

EVERYONE knew that taking the pilgrimage was the last act of a desperate man. When Braska had hesitantly informed Auron of his decision, Auron had been unable to conceive of its being true; because despite everything Braska had lost, he still had Auron's companionship – he would have the whole world if Auron had his way.

But now, as they drew ever closer to Zanarkand, Auron was beginning to understand that Braska's mind was set; that the sacrifice would indeed be made; that all the love Auron could give him would not suffice to convince him that there was anything worth staying behind for.