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Plot summary At the age of 17, Mara's solemn promise to serve the goddess Lasima is interrupted by the news that her father and brother were killed in battle. Now the ruling lady of Akoma, Mara believes that not only are her family's longtime enemies, the powerful Minwanabi, responsible for the deaths of her loved ones, but her armed forces have been destroyed by Minwanabi's betrayal and Akoma's house is vulnerable to total annihilation. An immediate assassination attempt thwarted, Mara relies on the loyalty and advice of her warlords Keiok and Papevayo, her former nurse Nakoya, and her own mind to find solutions that will save her from enemies that will see her destroyed. Mara bends tradition according to her needs, coming up with a way of recruiting gray warriors - former soldiers of fallen houses, traditionally outsalary - to strengthen the ranks of his army. Among them is master spy Arakashi, whose network of informants failed to save his former Lord from destruction at the hands of Minwanabi, but remains untouched and at his disposal. Mara is allied with the queen of the new colony of cho-ja, a species of insect consisting of both ferocious warriors and gifted artisans, improving both their military power and potential wealth from the export of cho-ja. Mara is also in a political marriage with her family's second most powerful enemy, Anasati. Given the choice between the second and third sons of Anasati, she makes an amazing choice of Buntokapi, the third son is generally seen as incompetent and rude. After their marriage, Buntokapi shows himself to be a strong warlord and much smarter than others have given him credit, but also turns out to be both an abusive husband and somewhat inept ruling lord. Mara became pregnant with the heir, securing her alliance with Anasati, and set in motion the rest of her plan; becoming a victim of his shenanigans, Buntakapi is forced to commit ritual suicide to save his honor. Finally, before Lord Jingu of Minwanabi himself on his own estate at the celebration attended Many noble families Kelewan, Mara avoids murder and turns the tables to come up with his own honorable suicide Jing, to avenge his father and brother. Extracted from Epic Tale of Adventures and Intrigues. Daughter of empire is a fantasy of the highest order of two of the most talented writers in the field today. Magic and murder swept the kingdom of Kelewan. Fierce warlords incite a fierce blood feud to enslave the empire of Tsuranuanni. Being in luxurious imperial courts, the killers and the spy-master of the conspiracy cunning and insidious intrigues against the rightful heir. Now Mara, a young, untested ruling lady, is called to lead her people in a heroic struggle for survival. 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Murder and magic surround the mysterious world of Kelewan, where a valiant girl leads her followers through terror and danger - reveals his femininity. She is Mara, the ruling Lady of Akoma, who in her heroic struggle for survival must fight powerful rival houses, make deals with sinister rebel warriors and conclude a treaty treaty mysterious Cho-ja - a race of alien insects. But in order to rebuild the house to the dominoes Mara must exchange her heart for power as she marries the son of the enemy - all the while plotting his death. Mara's bold and desperate game allows her to pass by murders and betrayals until she has to confront her most dangerous enemy. In your own fortress... You can also find a preview of the contents of this book in Previews I'm rereading the fantasy trilogy that meant to me most as a teenager, starting with Daughter of empire (1987) Jenny Wurts and Raymond E Feist. I remember it as a destructively intelligent, female center of political drama in the fantasy world. Let's just see, won't we? Chapter 1: LADY SUMMARY in the Temple of Lasima, Lady, Goddess of the Inner Light, seventeen-year-old Mara prepares to give up the world and join the Order of Lasima. She gives everything she has in the service, including her personal honor, and the honor of the great Akoma family in which she was born. As Lord Akoma's only daughter, Mara was to marry and have children, helping her family and the rest of the Adam clan play their part in the Council Game, a political machination that is expected to involve all of Tsurani's nobles. Instead, she chose a life of inner light, service, and chastity. But at the last moment, before the last few gongs are heard, a commotion erupts, and the warrior breaks into the sanctity of the temple, calling for Lady Akoma. Mara realizes that her father and brother were killed in the war against the barbarians, and her life is not going to be one of the quiet service goddess after all. Let the game begin. Mara is escorted away from the temple by Keiok (the battle commander of the Akoma Forces) and the tall, silent Papevayo (leader of the first