

Owl's Fables

The River and the Stone

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 stone sat in a riverbed for centuries, unmoving, while the water rushed around it. One day, the river spoke. “Why do you resist me?”

The stone replied, “Because I endure while you erode.”

The river laughed. “Endurance is no virtue. Watch what it brings you.”

The stone remained silent, even as the river wore it down to nothing. Years later, the river dried up, leaving a hollow where the stone once was.

Travelers whispered of the strange emptiness, for no grass grew there, and no water returned.

Moral: To endure too long is to be hollowed out.



0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一块石头静静地躺在河床上，几百年来不曾动弹，而水流则绕过它奔流。一天，河水开口了。“你为什么抵抗我？”

石头回答：“因为我能忍耐，而你在侵蚀我。”

河水笑了。“忍耐并非美德。看它带给你什么。”

石头依然保持沉默，尽管河水将它一点一点磨蚀。多年后，河水干涸，留下了一个空洞，原来石头所在的地方。

旅行者们低语着，谈论着那奇异的空虚，因为那里没有草长出，也没有水再流回来。

道德：忍受得太久，终究会被掏空。

0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī kuài shítou jìng jìng de tǎng zài héchuáng shàng, jǐ bǎi nián
lái bùcéng dòngtán, ér shuǐliú zé rào guò tā bēnliú. Yītiān, héshuǐ
kāikǒu le. “Nǐ wèishéme dīkàng wǒ?”

Shítou huídá: “Yīnwèi wǒ néng rěnnài, ér nǐ zài qīnshí wǒ.”

Héshuǐ xiàole. “Rěnnài bìngfēi měidé. Kàn tā dàigěi nǐ shénme.”

Shítou yīrán bǎochí chénmò, jǐnguǎn héshuǐ jiāng tā yīdiǎn yīdiǎn
móshí. Duōnián hòu, héshuǐ gānhé, liúxiàle yīgè kòngdòng, yuánlái
shítou suǒzài de dìfāng.

Lǚxíng zhěmen dīyǔzhe, tánlùn zhe nà qíyì de kòngxū, yīnwèi nàlǐ
méiyǒu cǎo zhǎngchū, yě méiyǒu shuǐ zài liú huílái.

Dàodé: Rěنشòu dé tài jiǔ, zhōngjiù huì bèi tāo kōng.

