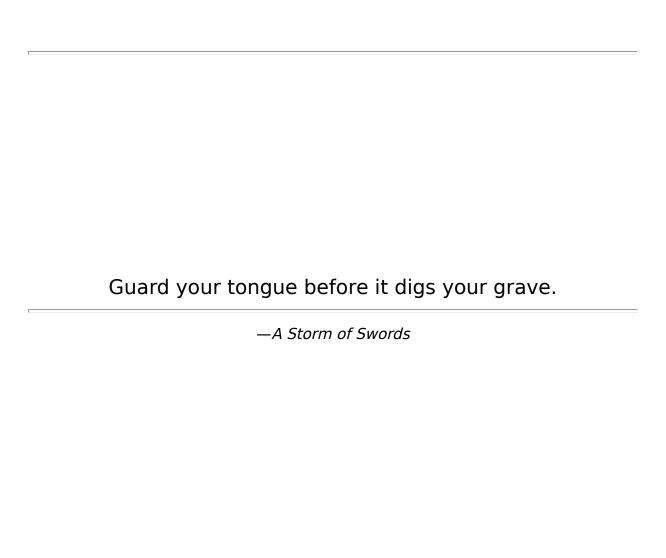


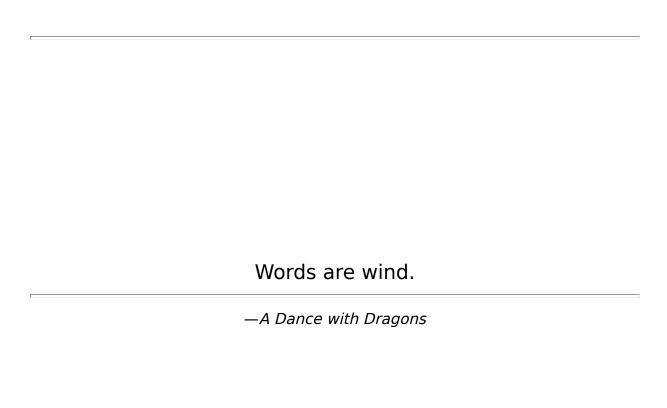




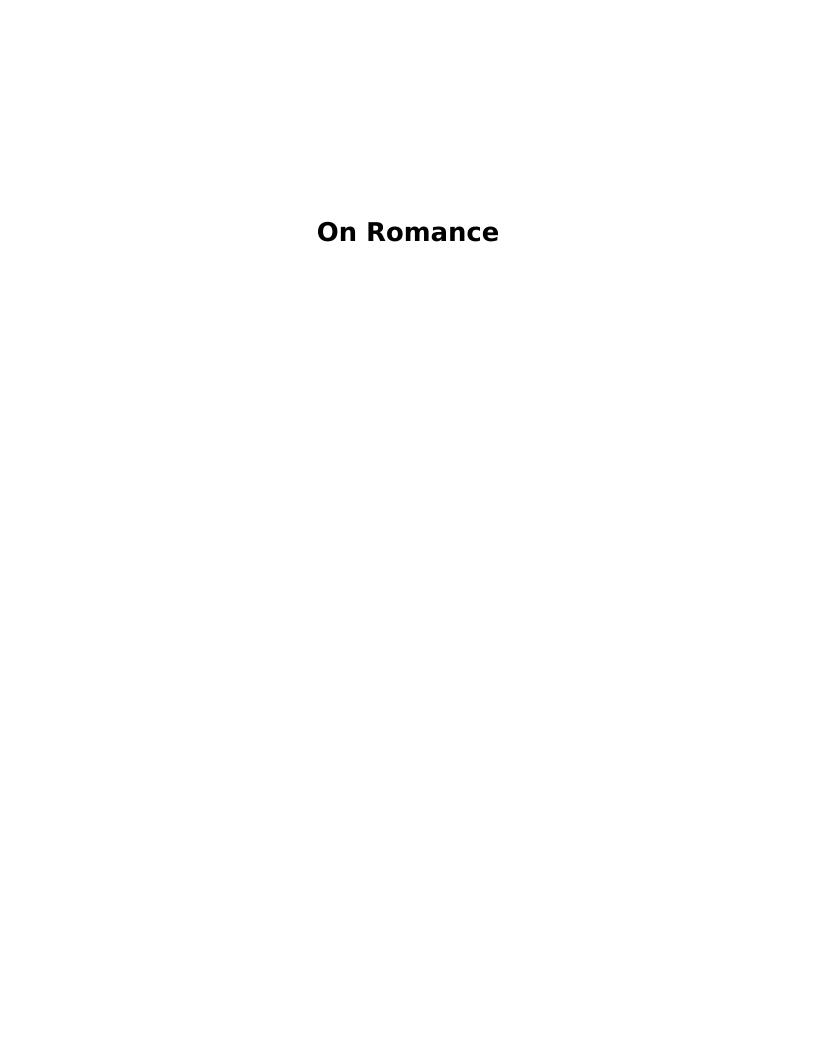
Let them see that their words can cut you, and you'll never be free of the mockery. If they want to give you a name, take it, make it your own. Then they can't hurt you with it anymore.

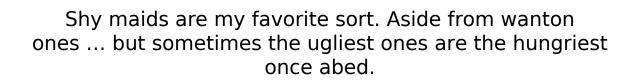
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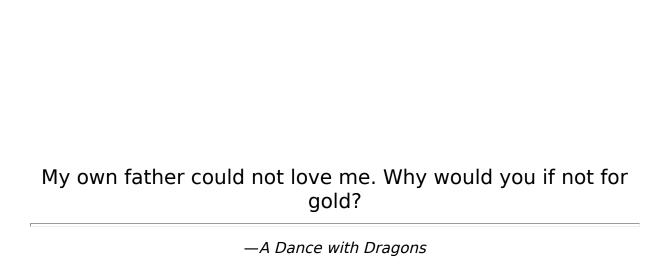


