

Animal Farm Quotes by Theme

Propaganda

- “Comrades! You do not imagine, I hope, that we pigs are doing this in a spirit of selfishness and privilege? Our sole object in taking these things is to preserve our health.” – Squealer justifying pigs taking milk and apples.
- “Surely, comrades, you do not want Jones back?” – Squealer constantly uses fear of Mr. Jones to control the animals.

Power and Control

- “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” – The final, corrupted commandment.
- “Napoleon is always right.” – Boxer’s blind loyalty shows how power works through unquestioning support.

Manipulative Language

- “It had become usual to give Napoleon the credit for every successful achievement and every stroke of good fortune.” – Language reshapes truth to build Napoleon’s image.
- “Comrades, you do not understand the happiness of the animals now.” – Squealer twisting reality through persuasion.

Force and Violence

- “They dashed straight for Snowball, who only sprang from his place just in time to escape their snapping jaws.” – Napoleon uses dogs to violently seize power.
- “When they had finished their confessions, the dogs promptly tore their throats out.” – Public executions to spread fear and obedience.

Leadership

- “Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, not much of a talker, but with a reputation for getting his own way.” – Sets him up as an authoritarian leader.
- “Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character.” – Contrast between the two leaders.

Corruption

- “No animal shall sleep in a bed with sheets.” – Rules are twisted to justify pigs’ privileges.
- “All animals are equal.” ... later changed to ... “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” – The clearest sign of total corruption.