

ASURA: Tale Of The Vanquished

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“Big, dark, hairy rats. They conquer the battlefields after foolish men have finished ”

loc 110-111 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:06:44 PM

“Big, dark, hairy rats. They conquer the battlefields after foolish men have finished their business of killing each other. ”

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“My capital, Trikota, was the greatest city in the world. That was before the monkey-man came and set it on fire. Trikota burned for days. Shops, homes, palaces, men, women, and babies, everything burned. ”

loc 118-119 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:38:16 PM

“Father wasn’t a bad man, really. He was like any other member of his caste; gloriously self-centered ”

loc 198-198 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:49:50 PM

“But I was a dreamer. And I did not want to just get along in this world. I wanted to own ”

loc 238-239 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:59:13 PM

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loc 238-239 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:59:16 PM

“The moment I started asking why, I was branded a hothead. ”

loc 242-243 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 5:00:45 PM

“for me, God is a very personal thing and prayer needs to be spoken silently in my heart. ”

loc 269-270 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 5:05:28 PM

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loc 278 | Thursday, October 20, 2022 5:24:14 PM

““Anger is the lowest emotion. ”

loc 480-481 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:46:05 PM

“The next base emotion is Pride. Arrogance stems from pride and kills clear thinking and vision ”

loc 482-483 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:46:10 PM

“Love is a chain that ties you to the millstone of make-belief. ”

loc 494-495 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:48:12 PM

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“A warrior should focus on victory and victory alone. That should be your only Dharma ”

loc 495-495 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:48:27 PM

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“The education you received is the ultimate sacrifice, your tapsya. ”

loc 510-510 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:50:44 PM

“control your ambition. ”

loc 497-498 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:51:02 PM

“The only thing worth preserving is your mind. ”

loc 500-500 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:51:07 PM

“The only thing worth preserving is your ”

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“before you act. The ”

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“The only thing worth preserving is your mind. ”

loc 500-500 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:51:19 PM

“Happiness and sadness are just two eternal truths like day and night. A man of superior intellect is never affected by these emotions. ”

loc 485-486 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:52:01 PM

“Equanimity is not only desirable in a warrior, but a must. ”

loc 487-487 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:52:10 PM

“Fear is not an emotion, it is a disease ”

loc 488-488 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:52:13 PM

“Nothing is more condemnable than selfishness ”

loc 491-491 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:52:22 PM

“whichever way one looks at it, the word you is prominent ”

loc 550-551 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:59:39 PM

“I am willing to risk being known as the most selfish man in the world, rather than dying unknown as a selfless non-entity.” ”

loc 552-552 | Friday, October 21, 2022 12:59:48 PM

“Without love, without the king of emotions, nothing exists ”

loc 554-555 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:01:24 PM

“I shall always love the things I have told you about. But yes, I shall love myself above them ”

loc 560-561 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:03:15 PM

“I shall always love the things I have told you about. But yes, I shall love myself above them all ”

loc 560-561 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:03:18 PM

“Without me, nothing which is lovable has any meaning to me ”

loc 561-561 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:03:22 PM

“Ambition is the horse that pulls our lives forward. ”

loc 564-564 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:04:18 PM

“history teaches us that without any of the other emotions, it is just an empty skeleton. ”

loc 572-573 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:05:36 PM

“it was not the maharishis or sages who built civilizations but extraordinary men, who never controlled their emotions, but let them flow in the direction which nature intended. ”

loc 573-574 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:05:54 PM

“I do not believe in a heaven where you will be given all that you purposefully denied yourself in this world. I do not believe in rebirth, when I will be born as a Brahmin if I do good deeds in this life – good in the way the Brahmins describe. ”

loc 579-581 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:06:48 PM

“If being born a Brahmin is the ultimate reward, then I may even refuse to die for fear of being reborn ”

loc 581-582 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:06:56 PM

“But I will live my life to its full and die as a man should. So borrowing from your words, I shall be a man with ten faces – I am Dasamukha.” ”

loc 584-585 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:07:27 PM

“My life begins with me and ends with me. But I will live my life to its full and die as a man should. So borrowing from your words, I shall be a man with ten faces – I am Dasamukha.” A thick silence followed. Brahma stood staring at his bare ”

