

Owl's Fables

The Mask and the Man

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 man found an exquisite mask at a market, its features flawless and serene. “This will show the world my best face,” he said and wore it every day.

Over time, the mask began to change, smiling when he felt anger, frowning when he felt joy. “I am the one wearing you,” the man said, trying to remove it.

But the mask clung tightly. “Are you sure of that?” it whispered.

The man looked into a mirror, and the face beneath was no longer his own.

Moral: What we wear too long becomes part of us.



0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一位男子在市场上发现了一张精致的面具，面具的特征完美且安详。“这将展示给世界我最美的一面，”他说，并每天佩戴它。

随着时间的推移，面具开始变化，当他感到愤怒时面具微笑，当他感到快乐时面具皱眉。“是我戴着你，”男子说，试图把它拿下来。

但面具紧紧地粘住了他。“你确定吗？”它低声说。

男子看进镜子，发现镜子中的脸不再是他自己的脸。

道德：我们戴得太久的东西最终成为了我们的一部分。

0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī wèi nánzǐ zài shìchǎng shàng fāxiànle yī zhāng jīngzhì de miànjù,
miànjù de tèzhēng wánměi qiě ānxiáng. “Zhè jiāng zhǎnshì gěi
shìjiè wǒ zuì měi de yī miàn,” tā shuō, bìng měitiān pèidài tā.

Suízhe shíjiān de tuīyí, miànjù kāishǐ biànhuà, dāng tā gǎndào
fènnù shí miànjù wēixiào, dāng tā gǎndào kuàilè shí miànjù zhòuméi.
“Shì wǒ dàizhe nǐ,” nánzǐ shuō, shìtú bǎ tā ná xiàlái.

Dàn miànjù jǐn jǐn de zhānzhùle tā. “Nǐ quèdìng ma?” tā dīshēng
shuō.

Nánzǐ kàn jìn jìngzi, fāxiàn jìngzi zhōng de liǎn bù zàishì tā zìjǐ de
liǎn.

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