

# Owl's Fables

## The Clockmaker and the Sparrow

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 sparrow watched a clockmaker repair an ancient clock in the town square. “How clever you are,” said the sparrow, “to fix something so broken.”

The clockmaker smiled. “It is my craft to make things tick again.”

The sparrow tilted its head. “And what happens when it cannot be fixed?”

The clockmaker’s smile grew wider. “Then I wind it backward.”

When the townspeople gathered that evening, they found the clock ticking in reverse—and all their shadows facing east.

**Moral:** Sometimes, fixing what is broken creates something worse.



### 0.1.1 中文版本 (Mandarin Translation)

一只麻雀看着钟表匠在镇广场上修理一只古老的钟。“你真聪明，”麻雀说，“能修好这么破旧的东西。”

钟表匠微笑着回答：“这是我的工艺，让东西重新运转。”

麻雀歪着头问：“那如果修不好呢？”

钟表匠的笑容更大了：“那我就让它倒转。”

当天晚上，镇上的人们聚集在一起，发现钟表倒计时——而他们所有的影子都朝着东方。

**道德：**有时，修复破损的东西会造成更糟糕的结果。

## 0.1.2 拼音版本 (Pinyin Transliteration)

Yī zhī máquè kàn zhe zhōngbiǎo jiàng zài zhèn guǎngchǎng shàng  
xiūlǐ yī zhī gǔlǎo de zhōng. “Nǐ zhēn cōngmíng,” máquè shuō,  
“néng xiū hǎo zhème pòjiù de dōngxī.”

Zhōngbiǎo jiàng wēixiào zhe huídá: “Zhè shì wǒ de gōngyì, ràng  
dōngxī chóngxīn yùnzhuàn.”

Máquè wāi zhe tóu wèn: “Nà rúguǒ xiū bù hǎo ne?”

Zhōngbiǎo jiàng de xiàoróng gèng dà le: “Nà wǒ jiù ràng tā dào  
zhuǎn.”

Dāngtiān wǎnshàng, zhèn shàng de rénmen jùjí zài yīqǐ, fāxiàn  
zhōngbiǎo dào jìshí——ér tāmen suǒyǒu de yǐngzi dōu cháo zhe  
dōngfāng.

**Dàodé:** Yǒu shí, xiūfù pòsǔn de dōngxī huì zàochéng gèng zāogāo  
de jiéguǒ.

