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Location: Amsterdam, Where Fire Is Called "Vlam

~Kristin Cashore

I'm not good at love. I'm like a barbed creature. I push everyone I love away.

~Kristin Cashore

When a monster stopped behaving like a monster, did it stop being a monster? Did it become something else?

~Kristin Cashore

The only way for you to keep your mind straight is to run from those who would confuse you.

~Kristin Cashore

I don't want to love you if you're only going to die.

~Kristin Cashore

I'm not such a bad fighter myself," Skye said. Po exploded with laughter. "Oh, fight him, Katsa. Please fight him. I can't imagine a more entertaining diversion.

~Kristin Cashore

He considered her seriously. "Well. And that's easy," he said. "My Grace will protect me from him, And I'll protect you. You'll be safe with me, Katsa.

~Kristin Cashore

Your eyes are beautiful," he said, and she felt warm suddenly, warm in the sun that dappled through the treetops and rested on them in patches.

~Kristin Cashore

Wonderful," Garan grumbled when he'd gone. "We'll grow a reputation

for our kindness to lawbreakers.

~Kristin Cashore

Some of the smartest men have a hard time comprehending the obvious.

~Kristin Cashore

Perhaps I can stay by the fire and mend your socks and scream if I hear any strange noises.

~Kristin Cashore

A man who fights you as he does is no better than an opportunist and no worse than a thug.

~Kristin Cashore

Gratitude takes less energy than anger.

~Kristin Cashore

Every configuration of people is an entirely new universe unto itself.

~Kristin Cashore

My life is an apology for the life of my father.

~Kristin Cashore

You're in fine temper," Raffin said. "Your hair is blue," she snapped back.

~Kristin Cashore

Sit, Your High Majestic Lord Princes," she said. She yanked a chair from the table and sat herself down. "You're in fine temper," Raffin said. "Your hair is blue," Katsa snapped back.

~Kristin Cashore

Katsa sat in the darkness of the Sunderan forest and understood three

truths. She loved Po. She wanted Po. And she could never be anyone's but her own.

~Kristin Cashore

I wouldn't marry Giddon to save my life," Katsa said. "Not even to save yours." "Well." Raffin's eyes were full of laughter. "I'd leave that part out.

~Kristin Cashore

It seems better to me for a child to have these skills and never use them, than not have them and one day need them," she said.

~Kristin Cashore

But you're better than I am, Katsa. And it doesn't humiliate me. It humbles me. But it doesn't humiliate me.

~Kristin Cashore

Things don't ever stay the same. Natural beginnings come to natural or unnatural ends.

~Kristin Cashore

Sneaking was a kind of deceit. So was disguise. Just past midnight, wearing dark trousers and Fox's hood, the queen snuck out of her own rooms and stepped into a world of stories and lies.

~Kristin Cashore

Still doing your best to ruin the horses, I see.

~Kristin Cashore

She wanted to cause him pain for taking a place in her heart she wouldn't have given him if she'd known the truth.

~Kristin Cashore

Katsa and Po were trying to drown each other and, judging from their

hoots of laughter, enjoying it immensely.

~Kristin Cashore

I wanted you to go away, because it hurts to be with you when I can't see you." - Po

~Kristin Cashore

There isn't a simple person anywhere in this world.

~Kristin Cashore

Bitterblue had never seen a man naked, and she was curious. She decided the universe owed her a few minutes, just a few, to satisfy her curiosity. So she went to him and knelt, which shut him up.

~Kristin Cashore

I push everyone I love away." He shrugged. "I don't mind you pushing me away if it means you love me, little sister.

~Kristin Cashore

...when truths disappear, they leave behind blank spaces, and that is also dangerous.

~Kristin Cashore

Your brand of comfort bears some similarity to your tactical offense.

~Kristin Cashore

I think.' she said, 'that sometimes we don't feel the things that we are. But others can feel them.

~Kristin Cashore

But everyone has some kind of power to hurt people.

~Kristin Cashore

In the saddle again, Fire mulled over the commander's trust, prodding it

around, like a candy in her mouth, trying to decide whether she believed it.

~Kristin Cashore

How acutely sometimes the presence or absence of people mattered ~Kristin Cashore

Children are geniuses.

~Kristin Cashore

Not all people who inspire devotion are monsters.

~Kristin Cashore

I wish people would stop hitting Po," whispered Bitterblue. "Well," Giddon said. "Yes. I'm hoping Skye is following my model. Punch Po; go on a long trip; feel better; come back and make up.

~Kristin Cashore

Love is stupid. It has nothing to do with reason. You love whomever you love.

~Kristin Cashore

What man can hate or love well when he is drugged?

~Kristin Cashore

You cannot measure love by a scale of degrees.

~Kristin Cashore

Men are daft around women, incautious and boastful.

~Kristin Cashore

People want incongruous, impossible things.

If I'd been trying to kill him, he'd be dead.

~Kristin Cashore

Your horse is named Small. Yes. Mine is named Big. -Fire and Brigan ~Kristin Cashore

Saf keeps a vast range of bullies on hand at all times.

~Kristin Cashore

A book that bores me to tears is a book that neglects character building and quality of prose.

~Kristin Cashore

I'm suspicious of the notion of a single book that would benefit everyone to read.

~Kristin Cashore

If we're to be judged by our parents and grandparents, then we all may as well impale ourselves upon jagged bits of rock.

~Kristin Cashore

We need an ally of Mydogg's or Gentian's pretending to be among the most loyal allies of the king,' Brigan said. 'Shouldn't be so hard, really. If I shot an arrow out the window I'd probably hit on.