strike and the greatest warrior of Akoma). She can't grieve publicly because it shames her family and she's the lady of the big house now. A public face is everything. Accompanied by a wronged and wounded semi-company of soldiers in Akoma Green, Mara is escorted through the Holy City through the garbage carried by slaves. Kayok explains what happened in the battle against soldiers from the barbaric cities of Yong and Lamuth. The warlord's command, Tasayo of Minwanabi, ordered Mara's father, Lord Seza, and brother Lanocote to attack them, even though their troops were far outnumbered. As for Kayok, it was a premeditated murder. Tasayo is the nephew of Lord Jingu of Minwanabi, who clearly orchestrated the death of Lord Akoma. Despite their nominal alliance as members of the war party, the blood feud between their families stretches from generation to generation. Almeho Warlord did not condemn Minwanabi, as he needs their military support for the ongoing war against the barbarians. Technically, this battle was a confrontation, not a loss, So the honor has been preserved... but Mara's family is still dead, leaving her sole heir. The only reason Kayok and Papevayo, Akoma's most loyal troops, and a small handful of family soldiers survived, is because Lord Sesu deliberately sent them back, knowing that he was likely to die. Bitterly, Mara comes to terms with her position. It must build the status of its weakened family and gain new allies to (eventually) move against Minwanabi, despite the ever-growing strength and strength of this family. On a long journey home, on a barge to the city of Sulan-zu, and on a litter in her family estate, Mara thinks sadly about her father and her beloved, cheeky brother. The full scale of the disaster is not entirely clear until she reaches the estate and realizes that most of the surviving soldiers have formed her escort. Nearly two thousand Akoma soldiers died in battle with their father, and several hundred had previously been lost to the barbarians -Mara now has only thirty-seven military fixers. Ignore minwanabi's forces, at which point they can be taken out as a result of an attack by bandits from the mountains. Servants wait to greet Mara, and she learns that her father's hadonra (the real estate manager) was wasted with grief at the news of her father. It is currently served by a new hadonra, Jican. Mara wants to rest, but her most reliable fixers - Keiok, her former nurse Nakoya, and now Jikan, insist that she immediately gets up on speed. No one outside Akoma yet knows that Mara was reinstated before giving up her surname, and two families, notably Anasati and Minwanabi, will be keen to finish the house once and for all. Unlike her brother, Mara has never been trained to play the role of father, and her counselors desperately need her to get started. Shocked, Mara completely breaks down. She insists on honoring her father and brother before her new life begins. Her counselors put her father's sword in her hand and sent her to the sacred grove to mourn their loved ones. When Mara holds a farewell ceremony in the Natami meadow, the killer attacks her, strangles her with a garoth. COMMENTS: So, before I get to the events of this chapter, let's start with the cover. I don't know how the rest of you are, but a copy of The Daughter of the Empire that I took in the early 90's was a cover I saw most often associated with it: a beautiful garden with a high towering citadel only visible through the trees, and in the foreground: our heroine in her mauled white robe, wearing her father's sacred sword, next to the roasters. This is actually a brilliant rendition of Mara's story in Chapter 1. Except that Mara is blonde and white on the cover. This coverage has angered me for years - not so much because of the whitewashing (at the age of 13-14, a few years before the Internet affected my life, it never came to me to know that it was a racial/cultural issue), but the woman on the cover did not look the way Mara was described, and for the young reader it was unconscionable. I was just as dismayed, I remember, about the image of Ce'Nedra on the cover of The Gambit of magician David Eddings, as about three feet taller than the character was supposed to be. Looking at it now, all I can do is shake my head. Oh, the publishers of the '80s, I'm judging you right now. (I note that many of the later reissues of the books have fixed this problem with new art.) As for the story itself- there's a trail known as Towering, which I took from reading about the romance of fiction. This refers to the tarot tower map and means that the main character has his life completely destroyed or dismantled at the beginning of the story. It's clear what's going on with Mara. We meet her on the worst day of her life - it is one thing to move away from her family to serve the Goddess, and quite another to take her away from you. We also learn a lot about Tsurani's world from