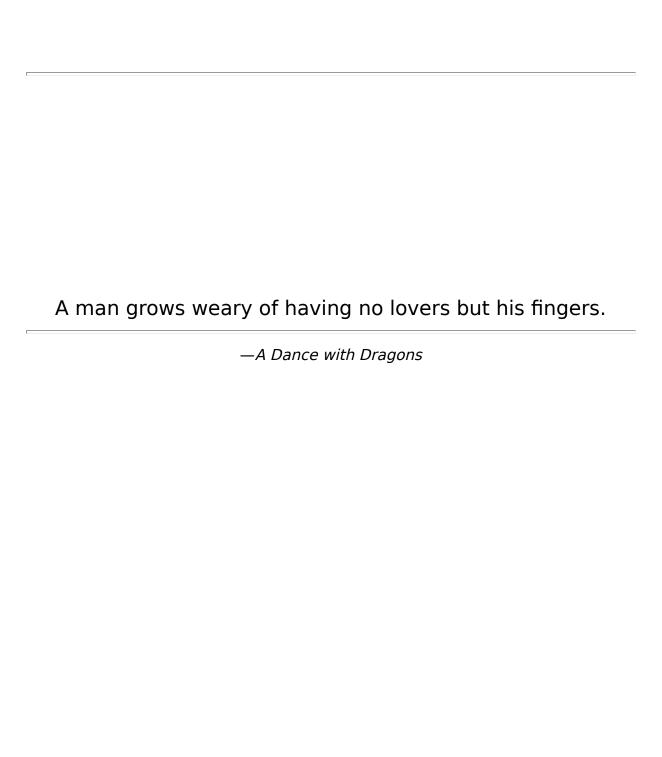




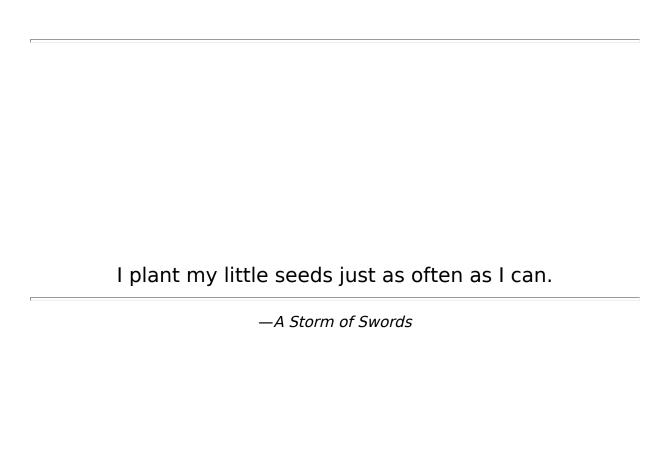


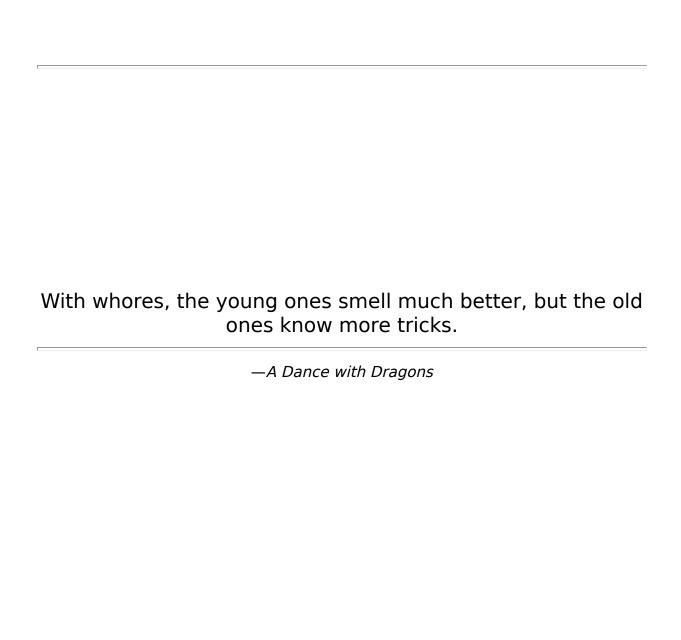


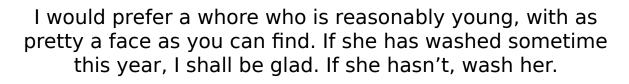




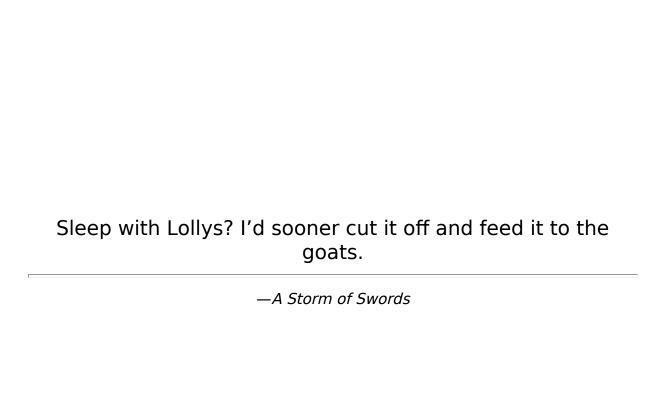


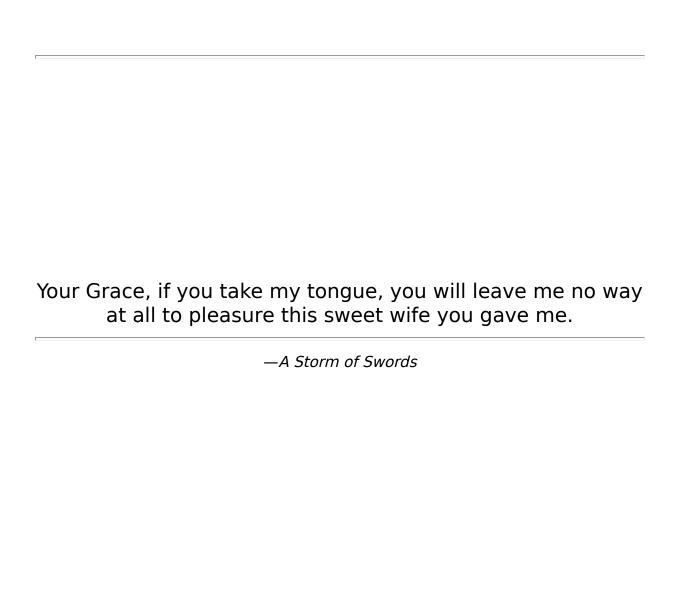


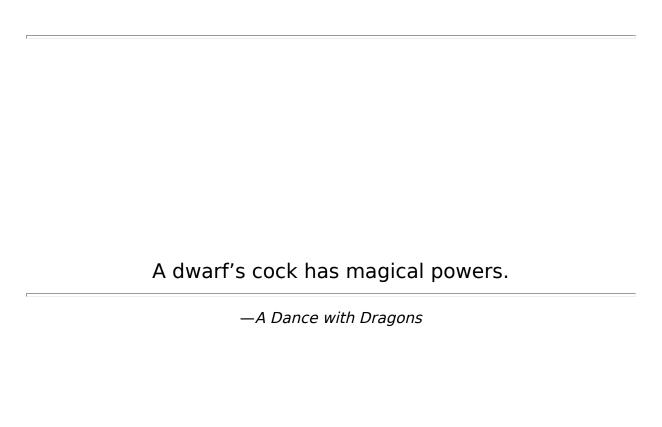




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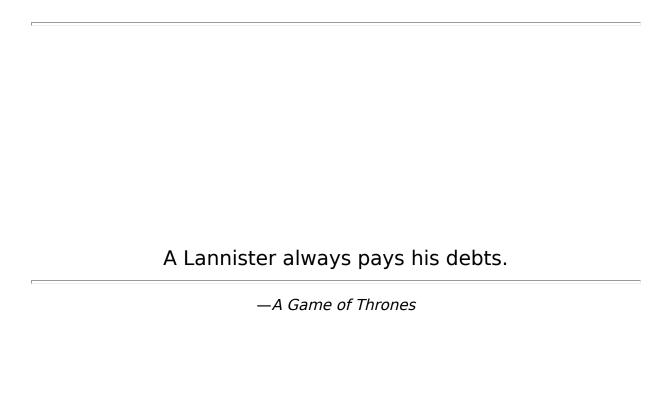




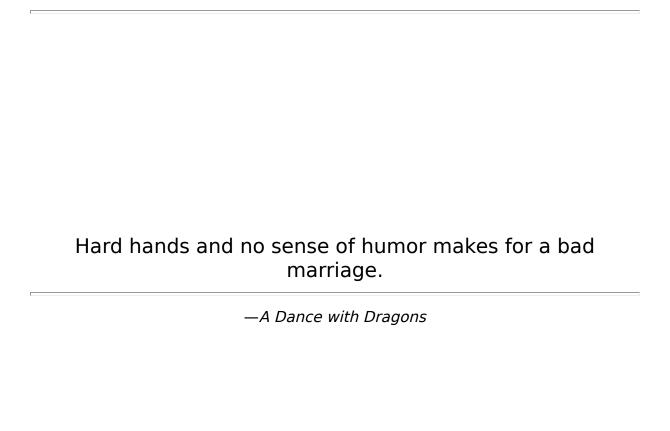


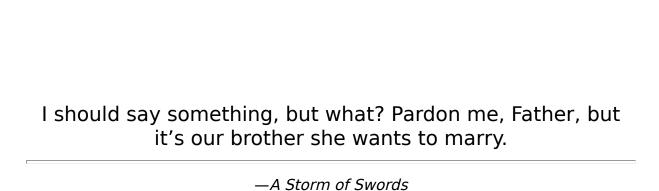


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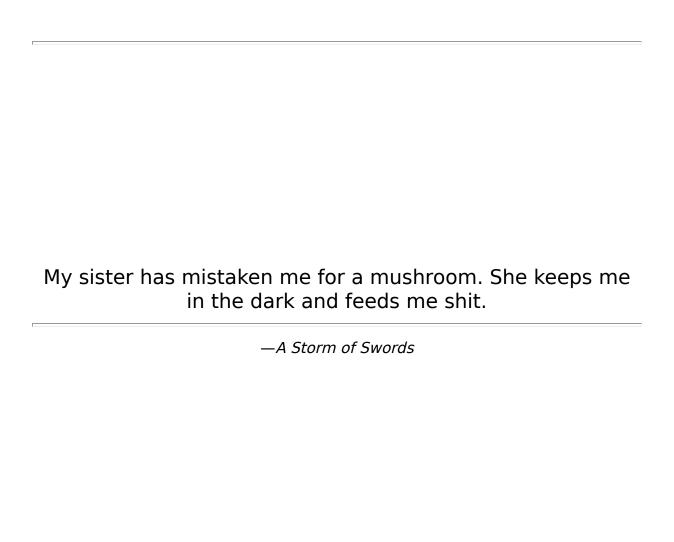


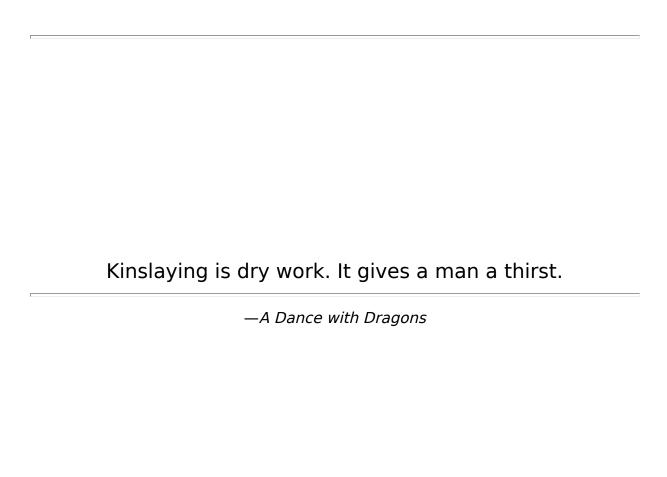


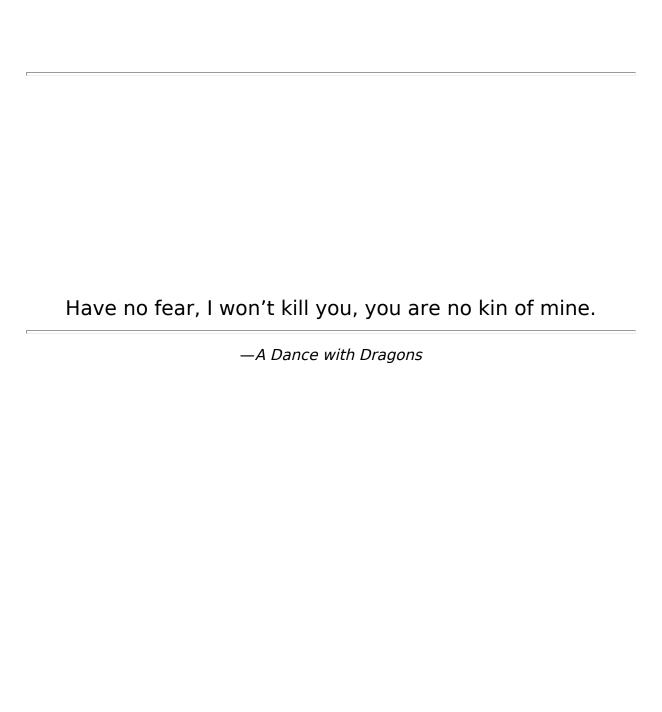


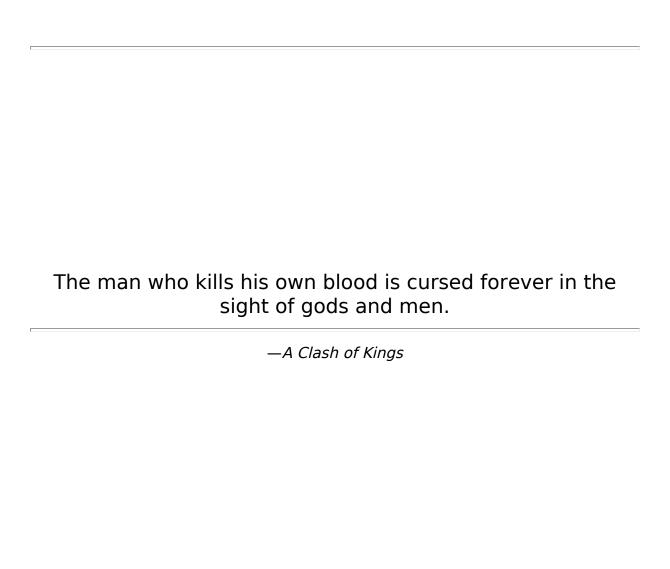


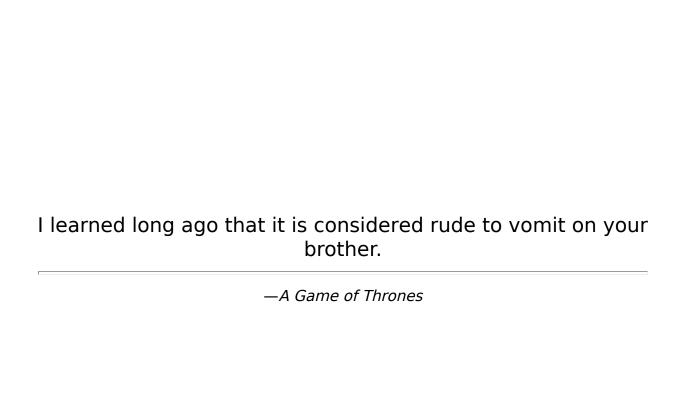


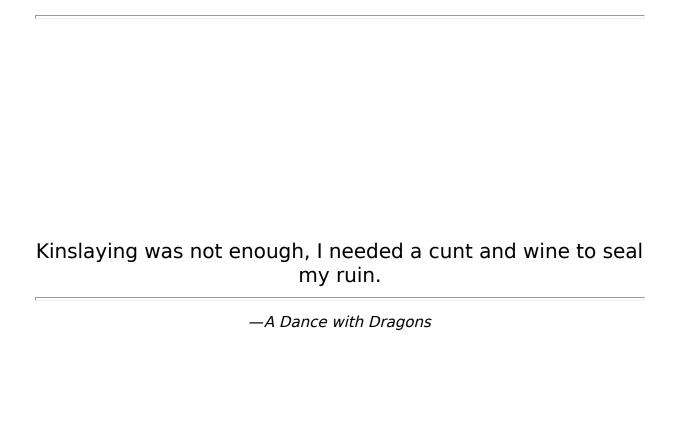












I have never liked you, Cersei, but you were my own sister, so I never did you harm. You've ended that. I will hurt you for this. I don't know how yet, but give me time. A day will come when you think you are safe and happy, and suddenly your joy will turn to ashes in your mouth, and you'll know the debt is paid.

