

The Stars of the Phoenix

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2	MIZAR , WHO SEES AND JUDGES
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7	KRATU , WHOSE SONG IS JOY
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Comprehending the Firebird

Briefing

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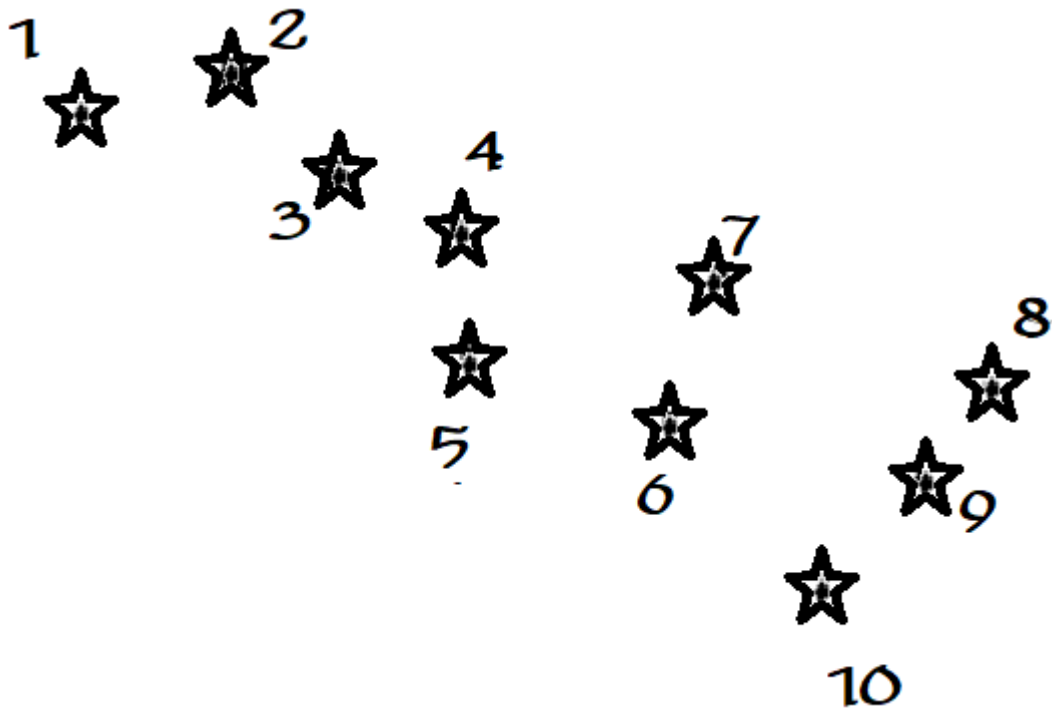
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You hear a dozen or more voices singing out, weaving and winding together, deafening you. You know you will never be able to capture that melody again, but it will haunt your dreams and slip into your head at random moments, tantalising you with the fact you can never express it no matter how hard you try.

Then names sear into your consciousness. Alkaid Who Pierces the Veil, Mizar who sees and judges; Alioth who tends the enlightened flame; Megraz who tends the root; Pulastya whose heart is embers; Merak who rouses ashes; Keratu whose song is joy; Tellum feather of learning; Hikma feather of wisdom; and Fahum feather of understanding.

You cannot be sure if these are the names the stars call themselves, or the names they want you to call them or the names you would call them if you knew them better. You know also that while they have individual names they are also part of the whole, a constellation whose name is “things learn” and yet at the same time is a string of concepts and ideas that flow past you impossible to entirely grasp.

Then you are back in your body again. You feel absolutely physically drained and emotionally wrung out. For the next few minutes you will struggle to stand unaided, to speak coherently, or to focus on the world around you.



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