"CATERINA, WAIT FOR ME! . . .

"... My father is only taking me as far as the Holy Land. Then he'll ship me back home. We'll see each other again soon!"

"You won't leave him, Marco," she said quietly.
"You'll try to follow him until your shoes crack and your feet bleed. If he really sent you home to Venice, it would break your heart."

She gave him a last smile, then walked away across the square. Marco did not see the tears that were cascading down her cheeks. He was rooted to the spot, trying to cope with a loss that seemed as great as the death of his mother. He was going on the journey of his dreams, but there was a price to pay....

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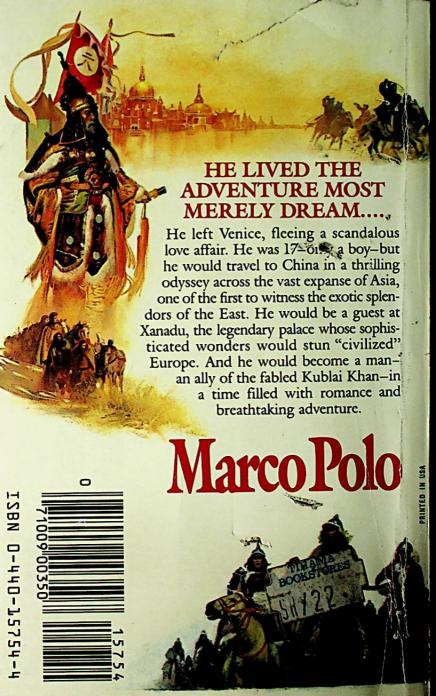
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