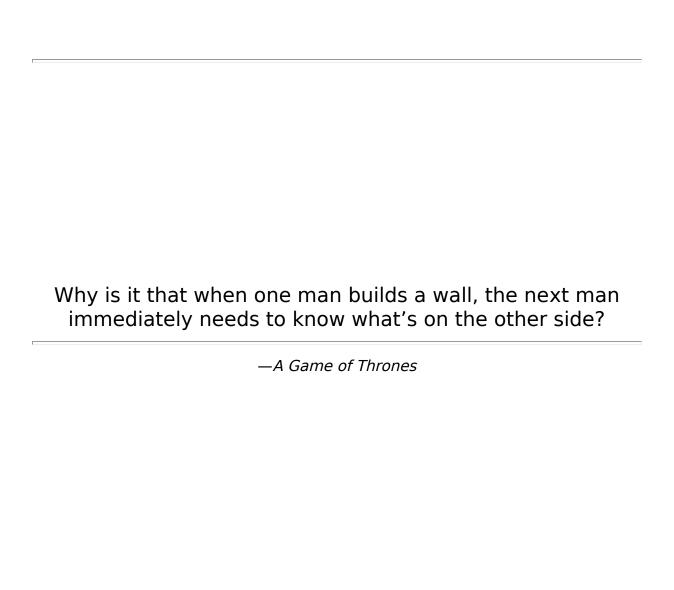
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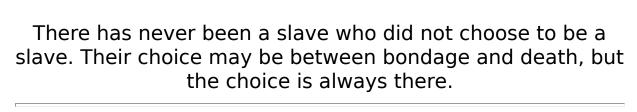
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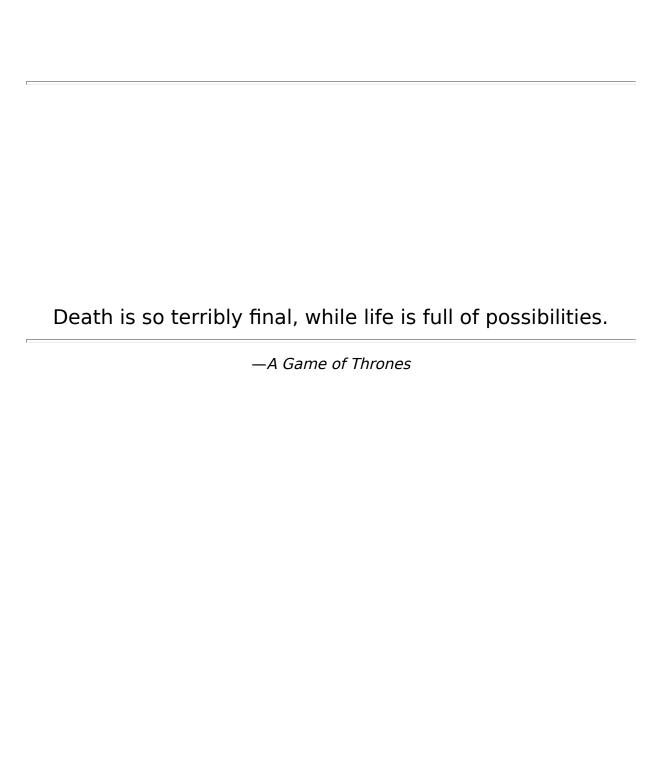
The gods are blind. And men see only what they wish.

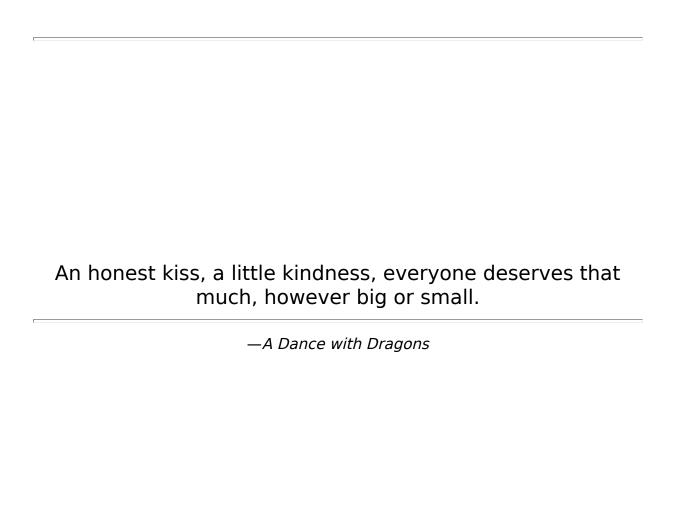


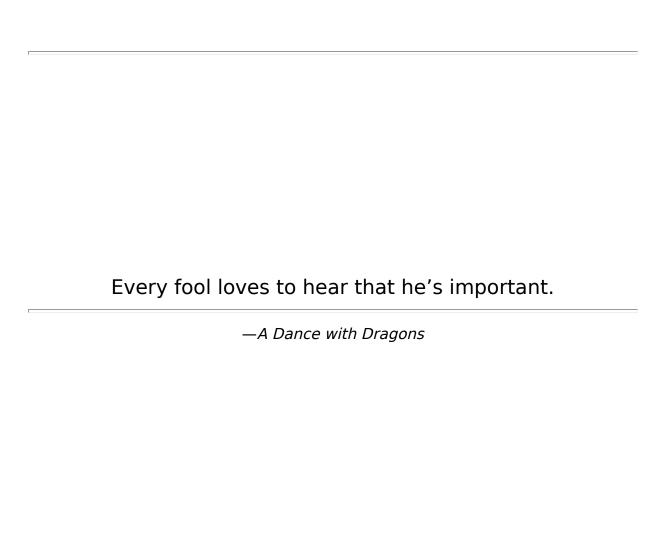


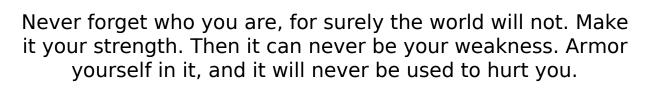
I think life is a jape. Yours, mine, everyone's.



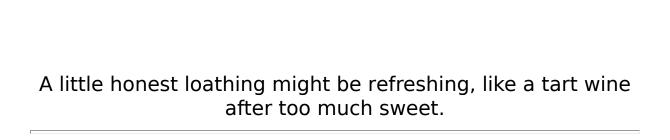






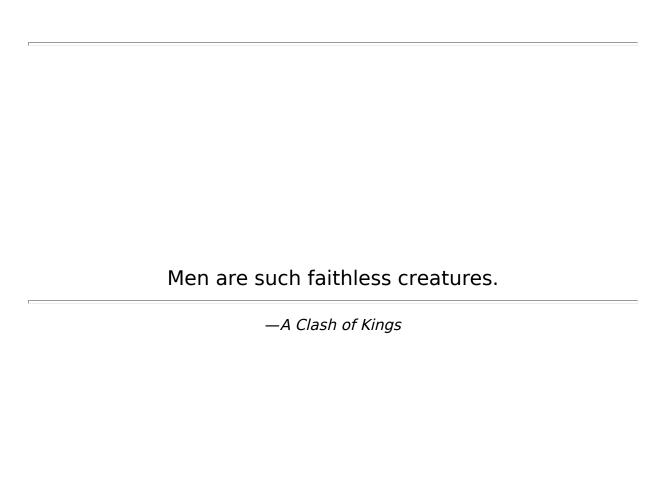


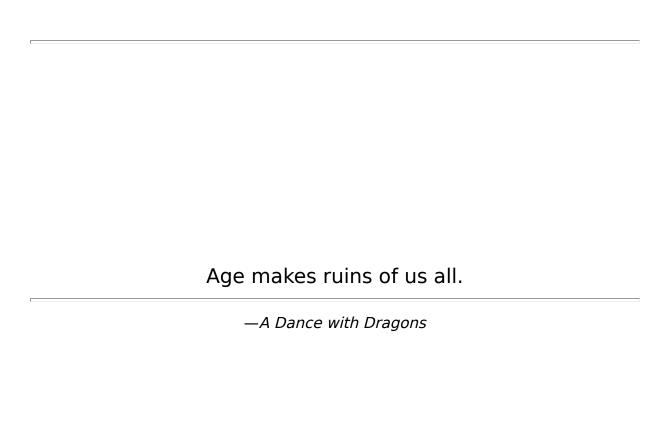
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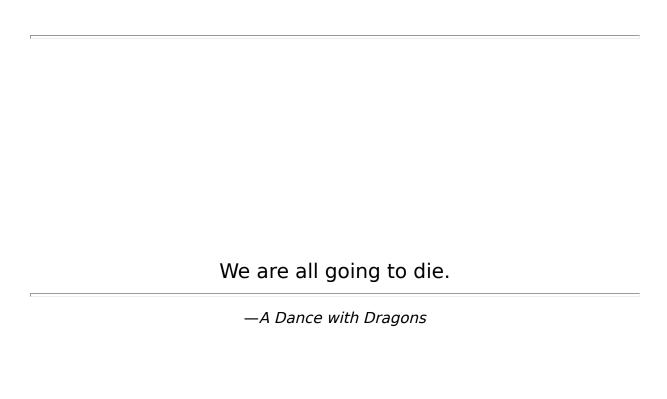


