Owl's Fables
The Carpenter and the Tree

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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0.1 The Carpenter and the Tree

A carpenter found an old, gnarled tree in the forest. "This wood is too twisted for use," he said and began to chop it down.

The tree creaked as the axe bit into its bark. "Why do you cut what does not serve you?" it asked.

"To clear space for something better," the carpenter replied.

The tree fell with a final groan, its roots tearing into the earth. Years later, the carpenter returned to find the soil barren and lifeless.

"I made space," he muttered, "but for nothing to grow."

Moral: Removing what seems useless may leave a void.

0.1.1　中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一位木匠在森林中发现了一棵古老的、扭曲的树。"这木材太扭曲了，无法使用，"他说着，开始砍伐它。

树发出嘎吱声，斧头劈进了树皮。"为什么要砍掉那些对你没有用的东西?"它问道。

"为了腾出空间，容纳更好的东西，"木匠回答。

树发出最后一声呻吟，根部撕裂了大地。多年后，木匠回来发现土壤贫瘠而死气沉沉。

"我腾出了空间，"他说，"但没有什么能在这里生长。"

道德: 移除看似无用的东西可能会留下空洞。

0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī wèi mùjiàng zài sēnlín zhōng fāxiànle yī kē gǔlǎo de, niǔqū de shù. "Zhè mùcái tài niǔqūle, wúfǎ shǐyòng," tā shuōzhe, kāishǐ kǎn fá tā.

Shù fāchū gāzhī shēng, fǔtóu pī jìnle shùpí. "Wèishéme yào kǎn diào nàxiē duì nǐ méiyǒu yòng de dōngxī?" tā wèn dào.

"Wèile téng chū kōngjiān, róngnà gèng hǎo de dōngxī," mùjiàng huídá.

Shù fāchū zuìhòu yī shēng yín, gēnbù sīlièle dàdì. Duō nián hòu, mùjiàng huílái fāxiàn tǔrǎng pínxí ér sǐqì chénchén.

"Wǒ téng chūle kōngjiān," tā shuō, "dàn méiyǒu shénme néng zài zhè lǐ shēngzhǎng."

Dàodé: Yíchú kànshì wúyòng de dōngxī kěnéng huì liú xià kōngdòng.