Mara's experience, and how she deals with it - not only the multi-layered policies that guide her culture lifestyle, but most importantly social expectations about how the lady of her status is expected to meet death and disaster. It's clear from the start that this isn't your traditional epic fantasy series. Mara's long, emotionally restrained journey from the temple back to her family estate not only is deeply symbolic, but also gives us the opportunity to see, in tourist style, a world where we are going to spend a lot of time. Asian influences are combined with a scientific fictional detail to make it clear that everything here is different from the mock-European-medieval default that is so common in fantastic settings. Mara is a world of silk and spices and jomach fruit, but also of six feet needra, and other strange creatures. There's also, very early in the story, a hue that establishes that for all that Mara is our main character and therefore the character we are most likely to sympathize with, there is a narrative of privilege going on here. Mara is unhappy, deprived and about to do some of the hardest jobs of her life. But when she observes naked slaves in the market, it's with a memory of how she used to blush, looking at them as objects of sexual curiosity. She believes they are not allowed to wear clothes, and never thinks to challenge their status as non-people. I try not to look too far ahead, especially if people are reading this for the first time, but the point of rereading is at least partly to note the new perspectives that come from returning to the book again - so I'll say that I know the slave thing will be considered at some point as something Mara seriously needs to think about. But I don't remember the extent to which this will be solved! The Daughter of empire is an exciting fantasy, said largely (though I think I remember not exclusively) through Mara's eyes, and we notice what she observes without problems: her world is based on slavery, prostitution is a recognized and licensed profession, poor people work in the fields. On the worst day of her life, with everything lost, she still carried slaves in a litter adorned with silk bearing her family's coat of arms. She notes that many women will mourn their own men, with 2,000 Akom soldiers lost, and yet she is still caught up in her own tragedy. Of course it is. She's seventeen years old. But it is important to note that, as readers, we will not look at the world and culture of Tsurani through the observer, but at the insider. This first chapter is already heavily layered with supposed knowledge. Mara is well aware of the luxury and protections to which a woman in her family is generally entitled, and once abandoned them to avoid the restrictions usually imposed on women in her culture, but the path to religious flight is no longer open to her. Silk litter or no silky litter, she was left without education and political tools, she must survive, just because she is a woman. She's going to have to catch up quickly. So far so good. I'm really impressed with how much Feist and Wurts have packed up here, drip-feeding so much to tell the reader details when appropriate, and yet how much this chapter has time to breathe and show us landscapes along the way. NOTE ABOUT BARBARIANS: Those of you who have read the Wizard of Raymond E Feist trilogy, and probably many who have not, will know that the barbarians that Tsurani are struggling through the split between the worlds of Midkemia, the installation of these books. I'm not going to review them here because I found them pretty boring. I always read and reread the Empire trilogy regardless of the pug and his adventures, and I plan to do just that this time. Believe me, the series stands alone. If someone wants to comment on the posts in terms of a more avid reader midkemia set of novels, I'll be interested to hear what you have to add! I'm sure I lack a layer or two of complexity, but on the other hand, these novels don't have a mara in them, so I'm fine with my decision. Obviously, I'm on Tsurani's team in this war. And, of course, the Acoma team. For those who haven't read The Wizard and its sequels, to be honest, just imagine white bearded people with swords whenever the text mentions Midkemians and you'll be fine. Tansey Rayner Roberts is the author of the fantasy trilogy Creature Court and one of the three voices of Hugo's nominated podcast Galactic Suburbia. She has a doctorate in classics, which she relied on for her collection of short stories Love and Romanpunk. She also writes crime fiction as Libya Day. Come and find her on Twitter! Twitter! daughter of the empire book. daughter of the empire characters. daughter of the empire audiobook. daughter of the empire review. daughter of the empire movie. daughter of the empire trilogy. daughter of the empire feist. daughter of the empire map

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