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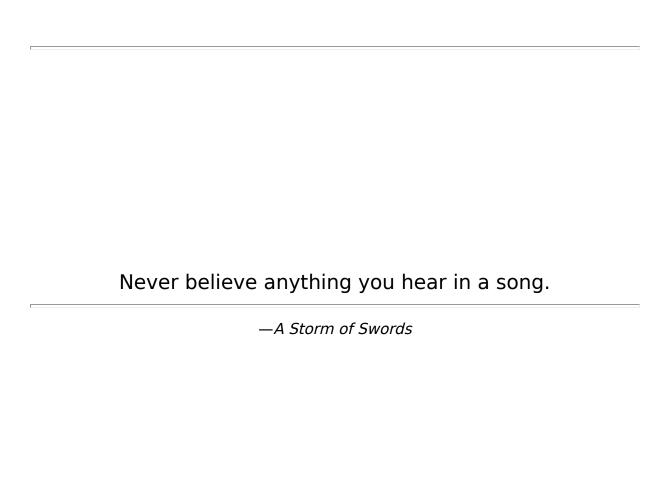




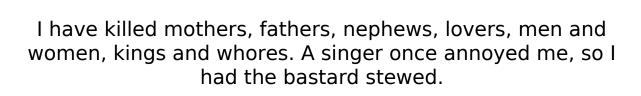




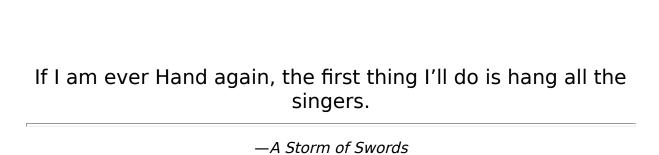
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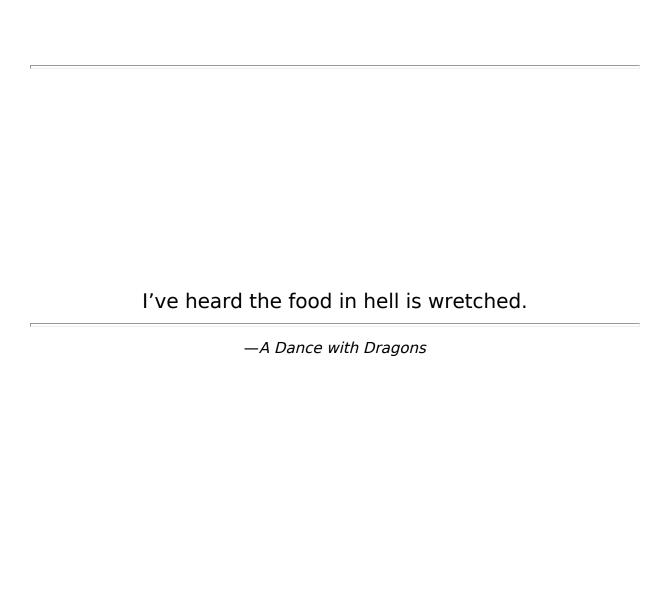


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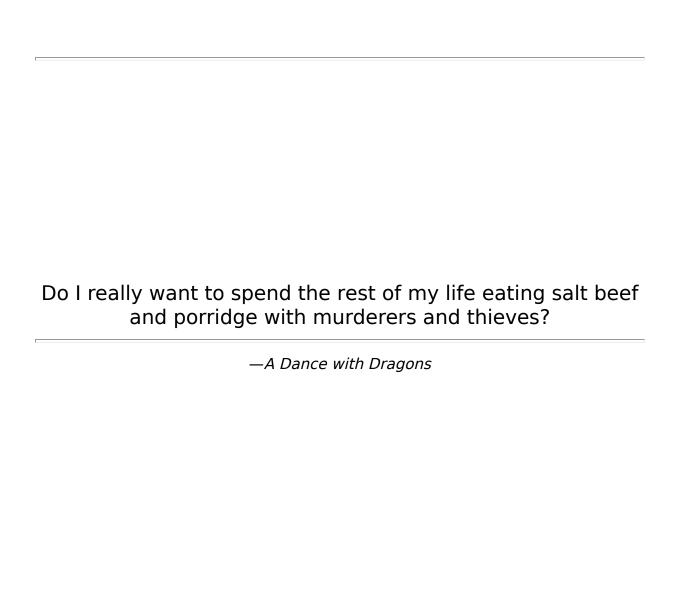
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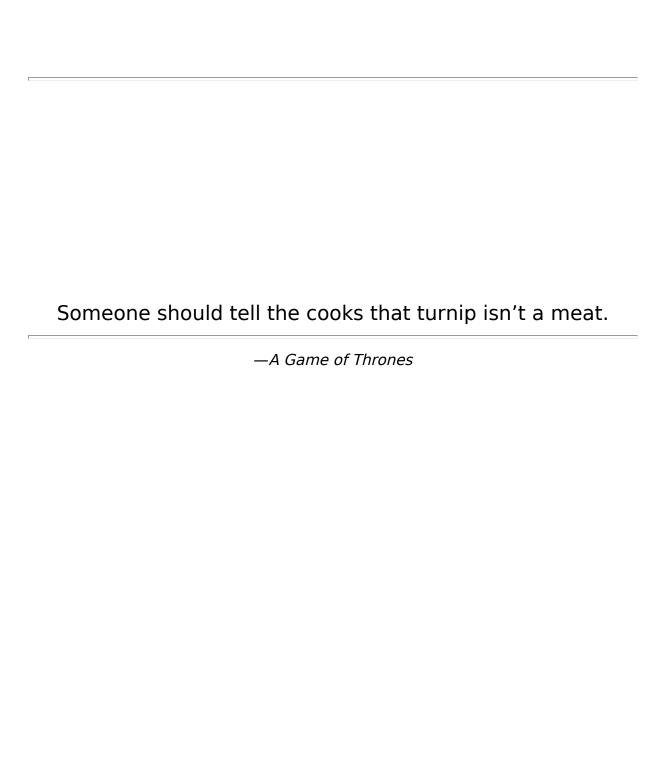


I am not fond of eating horse. Particularly *my* horse. —A Game of Thrones





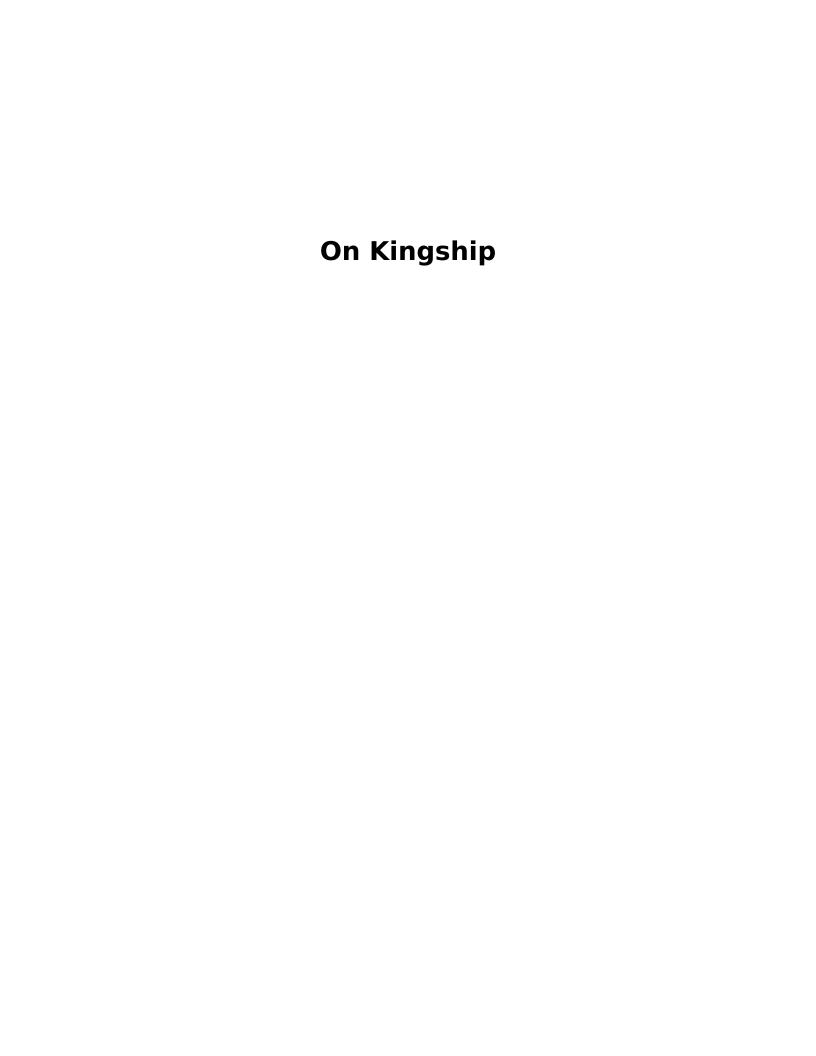




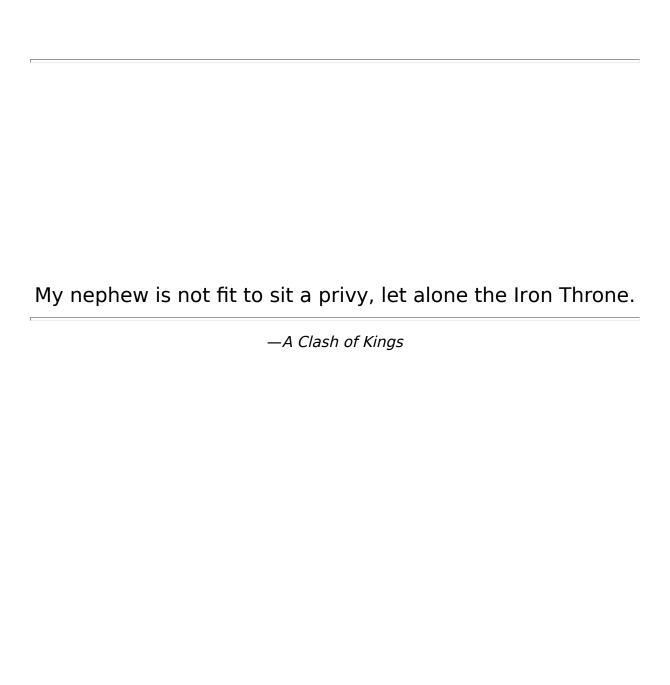
If I drink enough fire wine perhaps I'll dream of dragons.

