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Could you imagine me holding my ninemonth-old son, Jude, in my arms and telling him that under no circumstances would I share my glory with him? What if I lovingly told him that if he disobeyed me again and again, I would pour gasoline on him and light him on fire? What kind of father would I be if I explained to him that he needed to give me 10% of everything he had or I would withdraw my hand of protection from his life and allow the fires of hell to swallow him?

What if I told one of my daughters that she was put here on this earth to be a servant and slave to me? Could you picture me telling my children that I've written everything about me down in a book and unless they read it everyday of their lives they'll never know me?

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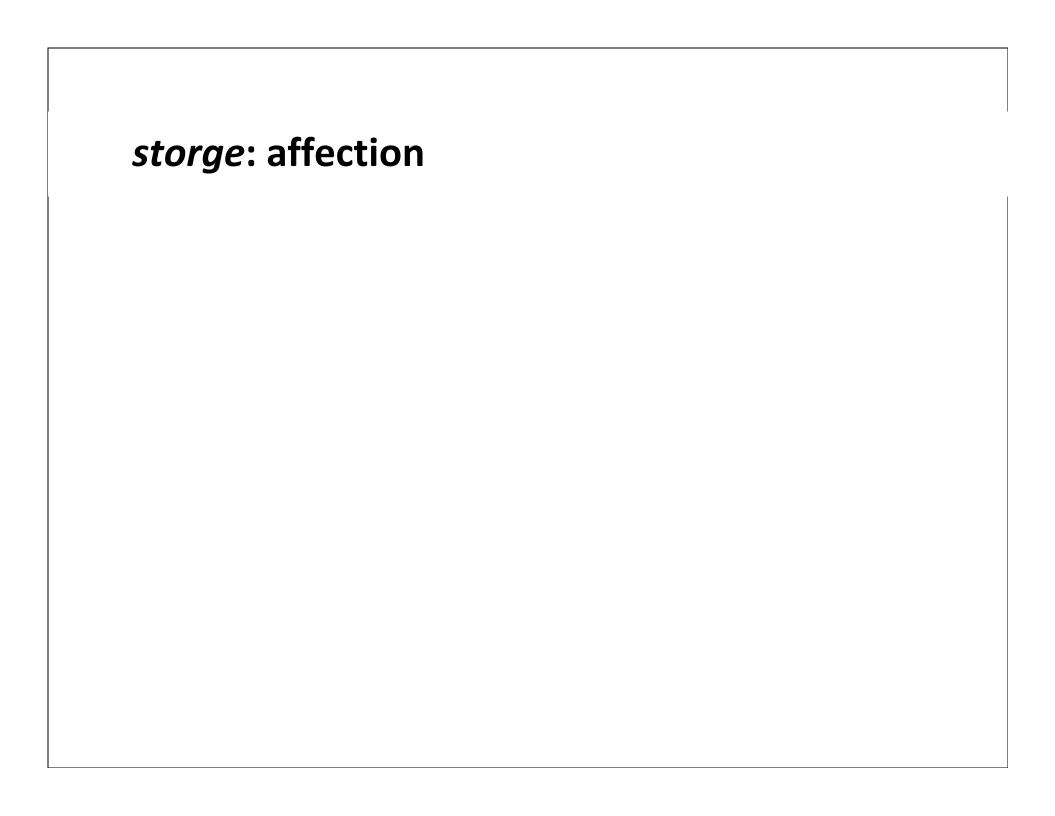
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