



# A LANGUAGE OF THRONES

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# Dothraki High Valyrian

A scene from the television show Game of Thrones. In the foreground, Khal Drogo (played by Jason Momoa) is shown from the waist up, looking off to the side. He has dark hair pulled back, a full beard, and blue war paint on his chest. He wears dark leather armor with gold studs and a belt with large gold buckles. To his right, Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) stands with her long white hair blowing in the wind; she is wearing a black bikini-style top. In the bottom right corner, the back of Jorah Mormont's head and shoulders are visible, showing his dark hair and beard. The background features a wooden structure and some palm fronds.

Dothraki

# *Dothraki*

- Inflectional.
- Minimal case system.
- Verb tense inflection.
- Head-initial.



“That large man took my  
goat from me.”

“That large man took my goat from me.”

*Rek mahrazh zhokwa fich  
anhoon dorvi anni.*

“That large man took my  
goat from me.”

*Rek mahrazh zhokwa fich  
anhoon dorvi anni.*

That man large took from  
me goat my.

	Dothraki	English
Inanimate	<i>jin ayena</i>	this bell these bells
Animate	<i>jin chiori</i>	this woman these women

*Ayena lavakha.*  
“The bell is loud.”

*Ayena lavakha.*

“The bell is loud.”

*Ayena lavakhi.*

“The bells are loud.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazef.*

“I ride the horse”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefi.*

“I ride beside the  
horse.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefaan.*

“I ride up to the  
horse.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefoon.*

“I ride away from the  
horse.”