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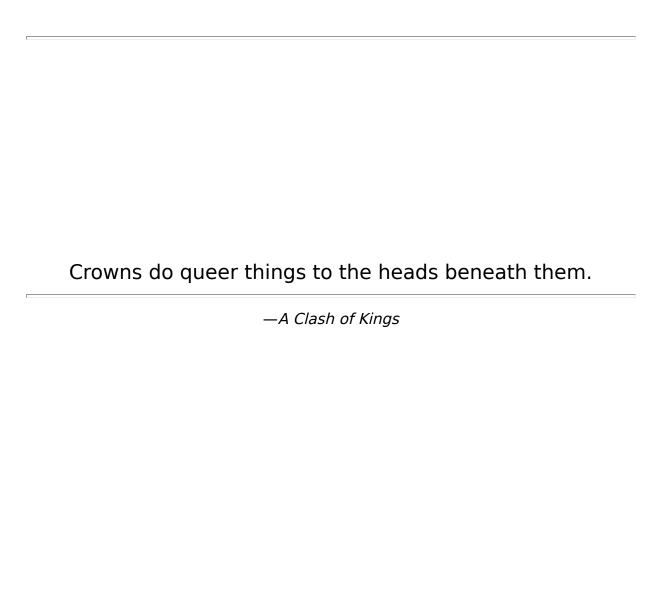








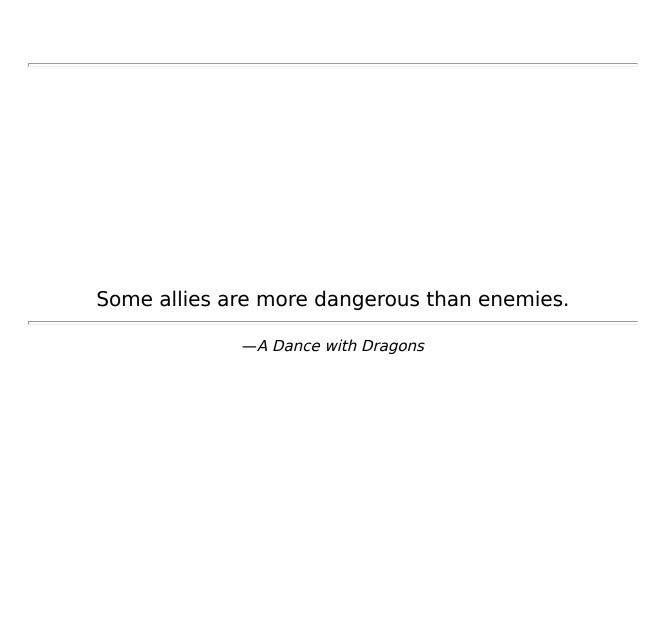


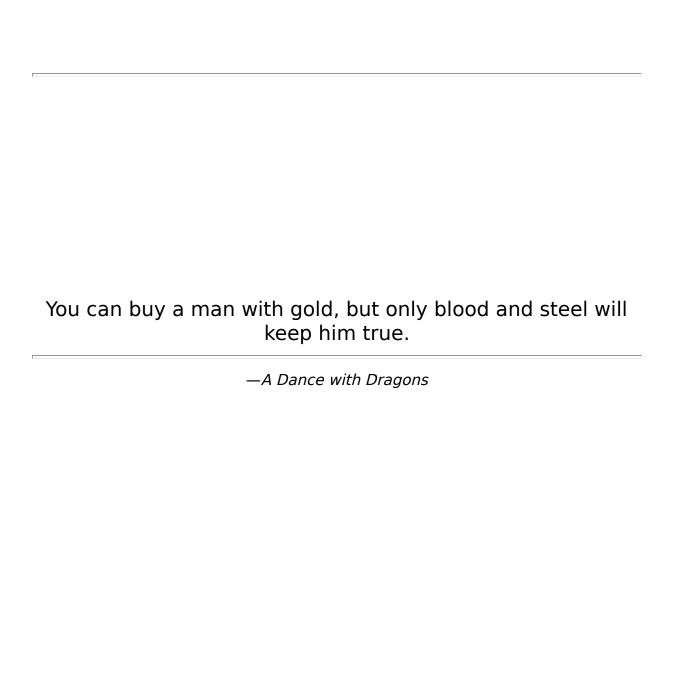


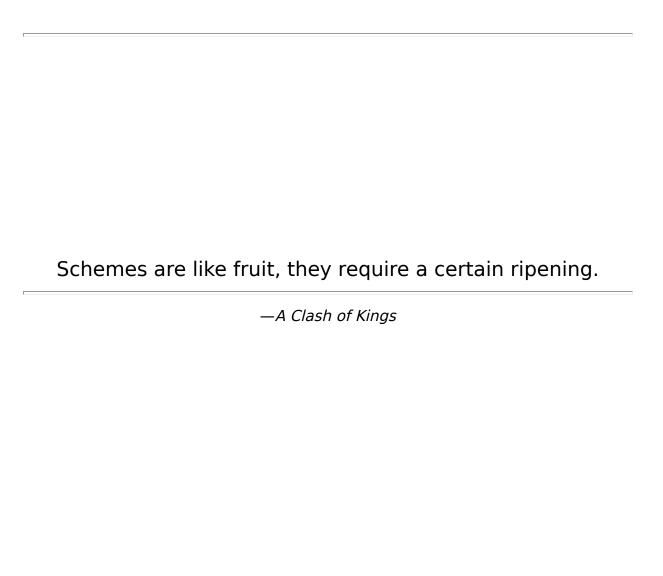


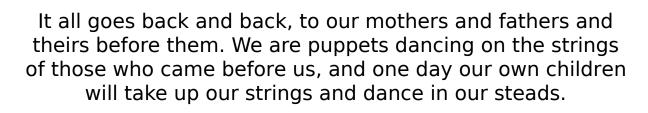


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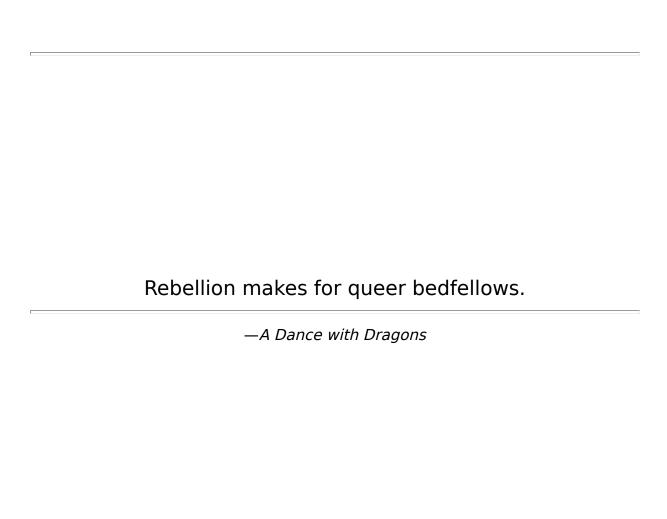


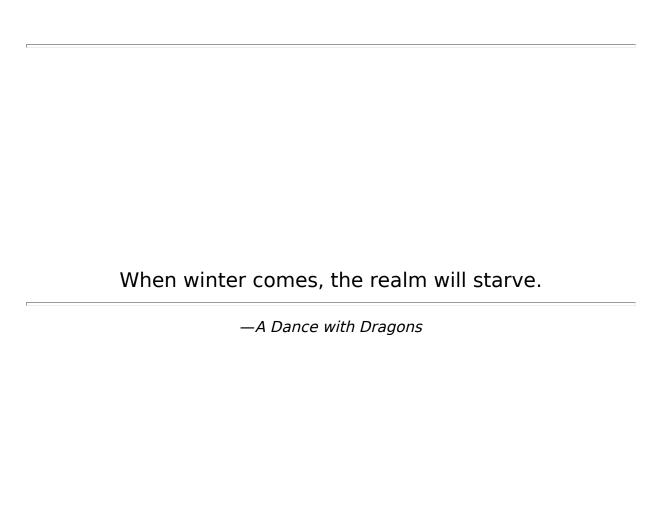






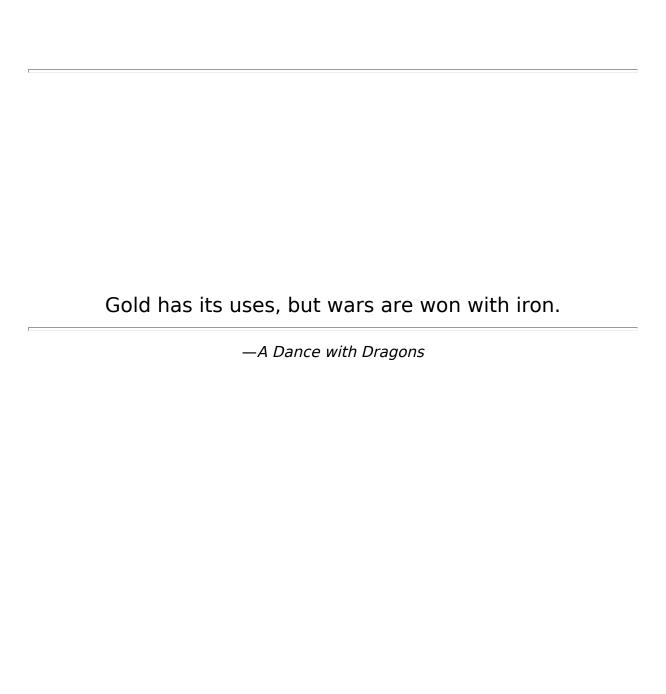
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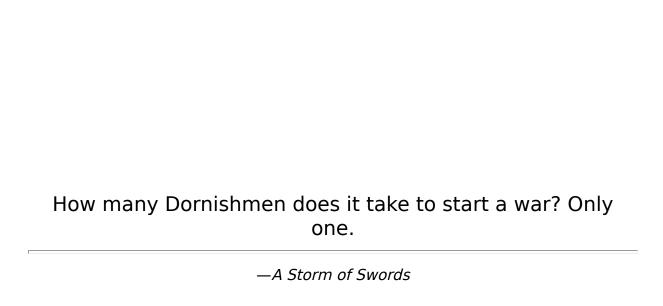


