

# Megan Whalen Turner Quotes

*Kings, Queens, Men, Thinking, Hands, Wall, Lying, Eye, Believe, Giving,  
People, Hurt, Mean, Voice, Pain, Bed, Moving, Wish, Needs, Wine*

Sometimes, if you want to change a man's mind, you have to change the mind of the man next to him first.

~Megan Whalen Turner

The queen was settling on the edge of the bed, ungainly with hesitation and at the same time exquisite in her grace, like a heron landing in a treetop.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I was not so comfortable with my new authority that I could say 'We eat the chicken now!' but the magus had seen that I was considering it.

~Megan Whalen Turner

But there are other words for privacy and independence. They are isolation and loneliness.

~Megan Whalen Turner

He didn't marry you to become king. He became king because he wanted to marry you.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Then come out," said the king, helping him, "knowing you'll never die of a fall unless the god himself drops you.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Will there be poppy juice in it?" Phresine shook her head. "Good. My wife and I agreed that only my wine was to be poisoned.

~Megan Whalen Turner

It isn't an easy thing to give your loyalty to someone you don't know, especially when that person chooses to reveal nothing of himself.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Calf love doesn't usually survive amputation, Your Majesty.

~Megan Whalen Turner

You're awake," he said. "Phresine is not," pointed out the queen. "Oh?"  
"You gave her lethium." "She gave it to me first.

~Megan Whalen Turner

That is ridiculous," she said. The king agreed. "Like falling in love with a landslide. Only you could fail to notice.

~Megan Whalen Turner

If I am the pawn of the gods, it is because they know me so well, not because they make my mind up for me.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Why did you come if not to murder my king?" "I came to steal his magus." "You can't," said the magus in question. "I can steal anything," Eugenides corrected him, "even with one hand.

~Megan Whalen Turner

From shadow queen to puppet queen in one rule. That's very impressive. When he rules your country and he tells you he loves you, I hope you believe him. At least that's one lie I didn't tell you.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Are you badly hurt?" "Hideously," said the king, without sounding injured at all. "I am disemboweled. My insides may in an instant become my outsides as I stand here before you.

~Megan Whalen Turner

She's like a prisoner inside stone walls, and every day the walls get a little thicker, the doorways a little narrower.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Today, she had yielded the sovereignty of her country to Eugenides,

who had given up everything he had ever hoped for, to be her King.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I'll stop shouting. I won't sit down. I might need to throw more inkpots.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Who am I, that you should love me?

~Megan Whalen Turner

Her queen danced like a flame in the wind, and the mercurial king like the weight at the center of the earth.

~Megan Whalen Turner

No 'Glory shall be your reward' for me. Oh, no, for me, it is, 'Stop whining' and 'Go to bed'.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Who knows but that you will get up to find that the world has inverted itself yet again?

~Megan Whalen Turner

I sometimes believe his lies are the truth, but I have never mistaken his truth for a lie.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I am a master of foolhardy plans, I thought. I have so much practice I consider them professional risks.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I am not sure I trust you." "You can trust me with your life, My King."  
"But not with my wine, obviously. Give it back.

~Megan Whalen Turner

"Before you make a decision," he said, "I want you to know that I love

you."

~Megan Whalen Turner

He lies to himself. If Eugenides talked in his sleep, he'd lie then, too.

~Megan Whalen Turner

One cannot toss ambassadors back like bad fish," said Eugenides.  
"You treat them with care, or you'll find you've committed an act of war.

~Megan Whalen Turner

He whines, he complains, he ducks out of the most obvious responsibility. He is vain, petty and maddening, but he doesn't ever quit.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I would very much like to strangle someone. Why don't you go away until I decide it isn't you?

~Megan Whalen Turner

No man can choose to serve only himself when he has something to offer his state. No one can put his own wishes above the needs of so many.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I wanted Ambiades to understand that I considered myself a hierarchy of one.

~Megan Whalen Turner

The queen!" someone shouted in alarm, and the King erupted like a wild animal caught in a snare.

~Megan Whalen Turner

You are treasure beyond any price.

~Megan Whalen Turner

That one,"-he nodded toward the closed door-" will rule more than just Attolia before he is done. He is an Annux, a king of kings.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Rae Carson's heroine is a perfect blend of the ordinary and the extraordinary. I loved her.

~Megan Whalen Turner

It made Costis wonder for the first time just how much the stoic man really wants to hide when he unsuccessfully pretends not to be in pain.

~Megan Whalen Turner

We are taught to treat a practice sword with all the respect of a real weapon, so no thoughtless mistakes are made" "Oh... In Eddis, we learn to keep tack of the weapon we have in our hand.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Discretion prevented me from saying that I thought she was a fiend from the underworld and that mountain lions couldn't force me to enter her service.

~Megan Whalen Turner

What a strange world it is, where prisoners are left their weapons and the written word is a mortal danger.

~Megan Whalen Turner

If we truly trust no one, we cannot survive.

~Megan Whalen Turner

So Sophos thinks you're going to marry me." "While I think you'll marry Sophos." "I might. We'll see what he's like when he grows up.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I know that if you don't look for an alternative, Sophos, you certainly

won't find one.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Being six feet off the ground does give one a sense of superiority.