~Kristin Cashore

This may be a thing you neither want nor need," she said. "But I'd rather you have it, wishing didn't, than not have it and wish you did.

~Kristin Cashore

Ivan had contrived somehow in the dark of night to replace every watermelon in the watermelon patch with a gravestone, and every gravestone in the engraver's lot with a watermelon

It has been a hard lesson to learn, that greatness requires suffering.

~Kristin Cashore

I'm bored to death. Perhaps I should pillage one of my neighbors for my own amusement. It seems to work for Drowden.

~Kristin Cashore

I thought it was supposed to be impossible to sneak up on you. Eyes of a hawk and ears of a wolf and all.

~Kristin Cashore

His name was Death. It was pronounced to rhyme with "teeth", but Bitterblue liked to mispronounce it by accident on occassion.

~Kristin Cashore

You're afraid of your own anger.

~Kristin Cashore

Mercy was more frightening than murder, because it was harder.

~Kristin Cashore

He leaned heavily on the desk now, as if danger had strengthened him before and its lack now made him weak.

~Kristin Cashore

Katsa watched the long grass moving around them. The wind pushed it, attacked it, struck it in one place and then another. It rose and fell and rose again. It flowed, like water.

~Kristin Cashore

How unjust then to meet that person you love, and be kept away from them only because ones bed is made of hay, and the other, feathers.

Hidden yourself in a hole and dared to burden no one with your grievous friendship? I will have friends, Katsa. I will have a life, even though I carry this burden.

~Kristin Cashore

Everyone wants a bit of something beautiful.

~Kristin Cashore

It humbles me, but it doesn't humiliate me.

~Kristin Cashore

If we knew a person was going to die, we'd hold harder to the memories." Fire corrected him, in a whisper. "The good memories.

~Kristin Cashore

I must stop wishing for things to happen. Because something will happen eventually, and when it does, I'll be bound to wish it hadn't.

~Kristin Cashore

Brigan threw his head back and smiled at the sky. "Well said, Lady. The world may be falling to pieces, but at least the lot of us can have a bath.

~Kristin Cashore

It's not fair. It's not fair," she cried, knowing it was a child's argument but not caring, because being childish did not make it untrue.

~Kristin Cashore

Great seas," he said. "What do you want?" He held the candle up to her face. "Po, what do you want?" "She did a far better job than I would've done.

~Kristin Cashore

She couldn't steal herself back from Randa only to give herself away

again - belong to another person, be answerable to another person, build her very being around another person.

~Kristin Cashore

Tell me what I can do to help you feel better." Well...I always like when you kiss me... "Do you?" You're good at it. "Well, that's lucky. Because I'll always be kissing you.

~Kristin Cashore

She groped forward, hands and feet, in search of darkness, distance and solitude.

~Kristin Cashore

You won't even take your bow? Are you planning to throttle a moose with your bare hands, then?

~Kristin Cashore

Then she'll know I'll want to knock her senseless if she so much as looks at me.

~Kristin Cashore

Raff, what have you done to yourself? Your hair is positively blue.

~Kristin Cashore

Lady Queen," he said, "You've given me all I want. You're the queen a librarian dreams of.

~Kristin Cashore

Alone with Giddon again, Bitterblue considered him, rather liking the mud streaks on his face. He looked like a handsome sunken rowboat.

~Kristin Cashore

And," he continued, his strange smile gleaming, "as I see it, our hearts are not so different in size. I murdered my father. You murdered yours.

Is that something you did with a large heart?

~Kristin Cashore

What a horrifying notion," he said. "A creature with the power to take over one's mind.

~Kristin Cashore

It's as if when I open myself up to every perception, things create their own focus.

~Kristin Cashore

Fire sat unbreathing. A life that was an apology for the life of his father: It was a notion she could understand, beyond words and thought. She understood it the way she understood music.

~Kristin Cashore

Maybe it was for the best that she'd been so foolish, for if she'd known how hard this would be, perhaps she wouldn't have done it.

~Kristin Cashore

...that's how memory works ... Things disappear without your permission, then come back again without your permission.

~Kristin Cashore

I truly thought I might hurt that man," he said, "very badly." "I didn't know you were capable of such bad temper." "Apparently I am.

~Kristin Cashore

It's hard to wake from a nightmare when the nightmare is real.

~Kristin Cashore

A consciousness was like a face you saw once and forever recognized.

Everybody was strange. In a fit of frustration, she scratched out strange and wrote the word CRACKPOTS in big letters.

~Kristin Cashore

Only a person with the true heart of a dictionary-writer would be lying in bed, three days after being stabbed in the gut, worrying about his P's.

~Kristin Cashore

There are no medicines to bring a dead thing back to life.

~Kristin Cashore

There's no shame in crawling when one can't walk.

~Kristin Cashore

She cried like a person whose heart is broken and wondered how, when two people loved each other, there could be such a broken heart.

~Kristin Cashore

And the kings were no better to their own people than they were to each others.

~Kristin Cashore

And you may blame me for your feelings, but it isn't fair to blame me for how you've chosen to behave.

~Kristin Cashore

Go safely. Go safely, she thought to him. what a silly, empty thing it was to say to anyone, anywhere.

~Kristin Cashore

When Brocker arrived he took her hands and held them to his face and cried into them.

Circumstances don't always align themselves with human intention.

~Kristin Cashore

If I wanted to stun anyone at dinner, I'd hit them in the face.

~Kristin Cashore

Everyone was willing to take some small risk to lessen the damage of their ambition and disorder and lawlessness.

~Kristin Cashore

The kingdoms' people were at the mercy of the natures of those who rose to be their rulers. It was a gamble, and the current generation did not make for a winning hand.

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