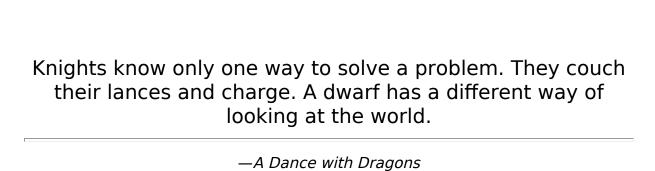


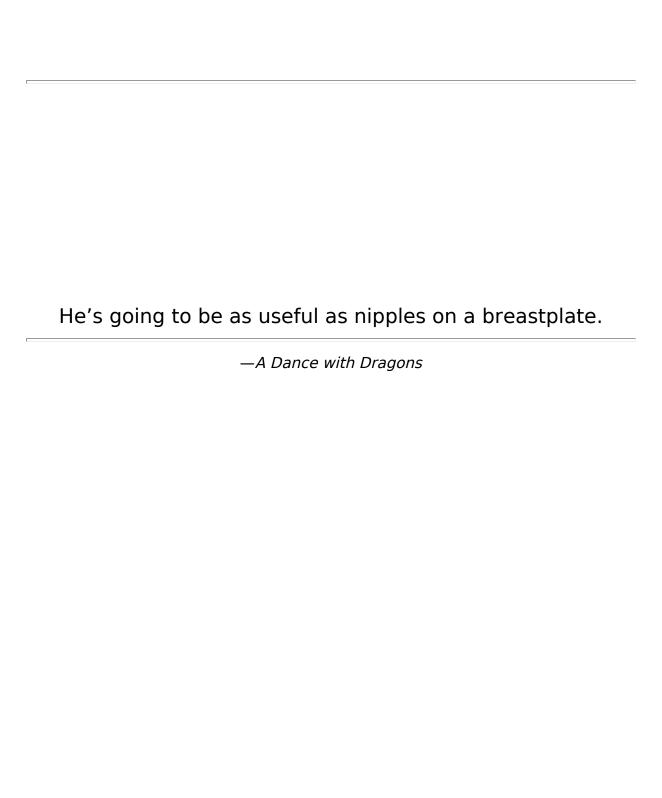


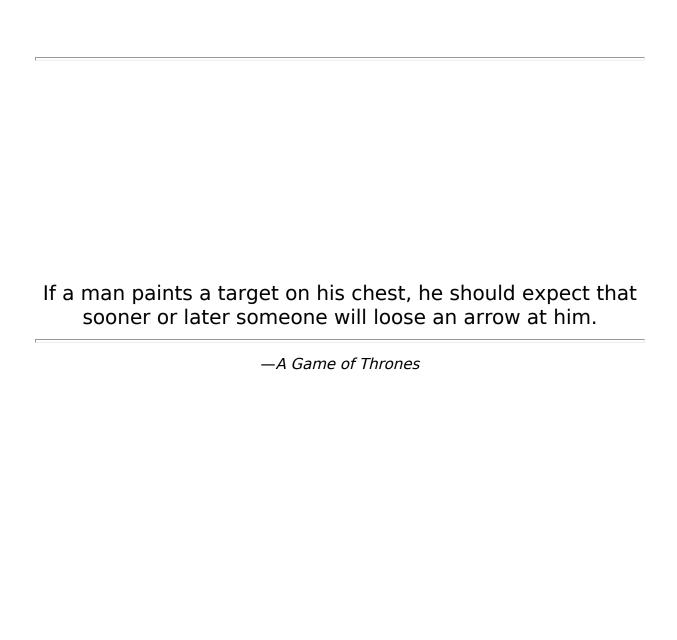
I sit a chair better than a horse, and I'd sooner hold a wine goblet than a battle-axe. All that about the thunder of the drums, sunlight flashing on armor, magnificent destriers snorting and prancing? Well, the drums gave me headaches, the sunlight flashing on my armor cooked me up like a harvest day goose, and those magnificent destriers shit everywhere.

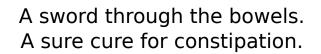
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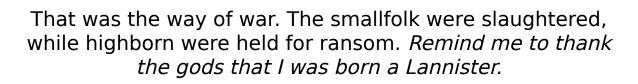








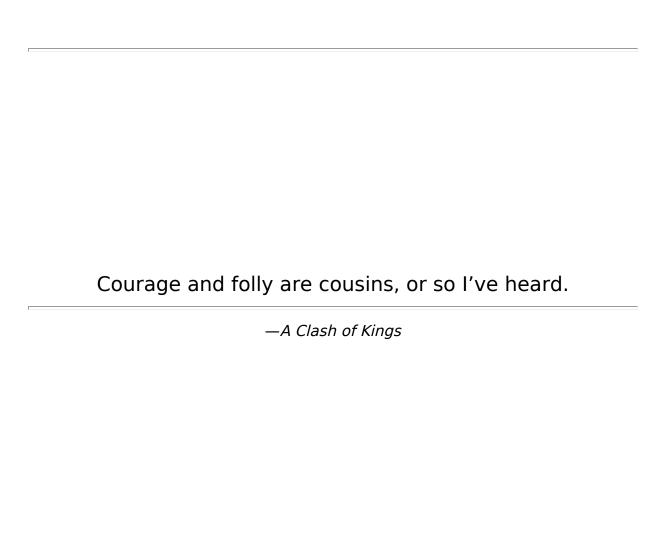


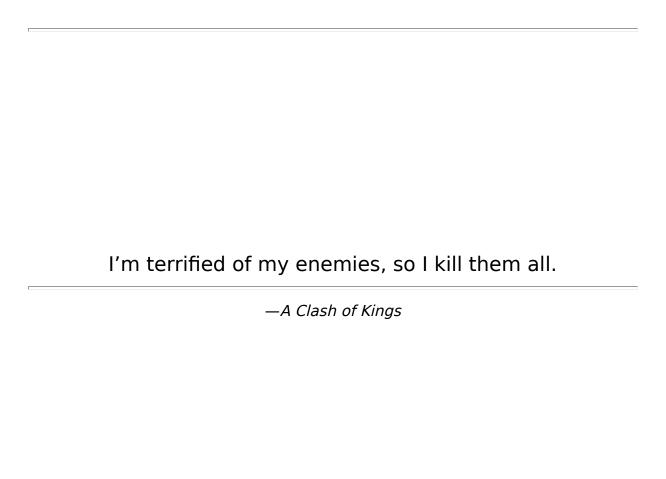


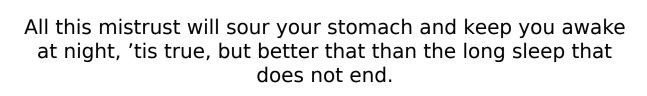
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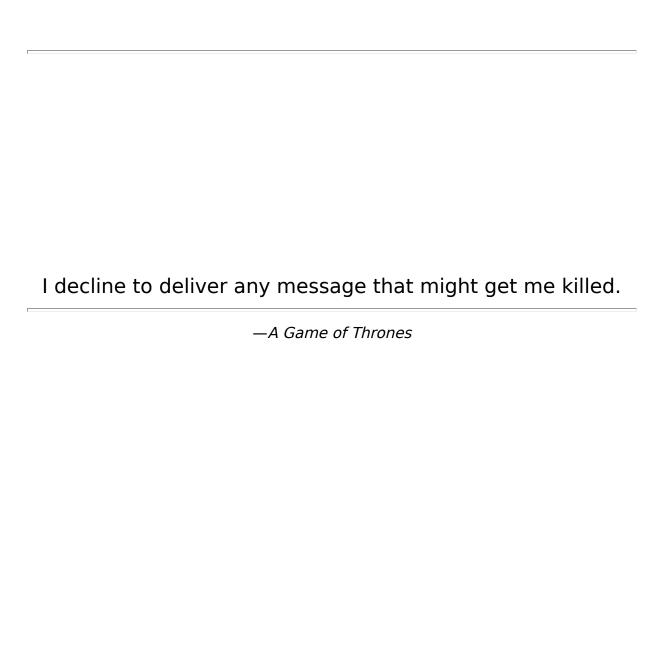


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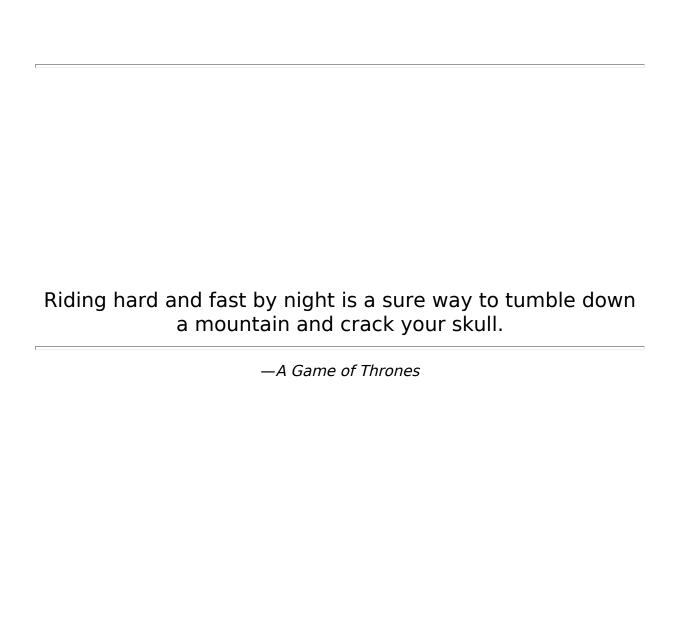