*M'athchomaroon*

Hello

*M'athchomaroon*

Hello

*Fonas chek*

Goodbye



*shekh ma shieraki anni*  
my sun and stars

*shekh ma shieraki anni*

my sun and stars

*jalan atthirari anni*

moon of my life



*qoy qoyi*

blood of my blood

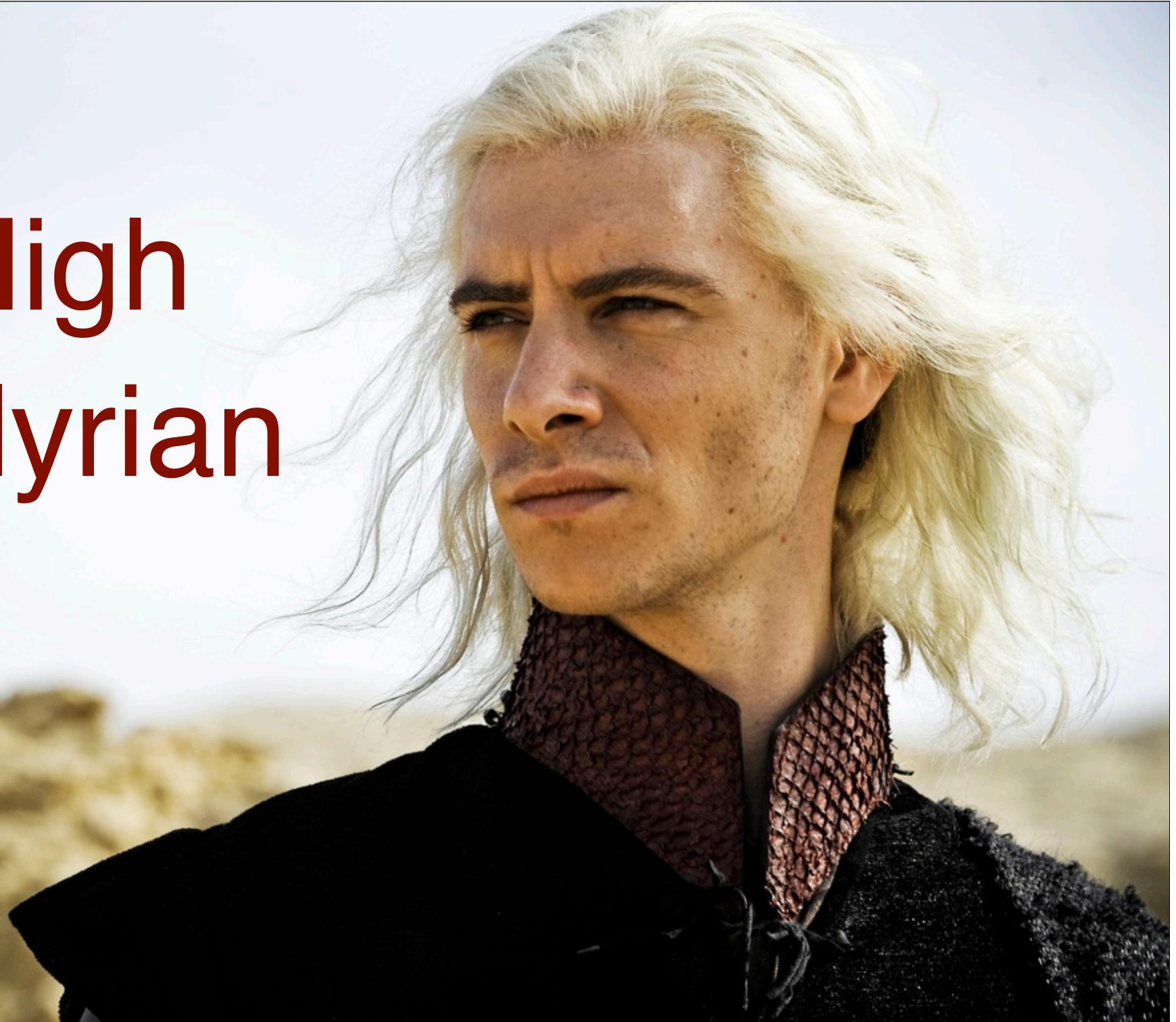
*qoy qoyi*

blood of my blood

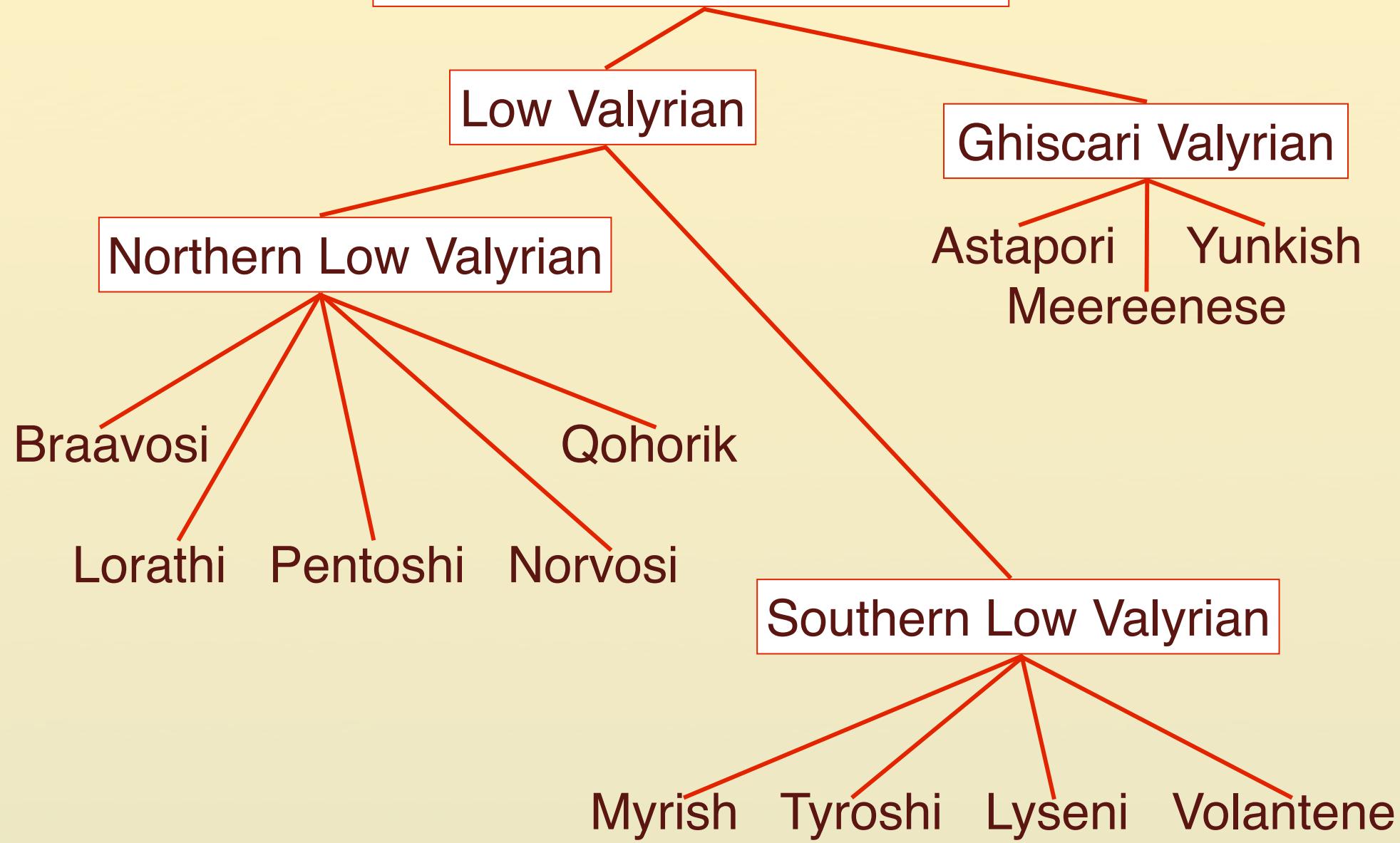
*me nem nesa*

it is known

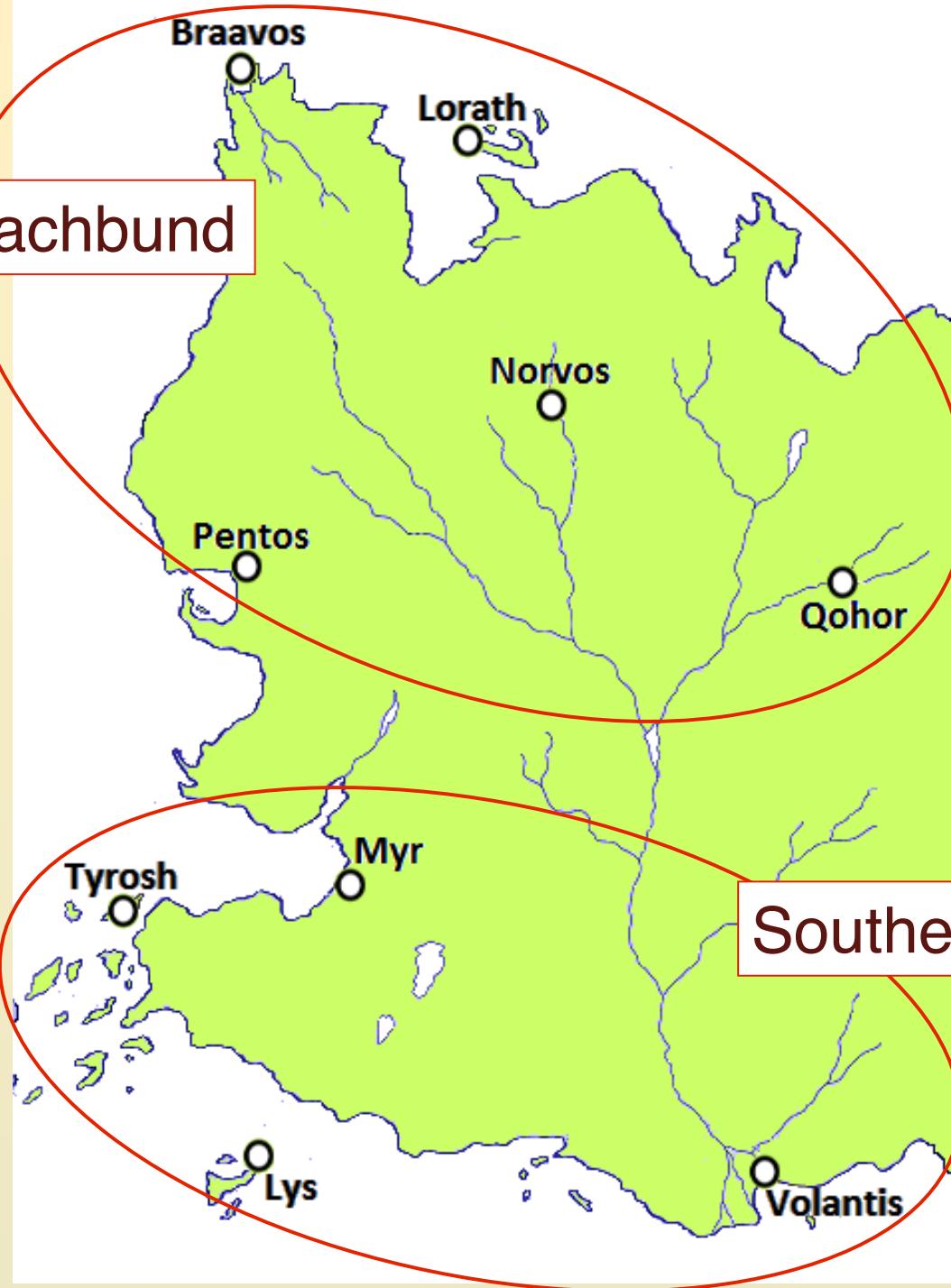
# High Valyrian



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**Northern Sprachbund**



**Southern Sprachbund**

# *High Valyrian*

- Highly inflectional.
- Large case system.
- Large verb conjugation paradigm.
- Head-final.



“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Rūkluni ynot teptas lua vala  
bisy issa.*

“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Rūkluni ynot teptas lua vala  