~Megan Whalen Turner

All I wanted to do was lie in the dry grass with my feet in a ditch forever. I could be a convenient sort of milemarker, I thought. Get to the thief and you know you're halfway to Methana.

~Megan Whalen Turner

A little danger adds spice to life.

~Megan Whalen Turner

No friend had I made there, but I wasn't with this group to make friends, and besides, he sneered too much. I've found that people who sneer are almost always sneering at me.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Anyone who can steal the king's seal ring can manage the locks on his record room.

~Megan Whalen Turner

He couldn't offend the gods with a pointed stick.

~Megan Whalen Turner

She was the stone-faced queen, then and ever after. She had needed the mask to rule, and she had been glad to have it. She wondered if Eugenides was glad of his.

~Megan Whalen Turner

A thief never makes a noise by accident.

~Megan Whalen Turner

What kind of man refers to himself as safely dead?

~Megan Whalen Turner

The prison keeper choose an inopportune time to look around the doorway into the cell. He and the king locked gazes, and the king's eyes narrowed while the prison keeper's widened.

~Megan Whalen Turner

All of my own impulses to balance and move seemed to conflict with those of the guards, and I was jerked and jostled down the portico, just as graceful as a sick cat.

~Megan Whalen Turner

[I had a]...Second bowl of oatmeal. It was a little bit gloppy.

~Megan Whalen Turner

The younger one looked to be completely useless.

~Megan Whalen Turner

As soon as the guards where gone, I lay down on my stone bench and dumped the king and his threats out of my head without ceremony. They were too unpleasant to worry over anyway.

~Megan Whalen Turner

His forehead was covered by wrinkles brought on by a lot of sun and too much frowning.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Dying would have been so much easier.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I didn't really care much about anything, so I guess I felt fine.

~Megan Whalen Turner



I am very good at groveling.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Tell me a story then...keep me occupied." "A story?...What makes you think I can tell a story?" "Insight," said the king, "Go on.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I knew I would be in the story somewhere," Eugenides interjected. "Oh no," said Phresine, "This was a humble servant." "Ouch." "Though very courageous." "Not me," whispered Eugenides to his pillow.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I have a whole guard room full of brawny veterans who'd enjoy a chance to drag two Eddisians out of here, particularly if you kicked a lot and they could kick you back.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Sophos turned red, and I wondered about the circulation of his blood; maybe his body kept an extra supply of it in his head, ready for blushing.

~Megan Whalen Turner

What he brought out was a wooden gag they put in someone's mouth before doing something drastic, like cutting off a leg.

~Megan Whalen Turner

...That he'd seen...two people, a young man and a woman, sitting on invisible furniture with their feet up, reading books and eating chocolates.

~Megan Whalen Turner

As a ten-year-old boy, the Thief of Eddis could stop a grown man in his tracks with a single look. Where had that look gone?

~Megan Whalen Turner

In the afternoon, the king and queen sat to hear the business of their kingdom. At least, the queen sat to hear the business; Costis was still not sure what the king was doing.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Let the gods into your life and you rapidly lose faith in the natural laws.

~Megan Whalen Turner

"Because you do not believe?" "Oh, no," said Attolia bitterly. "Because I believe and do not choose to worship."

~Megan Whalen Turner

The queen had passed him, so close he'd felt the stir of air, and he guessed that if she had turned her head, only a little, and met his eyes, he might have died right there.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I can't leave her there all alone, surrounded by stone walls... She's too precious to give up.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Costis bowed stiffly. "I am here to make sure that you stay in bed, Your Majesty, because if this offends you and you order me summarily executed, it is no loss. Politically speaking."

~Megan Whalen Turner

Staring at the wall opposite him he presented the queen with a view of his ear and awaited her orders.

~Megan Whalen Turner

The Thieves of Eddis don't have breaking points. We have flash points instead, like gunpowder.

~Megan Whalen Turner

These people make my family look easy to get along with.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Were you lying?" "I never lie," he said piously. "About what?" "The sand, the snake." For a young man who never lied, he seemed surprisingly unoffended by the question.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I'm dying of boredom. Or maybe just dying.

~Megan Whalen Turner

You learn something new everyday." "What are you learning?" Sophos asked. "To keep my mouth shut, I hope.

~Megan Whalen Turner

This is the stupidest plan I have ever in my career participated in," Xenophon said. "I love stupid plans," said Eugenides.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I wonder if people always choose what will make them unhappy.

~Megan Whalen Turner

And the Earth had no name. The gods know themselves and have no need of names. It is man who names all things, even gods.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I thought that being king meant I didn't have to kill people myself. I see now that was another misconception.

~Megan Whalen Turner

It was a race between the tortoise and the hare, but the tortoise had just enough head start, and he had the magus to drag him along.

~Megan Whalen Turner

The Lord of Rags and Tatters.

~Megan Whalen Turner

Where are my guards, Teleus?" He was still speaking softly. Three men dead and he wasn't even breathing hard, Costis noted.

~Megan Whalen Turner

I think a good book is a good book forever. I don't think they get less good because times change.

~Megan Whalen Turner

One of us might be assassinated and then my heir will be king. Don't give up hope just because chances are slim." "For the assassination or the heir, your majesty?"

~Megan Whalen Turner

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