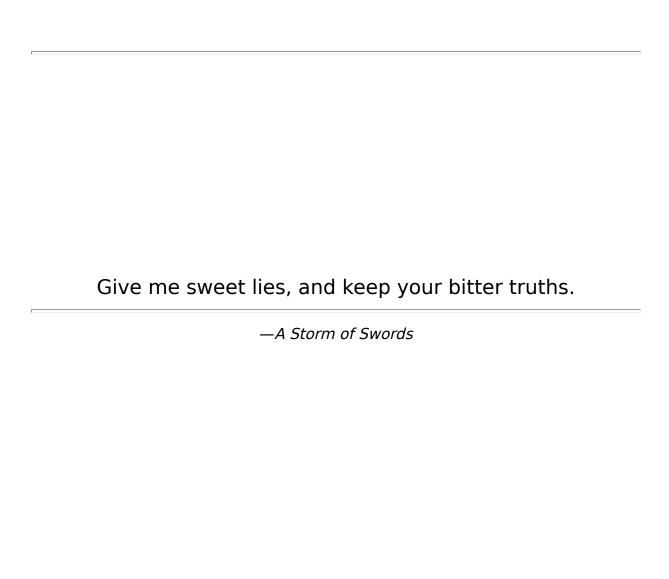


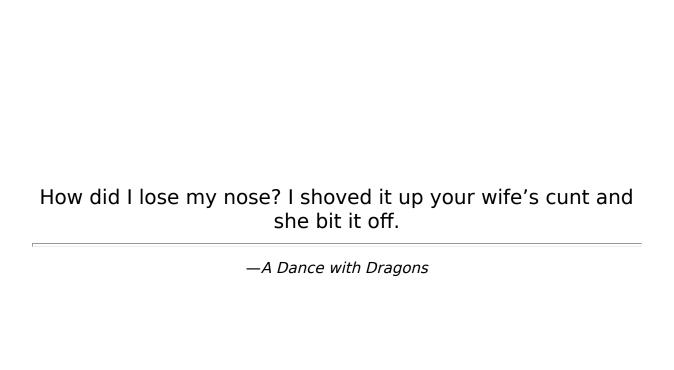


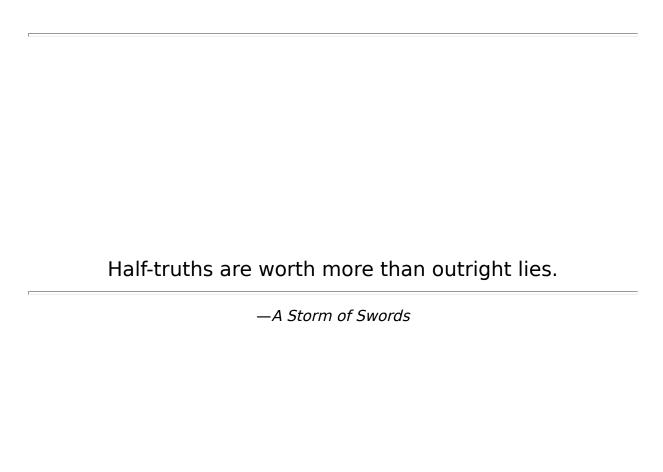


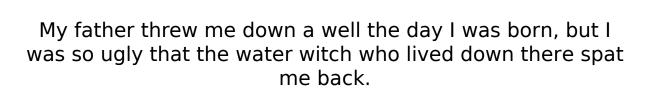


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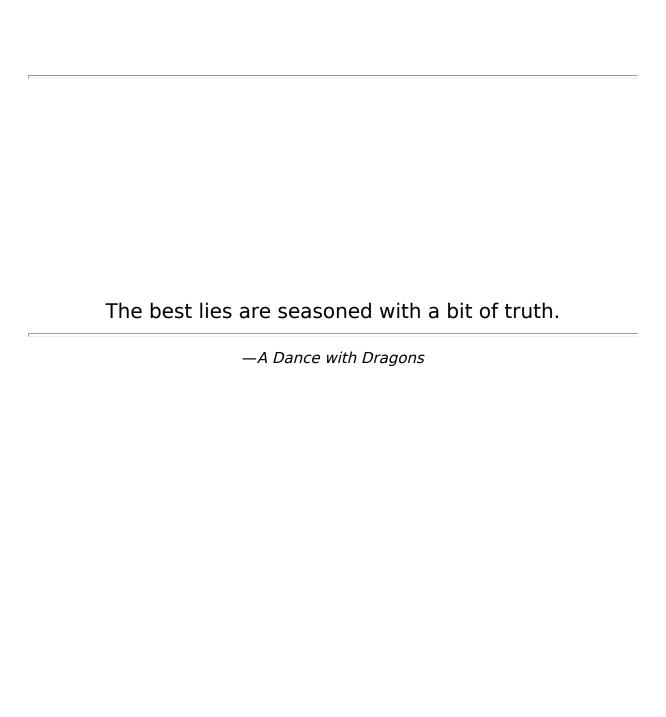






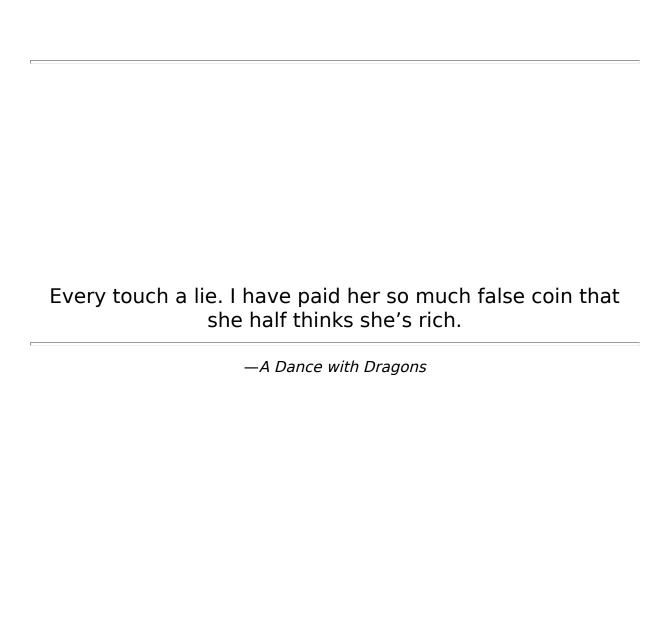


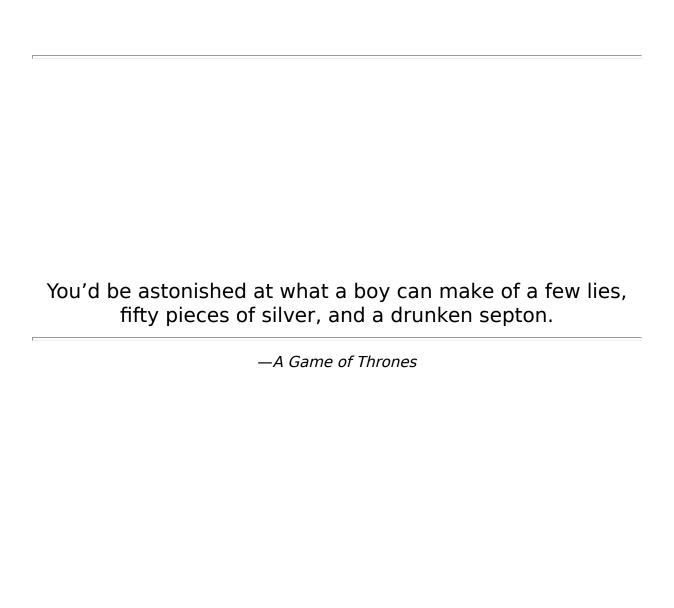




My mother loved me best of all her children because I was so small. She nursed me at her breast till I was seven. That made my brothers jealous, so they stuffed me in a sack and sold me to a mummer's troupe. When I tried to run off the master mummer cut off half my nose, so I had no choice but to go with them and learn to be amusing.

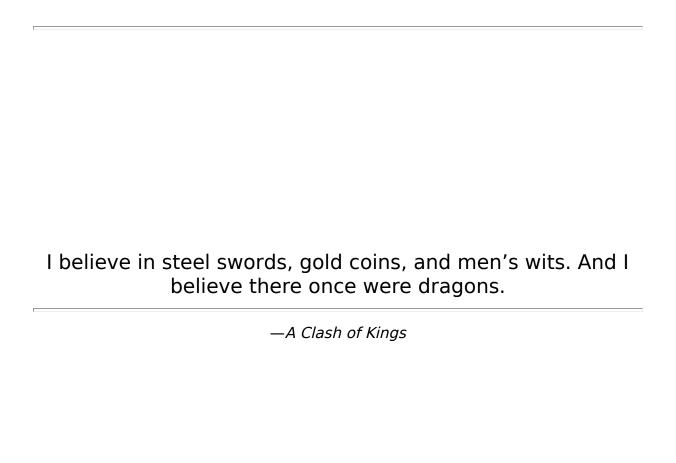
The sow I ride is actually my sister. We have the same nose, could you tell? A wizard cast a spell on her, but if you give her a big wet kiss, she'll turn into a beautiful woman. The pity is, once you get to know her, you'll want to kiss her again to turn her back.



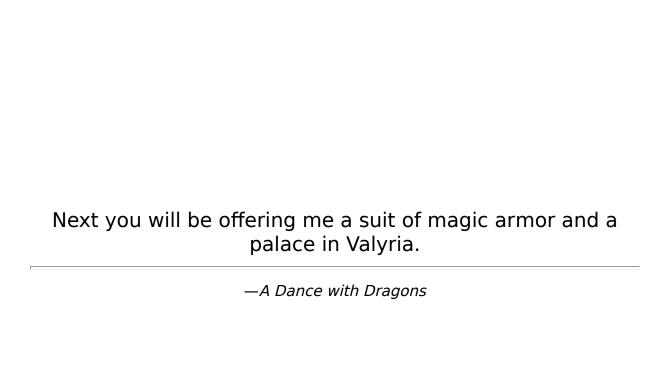


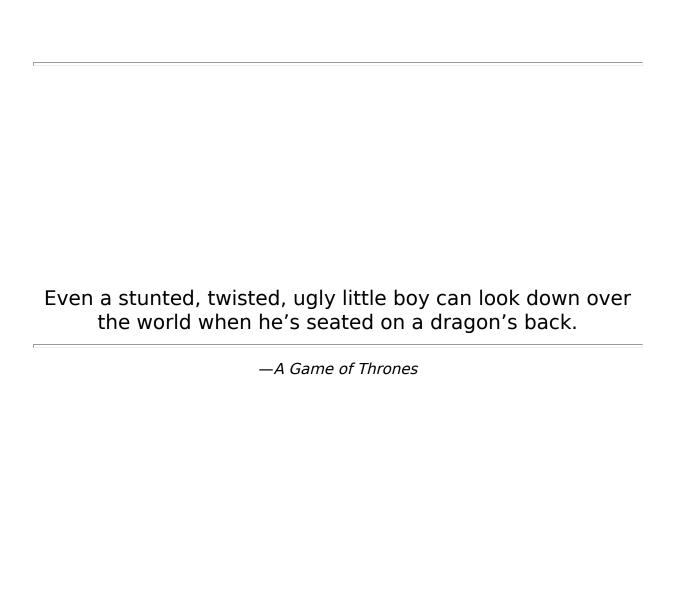


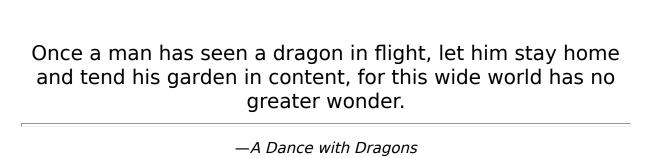
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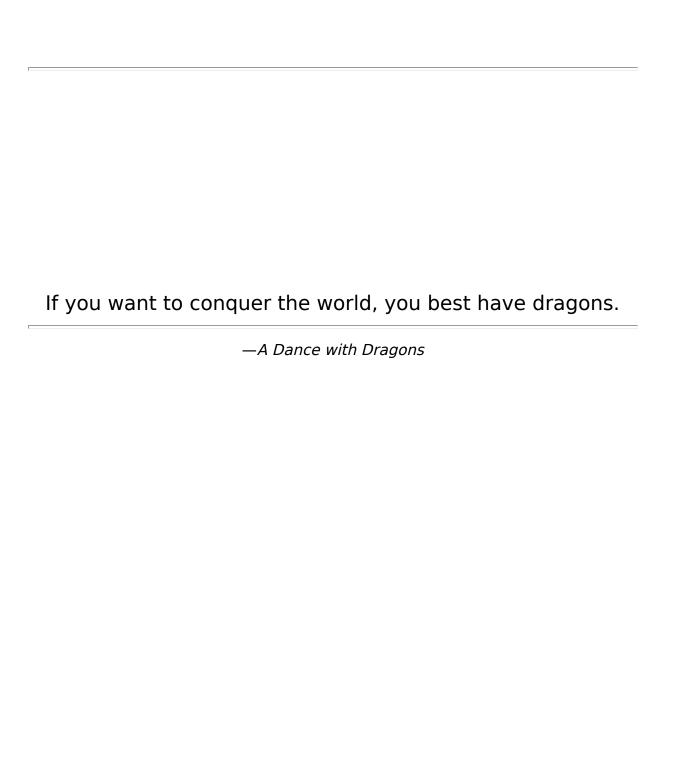


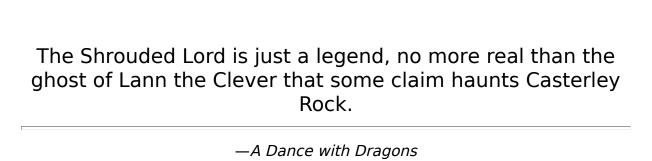
What if we should find that this talk of dragons was just some sailor's drunken fancy? This wide world is full of such mad tales. Grumkins and snarks, ghosts and ghouls, mermaids, rock goblins, winged horses, winged pigs, winged lions.

