

Owl's Fables

The Shadow and the Candle

Lessons you wish weren't true



The **owl speaks** when dusk is deep,
Where **truths** are sown, but none dare reap.
A **tale** once told will **haunt the mind**,
For those who **look**, but **still are blind**.

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A shadow stretched across the wall, cast by a solitary candle. “You owe your existence to me,” said the candle.

The shadow wavered. “Perhaps. But who sees you without me?”

The candle flared angrily, casting the shadow larger and darker. It grew until it engulfed the room, swallowing the candle’s light.

When the light was gone, the shadow remained.

Moral: What seems dependent may outlast its source.



0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一束光影映射在墙壁上，来自一只孤独的蜡烛。“你是因为我才存在的，”蜡烛说。

影子动了动。“也许吧。但没有我，谁还能看到你？”

蜡烛愤怒地燃烧起来，将影子投射得更大更暗。它渐渐地扩展，直到整个房间都被吞噬，蜡烛的光芒被吞噬殆尽。

当光线消失时，影子依然存在。

道德：看似依赖的东西可能比它的源头更持久。

0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī shù guāngyǐng yìngshè zài qiángbì shàng, láizì yī zhī gūdú de làzhú. “Nǐ shì yīnwèi wǒ cái cúnzài de,” làzhú shuō.

Yǐngzi dòngle dòng. “Yěxǔ ba. Dàn méiyǒu wǒ, shuǐ hái néng kàn dào nǐ?”

Làzhú fènnù de ránshāo qǐlái, jiāng yǐngzi tóushè de gèng dà gèng àn. Tā jiànjiàn de kuòzhǎn, zhídào zhěnggè fángjiān dōu bèi tūnshì, làzhú de guāngmáng bèi tūnshì dàijìn.

Dāng guāngxìàn xiāoshī shí, yǐngzi yīrán cúnzài.

Dàodé: Kànshì yīlài de dōngxī kěnéng bǐ tā de yuántóu gèng chíjiǔ.

