



King Lear / Quotations



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Read the following quotations, then answer the questions:

1) 'I love you as much as a daughter should love her father, no more, no less.'

1. Who is the speaker?

Cordelia

2. Who is the addressee?

King Lear

3. When were these words spoken?

When Lear asked his daughters to say how much they loved him.

4. How did the addressee feel towards these words? Why?

He felt angry and shocked because he expected more words of love from Cordelia.

5. What happened to the speaker as a result of saying these words?

Lear deprived her from her share of the land and gave it to her sisters./ he said that she is no longer his daughter.

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Read the following quotations, then answer the questions:

'Oh, madam my heart is cracked.'

1. Who said this? To whom?

Gloucester to Regan.

2. What is meant by 'cracked'?

Very sad/ broken.

3. Why was his heart cracked?

Because he thought that his son Edgar wanted to kill him.

4. Whom did the addressee blame the suffering of the speaker?

Regan blamed Lear and his knights.

5. Who betrayed the speaker?

His son Edmund.

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Read the following quotations, then answer the questions:

'Blow winds and crack your cheeks.'

1. Who said this? To whom?

Lear to the storm.

2. What happened to the speaker? Why?

He went mad because he gave everything to his daughters and they treated him badly.

3. Why did he go out in the storm?

Because his daughters refused to give shelter to him and his knights

4. Why does he say this?

He feels that the violence of the wind and the rain all around him was like the violence of his own feelings.

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Read the following quotations, then answer the questions:

1) "People like flies and the gods like cruel boys, they torment and kill us for fun."

1. Who said this? To whom?

Gloucester to himself.

2. When did he say that?

When he felt guilty when he wronged Edgar and wished to see him.

2) "He reminded me of my poor son Edgar "

1. Who said?

Gloucester.

2. To whom?

To himself

3. Why? **because he took care of him and he recognized that Edgar is innocent.**

3) "You are not worth the dust which the rude wind blows in your face."

Why did the Duke of Albany say this to his wife Goneril?

Because she has helped Regan and Cornwall to make Lear go mad and to blind Gloucester.

4) ' How I wish I could hold him in my arms again"

1- Who is talking? To whom ?

Gloucester is talking to himself

2- To whom does " him" refer?

Edgar

5) " The poor and powerless are always the ones who are punished for their crimes, while the rich and powerful do the same things but are not punished."

** **King Lear** when he was in the storm out of his mind

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Read the following quotations, then answer the questions:

" Come, let's away to prison, we two will sing like birds in the cage."

1. Who said this? To whom?

Lear to Cordelia.

2. Why did he say that?

Because he and Cordelia were in prison and he tried to be funny to make Cordelia feel happy.

**** Who might have said or thought the following? Explain each situation in turn.**

1. "I can't bear to see my poor father like this. How could anyone hurt him like this and treated him so badly?"

Edgar when he saw his father blinded.

Cordelia when she saw her father mad.

2. "Am I finally going mad or am I just confused? How could I have fallen so far and still be alive?"

Gloucester when he thought that he fell off the high cliff and still alive.

3. "I've got to think quickly. How am I going to stop her from getting him now that her husband is dead

Goneril when her sister's husband Cornwall died and now Regan can marry the man she wants !

3. "What? I don't believe this! It means that that terrible woman is trying to get my brother to kill her husband. This is really, really bad!"

Edgar when he read Goneril's letter to Edmund and asked him in her letter to kill her husband so that she could marry him.

5. "At last! My father! But has he really gone completely mad? I'll ask my doctor to give him medicine that may perhaps help him."

Cordelia when she became with her father who is mad now and she asked her doctor to treat him.

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