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### CHAPTER 3

Most Voravians, unless they were from the highest of the nobility, would have been very anxious, even terrified, about appearing before the queen in her council.

But Peter knew Voravia's queen, the Princess Lucy, well.

Five years earlier, when he was twelve and she eleven, they had studied together. Lucy's father, King Charles, had insisted his daughter learn the new sciences that were sweeping across Europe.

Peter's father, William, was the town's apothecary. He was skilled in science and medicine. He was able to cure many diseases.

The king had selected William to teach his daughter science.

The king also decided Princess Lucy would learn better if she had a companion. He chose Peter to be her fellow student. So Peter and the princess studied together and became firm friends.

The tragic death of King Charles had meant that the princess would, when she reached twenty-one, be crowned queen. But until that time, she had two regents who, together, ruled in her place.

Now that he was seventeen, Peter was not sure if Princess Lucy was still just his friend. Was she something more?