loc 583-586 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:07:32 PM

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“but Brahma, the original possessor of knowledge, was hailed as the Creator; Vishnu as the Preserver of the system; and ironically Shiva, who

built an empire, and not Indra, who destroyed, was hailed as the Destroyer. They were the three Gods of India – the Trimurti ”

loc 853-855 | Friday, October 21, 2022 1:44:58 PM

“His popularity among the middle classes was always great. The rich did not care who ruled, as long as they were allowed to be rich. The poor could not afford to care and nobody asked their opinion in any case. Only the middle class mattered and any half-witted ruler knows how to pamper them ”

loc 1050-1051 | Saturday, October 22, 2022 5:10:03 AM

“Wars are inevitable, so is cruelty. ”

loc 1146-1146 | Saturday, October 22, 2022 7:33:33 AM

“Vibhishana was someone who constantly researched the right way to live, so much so, that he had forgotten how to live ”

loc 1202-1203 | Sunday, October 23, 2022 4:25:55 AM

“She gave me love and I gave her hatred instead. ”

loc 1571-1571 | Sunday, October 23, 2022 5:11:54 AM

“It was flawless but lacked soul. It ”

loc 1771-1772 | Sunday, October 23, 2022 5:36:20 AM

“It was too perfect to have soul ”

loc 1772-1772 | Sunday, October 23, 2022 5:36:25 AM

“skills. It was a clear winter morning when I was surprised from my ”

loc 1954-1954 | Sunday, October 23, 2022 10:03:12 PM

“Perhaps the power that kingship brings, is just that, the ability to wreck other people’s lives. ”

loc 2094-2094 | Monday, October 24, 2022 6:05:04 AM

“Perhaps Prahastha might have had a theory to explain my new-found fondness for darkness – perhaps the reflection of a dark soul ”

loc 2211-2212 | Monday, October 24, 2022 6:19:26 AM

“no one learns from history. ”

loc 2458-2458 | Monday, October 24, 2022 6:59:47 AM

“no one who I really respected, to tie me down with the ropes of tradition. ”

loc 2604-2604 | Monday, October 24, 2022 7:22:46 AM

“peer pressure is something which even great men find hard to resist ”

loc 2999-2999 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 5:27:24 AM

“long after I was dead. Like most rulers in their middle age, I was ”

loc 3844-3844 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 8:38:46 AM

“I ignored the hate. I ignored the stench. Life was too short for such things ”

loc 3886-3887 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 8:59:34 AM

“One can get used to anything, even ”

loc 3920-3920 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 9:04:46 AM

“embarrassment. One ”

loc 3919-3920 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 9:05:02 AM

“it was the size of the dream and the willingness to act on it ”

loc 4075-4075 | Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:24:23 PM

“Man was not supposed to fly, otherwise Shiva would have given him wings.
So a flying machine was a challenge to God. ”

loc 4210-4211 | Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:27:42 AM

“Men cheat, betray, love, strive, struggle, fail, fall, get up, and repeat the
process to die and vanish forever or be reborn ”

loc 4251-4252 | Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:34:40 AM

“But I had always believed a society could be called civilized only when it
treated its woman and downtrodden people, well ”

loc 4268-4269 | Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:36:53 AM

“the recurring theme was hunger ”

loc 4652-4652 | Thursday, October 27, 2022 10:22:16 PM

“I did not want to die. I wanted to live forever. ”

loc 4664-4664 | Thursday, October 27, 2022 10:25:11 PM

“towering ”

loc 4706-4706 | Thursday, October 27, 2022 10:29:32 PM

“felt the charisma I had lost somewhere in the labyrinths of power, return to
me ”

loc 5177-5178 | Saturday, October 29, 2022 6:27:29 AM

“Violence alone ruled the world. ”

loc 5269-5269 | Saturday, October 29, 2022 6:38:25 AM

““That is a good piece of propaganda, I must admit. Claim that God is with
you, or better, you are God, then anything you do, any adharma you commit,
becomes divine play. ”

loc 5422-5424 | Saturday, October 29, 2022 8:32:24 PM

“when the body count increased, death lost its novelty and heroism became
cheap and commonplace. ”

loc 5512-5513 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 6:49:36 AM

“If women saw the battlefields where foolish men slaughtered each other,
there would have been no wars in this world. ”

loc 5692-5693 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 3:02:13 PM

“when the darkness is so thick that you feel it sticking to your skin ”

loc 5732-5733 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 3:14:55 PM

“Darkness ”

loc 5733 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 3:15:04 PM

“If someone wanted one reason for the downfall of the mighty Asuras, it could be summed up in the word, ”

loc 5761-5762 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 3:34:40 PM

“If someone wanted one reason for the downfall of the mighty Asuras, it could be summed up in the word, liquor. It ”