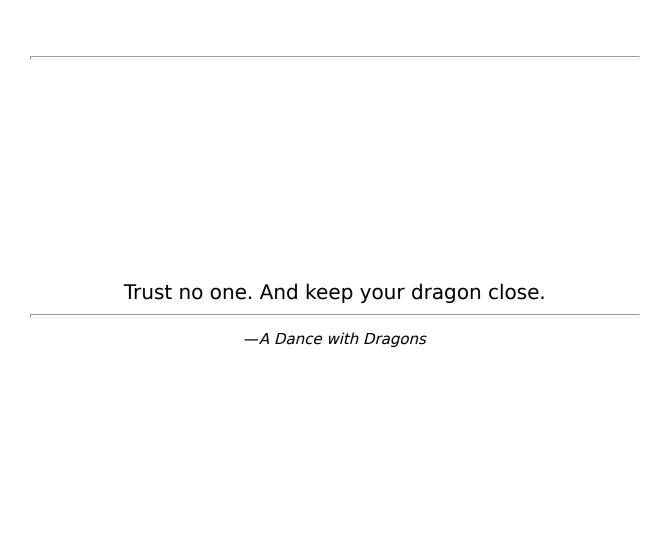




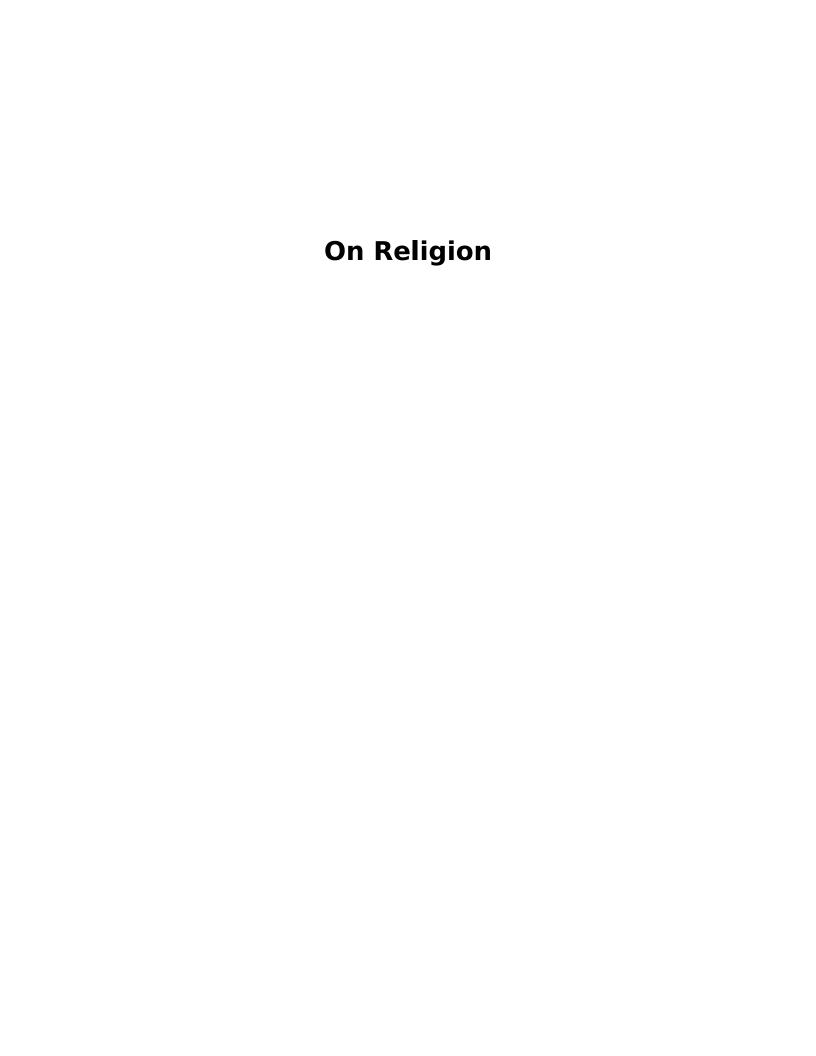


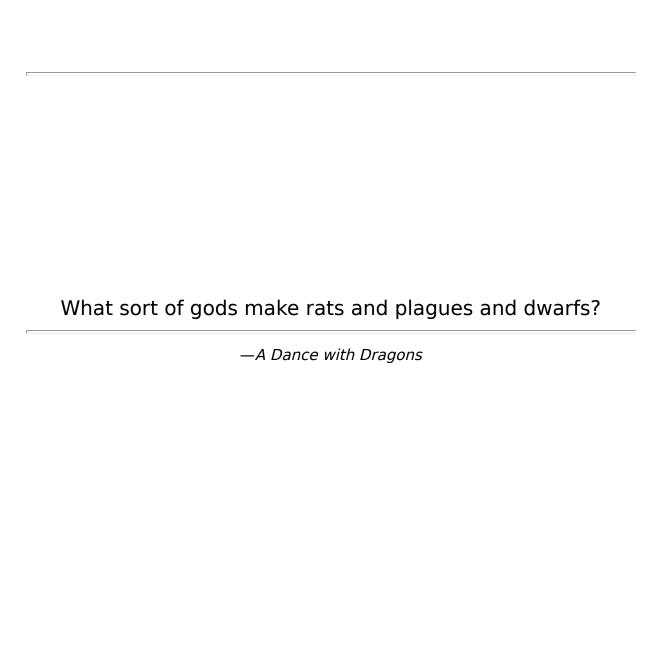


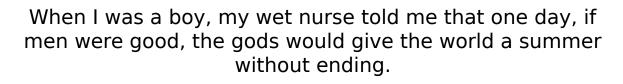




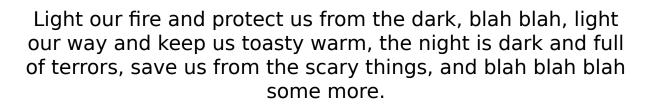




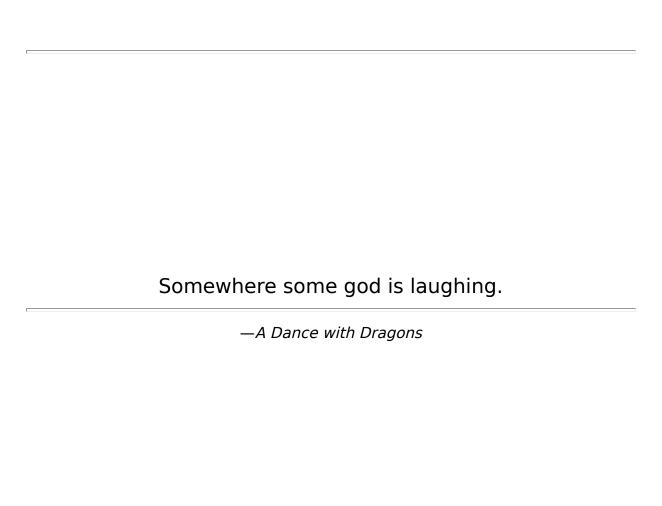


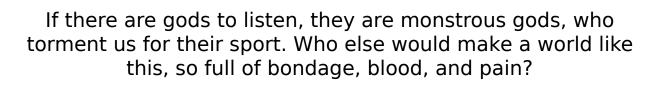


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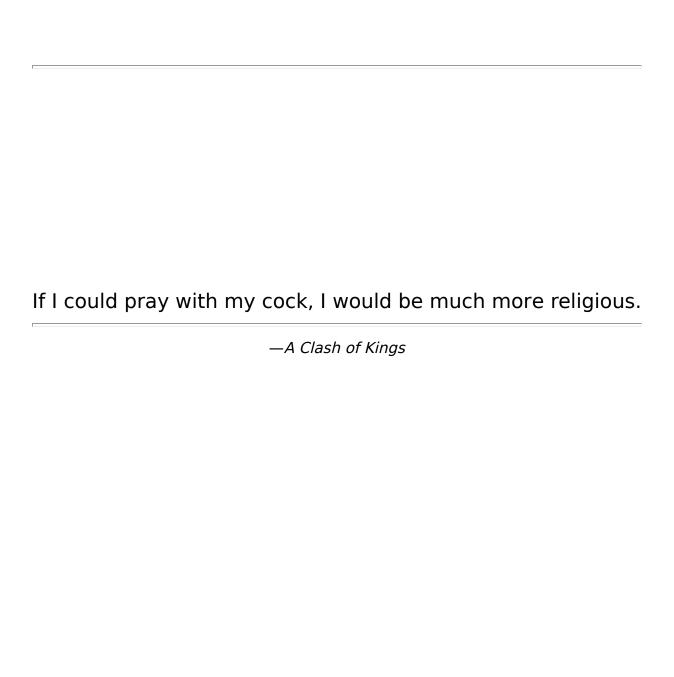
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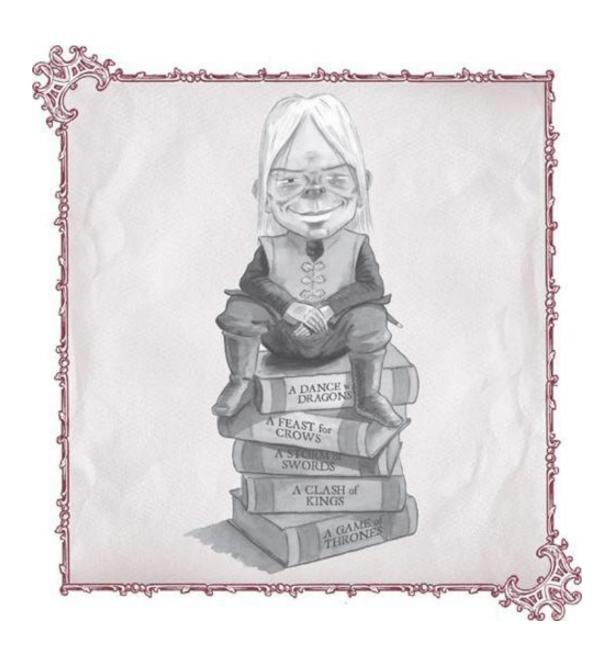




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