

# Owl's Fables

## The River and the Reflection

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 deer stood at the edge of a river, admiring its reflection in the still water. “How graceful I am,” said the deer, lowering its head to drink.

As the water rippled, the reflection distorted, revealing antlers sharper and more twisted than the deer’s own.

Alarmed, the deer stepped back. “What is this?”

The river stilled. “Only what lies beneath you.”

The deer fled, but its shadow on the ground carried the twisted antlers it had seen.

**Moral:** We cannot always escape what we hide from ourselves.



### 0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一只鹿站在河岸边，欣赏着自己在平静水面上的倒影。“我多么优雅啊，”鹿说，低下头准备饮水。

水面泛起涟漪，倒影发生了扭曲，显现出比鹿自己还要锋利且扭曲的角。

鹿惊慌失措，后退了一步。“这是什么？”

河水平静下来。“只是你脚下的东西。”

鹿逃跑了，但它在地上的影子依然带着它看到的扭曲角。

**道德：**我们无法永远逃避自己隐藏的东西。

### 0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī zhī lù zhàn zài hé'àn biān, xīnshǎngzhe zìjǐ zài píngjìng shuǐmiàn shàng de dǎoyǐng. “Wǒ duōme yōuyǎ a,” lù shuō, dī xià tóu zhǔnbèi yīnshuǐ.

Shuǐmiàn fànqǐ liányī, dǎoyǐng fāshēngle niǔqū, xiǎnxiàn chū bǐ lù zìjǐ hái yào fēnglì qiè niǔqū de jiǎo.

Lù jīnghuāng shīcuò, hòutuìlè yī bù. “Zhè shì shénme?”

Hé shuǐ píngjìng xiàlái. “Zhǐshì nǐ jiǎoxià de dōngxī.”

Lù táopǎo le, dàn tā zài dìshàng de yǐngzi yīrán dài zhe tā kàn dào de niǔqū jiǎo.

**Dàodé:** Wǒmen wúfǎ yǒngyuǎn táobì zìjǐ yīncáng de dōngxī.

