

# Cid Arthur

## *Empire of Silence*

### Chapter 24: Those Mindless Days

They say that when he was a boy, the prince Cid Arthur was kept in a pleasure palace by his father's faithful archon, isolated from death, disease, and poverty, for a vate had prophesied that if he should see the ugliness of the world, Cid Arthur would renounce his father's throne and become a preacher himself. I had always wondered at this, for I had grown up in a palace myself, and I knew of poverty and sickness and had had my own brushes with death—first with my grandmother, then later when Uncle Lucian had died in his shuttle crash. I could not understand how Arthur had been so blind.

I understood it now.

Just as there is a difference between the news of a distant planet's destruction and the bloody death of a coliseum slave, it is one thing to know there is poverty and illness and another to walk among the poor and suffering.

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Like Cid Arthur on his quest for the Merlin Tree, I did what I had to do to survive. I ate fish raw from the canals, raided compost bins. I depended upon the kindness of street vendors—a class of men not much noted for their charity—and I learned to beg. I will not say I was good at it, but desperation eventually broke down the dregs of my palatine dignity.

### Chapter 31: Mere Humanity

Cid Arthur found more than poverty when he escaped his father's palace. He found sickness, too. As did I. The Gray Rot...

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## Text Occurrences:

### [Empire of Silence](#)

#### Mentioned

Chapters 1, 23, 24, 31

#### Present

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#### Spoilers

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## [Howling Dark](#)

### **Mentioned**

Chapters 10, 29, 31, 38, 40, 51, 53, 60, 63

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## [Demon in White](#)

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Chapters 1, 10, 34, 56, 59, 60, 62, 64, 70

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## [Kingdoms of Death](#)

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*Ashes of Man*

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*Disquiet Gods*

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Novellas

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*The Lesser Devil* - N/A

*Queen Amid Ashes* - N/A

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*The Lesser Devil* - N/A

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