

Inheritance of Shadows — A Senet-Style Literary Puzzle

Theme: The Dutch House (Ann Patchett) — Path: 1→10, 11←20, 21→30

1	2	3 #1 Vigil Throw 3 → take 3 th letter	4	5 #2 Absence Throw 2 → take 2 th letter	6	7	8	9	10 #3 Narcissus Throw 5 → take 5 th letter
20 #7 Burden Throw 2 → take 2 th letter	19	18 #6 Exile Throw 3 → take 3 th letter	17	16	15 #5 Obligation Throw 4 → take 4 th letter	14	13	12	11 #4 Heirloom Throw 1 → take 1 th letter
21	22 #8 Echo Throw 2 → take 2 th letter	23	24	25	26 #9 Estate Throw 4 → take 4 th letter	27	28	29	30 #10 Keepsake Throw 4 → take 4 th letter

Meta 1: Extracted letters (in order) form a two-word phrase central to the novel. Meta 2: Initials of the House names (in landing order) spell the street name.

- CLUES (solve each at its landing square; then extract the indicated letter):
- 1) Sq 3 — House of Vigil — Throw 3 — Take 3th: Stepmother, a ‘dear’ oddly rearranged (6)
 - 2) Sq 5 — House of Absence — Throw 2 — Take 2th: Old tonic placed in D—CH (family’s letters) gives the language (5)
 - 3) Sq 10 — House of Narcissus — Throw 5 — Take 5th: Bequest constructed from SET + ATE, reordered (6)
 - 4) Sq 11 — House of Heirloom — Throw 1 — Take 1th: Sky-blue; also Danny’s wife (7)
 - 5) Sq 15 — House of Obligation — Throw 4 — Take 4th: To Danny, Cyril is this (6)
 - 6) Sq 18 — House of Exile — Throw 3 — Take 3th: Bequest: ‘IN HER IT CAN’ endlessly shuffled (12)
 - 7) Sq 20 — House of Burden — Throw 2 — Take 2th: Place the siblings can’t stop orbiting (5)
 - 8) Sq 22 — House of Echo — Throw 2 — Take 2th: What’s ahead, for better or worse (6)
 - 9) Sq 26 — House of Estate — Throw 4 — Take 4th: Material of those great windows: L.A. tucked into G—S (5)
 - 10) Sq 30 — House of Keepsake — Throw 4 — Take 4th: What the house is—and isn’t—for them (4)

Solutions & Metas

Answers & Extraction:

- 1) Sq 3 — ANDREA (Stepmother). Wordplay: anagram of 'A DEAR' + N → ANDREA. Extract 3rd → D
- 2) Sq 5 — DUTCH (Language). Wordplay: old tonic UT inside D—CH → D[UT]CH. Extract 2nd → U
- 3) Sq 10 — ESTATE (Bequest). Wordplay: anagram of SET + ATE. Extract 5th → T
- 4) Sq 11 — CELESTE (Sky-blue; Danny's wife). Double definition. Extract 1st → C
- 5) Sq 15 — FATHER (What Cyril is to Danny). Definition. Extract 4th → H
- 6) Sq 18 — INHERITANCE (Bequest). Wordplay: anagram of 'IN HER IT CAN' (+E). Extract 3rd → H
- 7) Sq 20 — HOUSE (Place they orbit). Definition. Extract 2nd → O
- 8) Sq 22 — FUTURE (What's ahead). Definition. Extract 2nd → U
- 9) Sq 26 — GLASS (Window material). Wordplay: LA tucked into G—S → G(LA)SS. Extract 4th → S
- 10) Sq 30 — HOME (What the house is—and isn't—for them). Double definition. Extract 4th → E

Meta 1 — Extracted Letters:

Sequence: DUTCHHOUSE

Revealed phrase: D U T C H H O U S E

Meta 2 — House-Name Acrostic:

House initials (in landing order): VANHOEBEEK

Revealed street name: VANHOEBEEK (VanHoebeek Street)

- Notes:
- Board path is serpentine: Row1 1→10, Row2 11←20, Row3 21→30.
 - Landing squares: 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 18, 20, 22, 26, 30.
 - Throws: 3, 2, 5, 1, 4, 3, 2, 2, 4, 4.
 - Extract the Nth letter from each answer where N equals the throw value for that landing.