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“If someone wanted one reason for the downfall of the mighty Asuras, it could be summed up in the word, liquor ”

loc 5761-5762 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 3:34:50 PM

“circumstance that were much less serious, that I understood why Ravana would never be deified. He was too humane to be a God. ”

loc 5801-5802 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:57:55 PM

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loc 5802-5802 | Sunday, October 30, 2022 10:58:00 PM

“I had not known this side of the man I had once hated and feared ”

loc 5876-5876 | Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:00:03 AM

“haven. It was not poverty he had chosen, but rich simplicity. I had not known this side of the man I had once hated and feared ”

loc 5875-5876 | Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:00:06 AM

“I hoped his sacrifice would not be wasted, but then, which sacrifice had not been a waste? ”

loc 5909-5909 | Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:04:55 AM

“Yet the fire did not make any distinction. It had an equal appetite for my son and the King’s son. ”

loc 6275-6275 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 3:38:52 PM

“I thought my empire was built on steel, but when the shove came, I found out it had been built on nothing but straw ”

loc 6301-6301 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 3:42:25 PM

“I knew I might fail, but I owed my people one last, grand failure. ”

loc 6305-6305 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 3:43:01 PM

“for whosoever wins, would be called the truth. ”

loc 6356-6356 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:19:18 PM

“life. But as is the nature of the world, the good deeds of the victor ”

loc 6357-6358 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:19:26 PM

“Broken bones were nothing compared to vanished dreams ”

loc 6677-6677 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:10:59 PM

“It was the cry of a race facing the ”

loc 6679-6679 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:11:16 PM

“It was the cry of a race facing the deep abyss of extinction. It was the death cry of a culture. ”

loc 6679-6680 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:11:20 PM

“We made the mistake of seeing every human being as equal. ”

loc 6784-6784 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:23:01 PM

“but the God, like other Gods, looked away when he was most needed ”

loc 6856-6857 | Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:42:13 PM

“It is always when everything appears dream-like and life seems to possess a never-ending charm, that foolish thoughts and dangerous aspirations take birth in the minds of humans. ”

loc 7041-7043 | Friday, November 4, 2022 5:47:45 AM

“When would people learn the simple things – that death was the end and if you died, your body rotted and dissolved in the soil ”

loc 7150-7151 | Friday, November 4, 2022 5:59:50 AM

“has been assassinated, but then I ruefully remembered that such things as natural justice exist only in the wistful imaginations of idealists. ”

loc 7168-7169 | Friday, November 4, 2022 6:01:45 AM

“such things as natural justice exist only in the wistful imaginations of idealists. ”

loc 7168-7169 | Friday, November 4, 2022 6:01:49 AM

“the family fell apart as families do when their shared dreams wither away ”

loc 7218-7219 | Friday, November 4, 2022 8:43:57 AM

“Ravana was a man who lived life on his own terms, doing what he thought was right and caring nothing for what was written by holy ”

loc 7342-7343 | Friday, November 4, 2022 8:55:40 AM

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loc 7342-7343 | Friday, November 4, 2022 8:55:43 AM

“The Ravanases of the world are dangerous to those who wish to use the scriptures for their own purposes and lord over others, exploiting everyone. ”

loc 7346-7347 | Friday, November 4, 2022 8:57:36 AM

“The earth is bountiful in my land and it does not discriminate between skin colours. ”

loc 7369-7369 | Friday, November 4, 2022 9:00:49 AM

“Maybe I am just a fool, since my colour is black. ”

loc 7376-7376 | Friday, November 4, 2022 9:01:31 AM

“. Every death is a temporary pause in the symphony called ”

loc 7384-7384 | Friday, November 4, 2022 9:02:21 AM

“. Every death is a temporary pause in the symphony called life ”

loc 7384-7384 | Friday, November 4, 2022 9:02:24 AM