

# Owl's Fables

## The Clock and the Gears

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 clock hung proudly in a town square, its hands ticking with precision. One night, a tiny gear deep inside the mechanism spoke up. “I grow tired,” it said. “Let someone else turn for a while.”

The other gears shushed it. “If you stop, we all stop.”

The tiny gear paused and said no more. By dawn, the clock had stopped ticking. The townspeople gathered, confused.

Inside, the tiny gear had vanished, and the rest sat still, unsure how to move without it.

**Moral:** The smallest part may hold the greatest weight.



### 0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一座钟表骄傲地挂在镇广场上，它的指针精准地滴答作响。一天晚上，机芯深处的一颗小齿轮发出了声音。“我感到疲倦，”它说，“让我休息一会儿，换别人来转动。”

其他齿轮安静下来。“如果你停下，我们都会停下。”

那颗小齿轮停了一下，之后再也没说话。天亮时，钟表停止了滴答声。镇上的人们聚集在一起，困惑不解。

里面，那颗小齿轮已经消失，而其他齿轮静止不动，不知道如何没有它继续转动。

**道德：**最小的部件可能承载最大的重量。

## 0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī zuò zhōngbiǎo jiāo' ào de guà zài zhèn guǎngchǎng shàng, tā de zhǐzhēn jīngzhǔn de dīdā zuò xiǎng. Yītiān wǎnshàng, jīxīn shēnchù de yī kē xiǎo chǐyuán fāchūle shēngyīn. “Wǒ gǎndào píjuàn,” tā shuō, “ràng wǒ xiūxi yī huìr, huàn biérén lái zhuàndòng.”

Qítā chǐyuán ān jìng xiàlái. “Rúguǒ nǐ tíng xià, wǒmen dū huì tíng xià.”

Nà kē xiǎo chǐyuán tíngle yīxià, zhīhòu zài yě méi shuōhuà. Tiān liàng shí, zhōngbiǎo tíngzhǐle dīdā shēng. Zhèn shàng de rénmen jùjí zài yīqǐ, kùnhuò bù jiě.

Lǐmiàn, nà kē xiǎo chǐyuán yǐjīng xiāoshī, ér qítā chǐyuán jìngzhǐ bù dòng, bù zhīdào rúhé méiyǒu tā jìxù zhuàndòng.

**Dàodé:** Zuì xiǎo de bùjiàn kěnéng chéngzài zuìdà de zhòngliàng.

