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   - Vashti is the ***grand finale***.
   - A foolish ***request***.
   - Foolish ***decisions***.
   - ***Unrestrained indulgence*** of the flesh.
2. **A *detestable* response**
   - Not ***bossed*** around or treated like a ***possession***.
   - Ego & pride are ***damaged***, leading to ***revenge***.
   - Foolish ***counsel***; 3 ***selfish*** & ***vindictive*** ways.
   - What ***amounts*** to ***treason***.
   - ***Fearmongering***. It will lead to a ***revolt***.
   - ***Banishment*** & ***stripped*** of title & position.
   - The decision was ***dumb*** but also ***final***.
3. **A *divine* momentum**
   - Where ***sin*** & ***sovereignty*** meet.
   - A public ***offense*** met with a public ***rebuke***.
   - A ***dishonorable discharge***.
   - Meant to destroy her ***reputation*** & ***bolster*** men's position within the kingdom.
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