**SOLAR WIND**

*A historical novel about Marcus Aurelius and his time.*

States would prosper if

Philosophers were rulers or if

The rulers would be philosophers.

Plato[[1]](#footnote-1), «the State»

**Book I**

**IN THE SHADOWS OF THE TWO GODS**

God is easier to meet here than man.

Petronius[[2]](#footnote-2) about Rome, «Satyricon»

**Part One**

**Adrian**

**The Proritzer in purple**

Emperor Adrian[[3]](#footnote-3) always believed in horoscopes.

In his luxurious residence in Tibur, built to the final return to Rome, he indulged in reflections on the winding ways of fate, fascinated him in the world for the long twenty years after the death of Emperor Trajan. He picked up a sheet of parchment, which for a long time described what was to happen to him, read, surprised by coincidences, and even more inconsistencies.

But there were more coincidences.

In the clear lines connecting the twelve houses of the zodiac, he found not only the pleasure of Aesta, as in the strict architecture of Athens or geometrically reconciled pyramids of the Pharaohs, but also drew deep knowledge. As if the horoscope was a material and visible expression of a comprehensive logo[[4]](#footnote-4).

The place looked after by Adriaan for the residence was not new. Before that, he was chosen by Octavian Augustus, where Horace and Katull lived, while others rich in patrician. The vast imperial lands, surrounded by yellow-green olive groves and pines with thick crowns, have all the whimsical fantasies of Adriana. There were halls and theatres, luxurious thermal parks, libraries, porties and temples, decorative gardens. In his villa, he took a long time to take pictures, statues, vases from all over the territory of Rome and now enjoyed their views, sitting on a chair or reclining on the bed.

Sometimes he sat alone all evening with a violet of Faleronian wine in his hand, was a horoscope of close people, pondering about their fates, the contours of which fell behind the lines connecting the trajectory of the planets.

Although the roman spirit has been accustomed to address directly to the gods — as it was thought, the face of the latter can be seen — predictions of asterisks on this background often looked like a case, an empty amusement for the jaded minds of aristocrats. But Adrian knew his horoscopes were not lying.

1. Plato is an ancient Greek philosopher who lived in the IV-III century B.C. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Guy Petronius Referee (14-66) is a Roman writer, author of the satirical novel «Satyricon». [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Publay eliy Trajan Adrian (76-138 – 1945) was a roman emperor in 138. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Logos (from Greek. «word», «thought») — the world mind. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)