

Chapter I

# FALLEN STAR

The scene is set between the garden of Ziva's mansion and the bottomless well.

Let's find a location for both.

Everybody goes from one to the other at the same time; there is no way back.



Ages are important.

The older we are, the more forceful and authoritative, if we so choose to be.

## Chapter II

# FAREWELL PARTY

The scene is set in the inn owned by Tawals's uncle.

Do we have a table to sit around, as well as something to drink?

If not, let's just sit on the ground and pretend we do.

**VELES**, 19 YEARS OLD, THE LAST-MINUTE PARTY CRASHER

**JARILO**, 19 YEARS OLD, THE UNEXPECTED VISITOR

**ZIVA**, 19 YEARS OLD, THE GUEST OF HONOUR

**SVETOVIT**, 23 YEARS OLD, THE MIND BEHIND THE PARTY

**KRESNIK**, 21 YEARS OLD, THE ATTENDEE WITH A SURPRISE

**TAWALS**, 21 YEARS OLD, THE HOST  
Serve drinks, play waiter with the others

**BOREVIT**, 20 YEARS OLD, THE HOMEWARD WANDERER

Some of us are starting to feel the differences.  
Between man and woman, rich and poor, Polabian and Vendevian.

### Chapter III

# FUNERAL UNDER THE BOMBS

The scene is set in the Polabian cemetery in the Maw of Dusk.

Where's the tomb of Ziva's mother?

The undertaker has already fled, we're the only ones left.

**VELES**, 29 YEARS OLD, THE TIRELESS SWINDLER

**JARILO**, 26 YEARS OLD, THE MOURNFUL PUPPET

**ZIVA**, 26 YEARS OLD, THE CAGED BIRD

**SVETOVIT**, 30 YEARS OLD, THE SOLDIER ON LEAVE

**KRESNIK**, 28 YEARS OLD, THE WORRIED OFFICIAL

**TAWALS**, 28 YEARS OLD, THE PALADIN OF THE POLABIANS

**BOREVIT**, 27 YEARS OLD, THE CELLIST IN THE DEBRIS

Want to play a song? Got an instrument on hand?

Let's look at the sky from time to time.

The roar of aircraft engines always feels close, when you're afraid of an airstrike.

## Chapter IV

# FRONTIER OF THE UNKNOWN

The scene is set on the western frontier of the country.

Let's mark the border somehow.

Three of us will guard it. The others should start further away.

**VELES**, 36 YEARS OLD, THE AUTHOR CHASING AN ENDING

**JARILO**, 33 YEARS OLD, THE HERO OF ROMANCE

**ZIVA**, 33 YEARS OLD, THE SEEKER OF INFINITE BEAUTY

**SVETOVIT**, 37 YEARS OLD, THE WAR HERO

Get a toy gun, or pretend you have one

**KRESNIK**, 35 YEARS OLD, THE DRAGON'S CONSCIENCE

**VIDOVIN**, 39 YEARS OLD, THE INFAMOUS BROTHER

Get a toy gun, or pretend you have one

**BOREVIT**, 34 YEARS OLD, THE MADMAN BLESSED BY MUSIC

Bring your permit with you

Let's imagine the sentry towers, a long barbed-wire fence, some soldiers in the distance.

It doesn't look like there's a lot of them. It doesn't look like they've noticed us. Yet.