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## **Fantasy**

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The whisper of castles in the sky collapsing. (Insert special effects here.) The drag force of passing deadlines and overdrawn budgets. Was it all just a matter of money, as usual? Or was there, as some say, another story, better insofar as it was much worse? I'm not much for conspiracy theories, but I am fascinated by money: numbers made from a void that we use as a synonym for reality. Is there a worse conspiracy? I said this to the Sorrowful Prince, who seemed to understand what I meant. He was an intelligent person in many ways, one whose money had wrapped him in an unreality that he unsuccessfully tried to reshape into something he could live with. He was the first one to tell me about *The Plot*. Though it had been covered by the media, it was already forgotten. The Sorrowful Prince told me too much, but it was far from everything. His official perspective was, of course, that everything was just a matter of money.