bisy issa.*

Some flowers me gave who  
the man this is.

# *Nouns*

- Four Numbers: Singular, Plural, Paucal, Collective
- Four Classes: Solar, Lunar, Terrestrial, Aquatic
- Eight Cases: Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Dative, Locative, Instrumental, Comitative, Vocative

“man”	Singular	Plural	Paucal	Collective
Nominative	<i>vala</i>	<i>vali</i>	<i>valun</i>	<i>valar</i>
Accusative	<i>vale</i>	<i>valī</i>	<i>valuni</i>	<i>valari</i>
Genitive	<i>valo</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valuno</i>	<i>valaro</i>
Dative	<i>valot</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valunta</i>	<i>valarta</i>
Locative	<i>valā</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valunna</i>	<i>valarra</i>
Instrumental	<i>valosa</i>	<i>valossi</i>	<i>valussa</i>	<i>valarza</i>
Comitative	<i>valoma</i>	<i>valommi</i>	<i>valumma</i>	<i>valarma</i>
Vocative	<i>valus</i>	<i>valis</i>	<i>valussa</i>	<i>valarza</i>

	High Valyrian	English
Solar	<i>qablos rōvys</i>	large liver
Lunar	<i>pēko rōva</i>	large olive
Terrestrial	<i>belmon rōvon</i>	large chain
Aquatic	<i>jēdrar rōvor</i>	large sky



*Rytsas*

Hello

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Kostilus?*

Please?

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Kostilus?*

Please?

*Kirimvose!* Thank you!

# High Valyrian



# Low Valyrian



Low  
Valyrian

The knight says even the brave  
men fear death.

*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūguksy  
azantys vestras.*

The knight says even the brave  
men fear death.

