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CHRONICLE OF THE UNHEWN THRONE, BOOK I. A preview of *The Emperor's Blades*, the first novel in an gripping new epic fantasy series. "A vivid and visceral universe.... Real, solid, and compelling."  
—Christie Golden, New York Times bestselling author  
The emperor of Annur is dead, slain by enemies unknown. His daughter and two sons, scattered across the world, must somehow stay alive and unmask the assassins. But each of them also has a life-path on which their father set them, destinies entangled with both ancient enemies and inscrutable gods.

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## **The Emperor's Blades: Chapters-1-7 Details**

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## From Reader Review The Emperor's Blades: Chapters-1-7 for online ebook

### Philip Foster. says

I read this preview over at Tor.com where it was recently serialised ,<http://www.tor.com/features/series/br...> This looks like being one of the most exciting debuts of 2014, the first seven chapters were evocative and exciting and the series looks like delivering a heady mix of interesting cultures, religions and politics set in a fascinating world. It's difficult just to say how good it will be based on seven chapters and but I personally can't wait for the full novel. Also, giant bird flying ninjas!

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### Nicole Kapteyn says

Makes me very excited to read the full book. The concept is neat and interesting, and I have high hopes for unpredictability in the full version.

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### Just\_ann\_now says

I was not given any reason to care about these people. Thanks, Tor, for the extended sample, but I won't be buying the book.

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### Josh says

A bit of advice to those wanting to write fantasy novels: Your fantasy world is NOT intrinsically as interesting as YOU think it is.

You're going to have to capture my (your reader's) interest if you want me to read your book. That means you need to have a strong beginning to your story. Just telling me about your world is BORING (ie. You're not Tolkien, get over it). Simple conversations between characters or "day-in-the-life" stuff is BORING, too. At least save it for later, don't OPEN your story with it, for crying out loud!

You've got a prologue and (at most) 2 chapters to convince me to read your novel. If you don't do the job by then, you FAILED.

Based on that litmus test, this novel FAILS.

First, the most ridiculous prologue I have ever read in any book at all. What, TWO PAGES without ANY rhyme or reason for what is happening is supposed to intrigue me? Really? Do you think I was born yesterday, or that this is the first fantasy book I've ever read? Following that was an entirely forgettable sequence about a young monk getting a new mentor, who starts beating him and trying to teach him boring lessons in an entirely unoriginal way. Then BAM, we have a shift in characters, which at this point I have completely lost interest in caring about this book (not to mention the floodgates open for F-bombs and modern-day slang. Keep it medieval, people! Sheesh, people are actually comparing this to Erikson? Read

Malazan if you want to see great dialogue in a military fantasy setting. Man, how did this book even get published?

Sorry folks, it might have the rave review machine behind it, but if the opening sucks, why should I keep reading?

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### **jesus villalobos says**

#### **A must read**

Awesome read and a must read.

An inspirational book .cAnt wait until I read the last row of his series.

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### **Kathy says**

First 7 chapters are awesome. I can't wait for the January release and have pre-ordered my copy.

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### **Betule Sairafi says**

The prologue was *so* good, but the (unrelated) rest was kind of misogynistic and maybe a little juvenile when describing fat characters. It all suffered from repetitiveness. It all suffered from repetitiveness.

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### **Asviloka says**

Couldn't get through it, though it seemed like it had potential. Meh.

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### **Brewergnome says**

Excellent. I want to know more about this world and these characters. I'll be getting the full novel.

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### **edifanob says**

It was good to get the first seven chapters for free.

I read them. Now I know that I will not buy a copy because it did not captivate me.

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### **Travis Young says**

I'm actually reading the full book now, not just the first 7 chapters, but entirely on the weight of this sample.

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### **gerald morson says**

#### **Great little starter**

Took a little while to get going ,but overall a great start to a series will have to purchase the full book to comment more

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### **Gally says**

Brian Staveley's The Emperor's Blades on Tor.com: The First Seven Chapters

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### **Julia says**

Engaging and original.

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### **Tara says**

I'm glad I gave this sampler a try. I loved every word of it and purchased the first two books in the series.

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