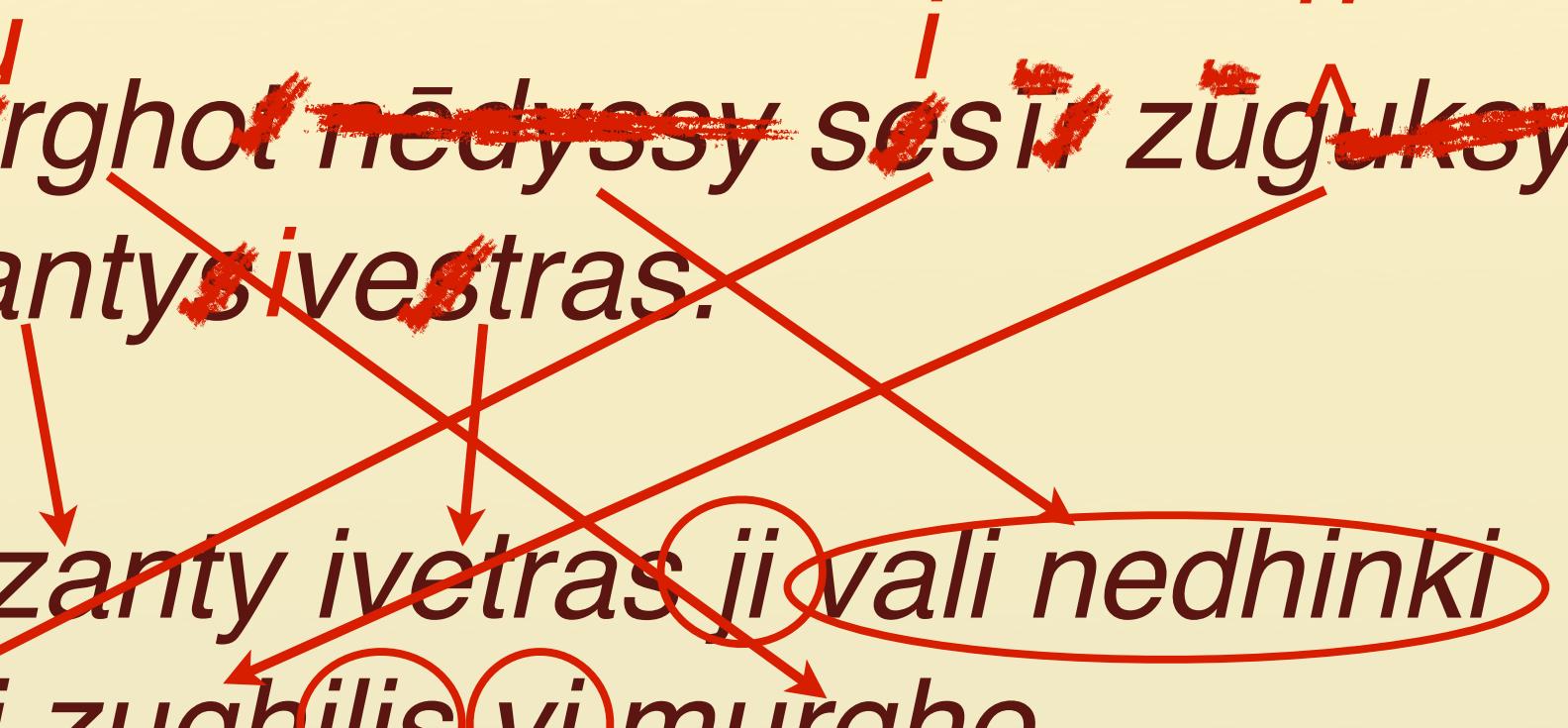
*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūguksy  
azantys vestras.*

*J'azanty ivetras ji vali nedhinki  
sizi zughilis vi murgho.*

The knight says even the brave  
men fear death.

*Morghot nēdyssy sesi<sup>u</sup> zūgukoy<sup>h</sup>  
azantys<sup>i</sup>vestras.*

*J'azanty ivetras ji vali nedhinki<sup>j</sup>  
sizi zughilis vi mürgho.*



The knight says even the brave  
men fear death.

*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūguksy  
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sizi zughilis vi murgho.*

Gender	High Valyrian	Gender	Low Valyrian
Solar	<i>qablos</i>	Celestial	<i>ji qablo</i>
Lunar	<i>pēko</i>		<i>ji pegu</i>
Terrestrial	<i>belmon</i>		<i>vi bilmo</i>
Aquatic	<i>jēdrar</i>	Terrestrial	<i>vi jedror</i>

	Singular	Plural
Pig (C)	<i>ji begisto</i>	<i>po begistos</i>
Child (T)	<i>v'adjo</i>	<i>p'adja</i>
Quickness (C)	<i>j'adhirve</i>	<i>p'adhirves</i>
Queen (C)	<i>ji dare</i>	<i>po dari</i>
Master (C)	<i>j'aeske</i>	<i>p'aeske</i>
Food (T)	<i>vi havor</i>	<i>po havuri</i>
Water (T)	<i>vi jedhor</i>	<i>po jedri</i>
Year (C)	<i>ji jedhor</i>	<i>po jedhari</i>



*Rysta*

Hello

*Rysta*

*Gusela*

Hello

Goodbye

*Rysta*

*Gusela*

*Kotlu?*

Hello

Goodbye

*Rysta*

Hello

*Gusela*

Goodbye

*Kotlu?*

Please?

*Krimvo!*

Thank you!



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