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## SHADOW OF THE SILENT HAND

EPISODE 2:

**THE MARK OF THE  
RED SHADOW**

*The first lesson was control. The second is seeing what hides in the dark...*




**A SECRET HAS BEEN BROKEN.**

**A SHADOW HAS RETURNED.**

**A CHOICE WILL DEFINE THE FUTURE.**



BRING ME THE SCROLL, OR I WILL COME FOR THE BOY.




**A NINJA. A STUDENT. A LEGACY.  
ONLY AWARENESS CAN PROTECT THEM ALL.**

# THE FOURTH FOOTPRINT

The battle had ended. But the dojo had not returned to peace.



THREE  
CAME IN...



...BUT ONE  
STAYED  
OUTSIDE.



A THIEF  
STEALS WHAT  
HE CAN CARRY.  
A WATCHER  
STEALS WHAT  
HE CAN LEARN.



HE WAS NOT  
AFRAID TO ENTER.  
HE CHOSE NOT TO.



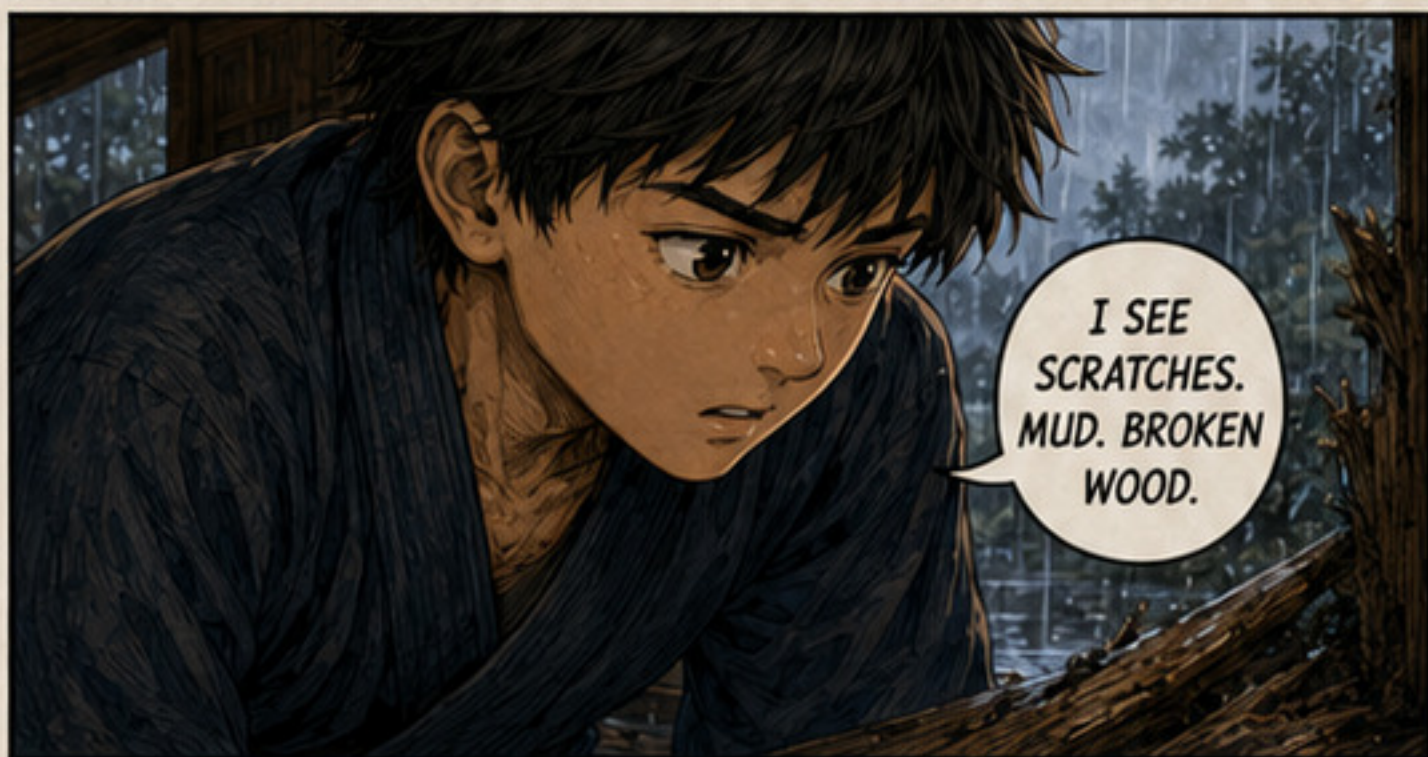
WHY WOULD  
SOMEONE BREAK  
IN... BUT NOT  
COME INSIDE?



BECAUSE HE  
WANTED US TO  
KNOW HE WAS  
THERE.



# RED FIBERS



# THE BROKEN SEAL



This cord was never decoration.



It was a warning. A boundary. A promise.



A promise to who?



To those who understood the Silent Hand.



The seal said: This knowledge is guarded.



Control the self before reaching for power.



Now that the seal is broken, those who once hunted it may return.

# THE NAME OF THE RED SHADOW



WHO HUNTED IT?



A HIDDEN GROUP. STUDENTS OF DARKNESS. COLLECTORS OF FORBIDDEN TEACHINGS.



They did not train to master themselves.



They trained to master others.



WHAT WERE THEY CALLED?



THE RED SHADOW.



NAMES FADE. INTENTIONS REMAIN.

# ELI'S FEAR

Eli had wanted  
a secret.  
Now the secret  
had found him.



IF I NEVER  
FOUND THE SCROLL,  
NONE OF THIS WOULD  
HAVE HAPPENED.

YOU FOUND  
WHAT WAS HIDDEN.  
THAT IS NOT THE  
SAME AS CAUSING  
WHAT FOLLOWED.

BUT THEY  
CAME BECAUSE  
OF ME.

FEAR WILL SAY  
EVERYTHING IS  
YOUR FAULT.  
WISDOM ASKS  
WHAT YOU WILL  
DO NEXT.

WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO?

LEARN  
TO SEE.

# TRAINING THE EYE



THE EYE IS NOT ONLY FOR LOOKING.



IT IS FOR NOTICING.



WHAT CHANGED SINCE LAST NIGHT?



THE WINDOW IS OPEN. THE CABINET IS LOCKED. THE FLOOR IS WET.



YOU LOOKED FAR AWAY FIRST. DANGER OFTEN BEGINS CLOSE.



I STEPPED ON THE EVIDENCE...

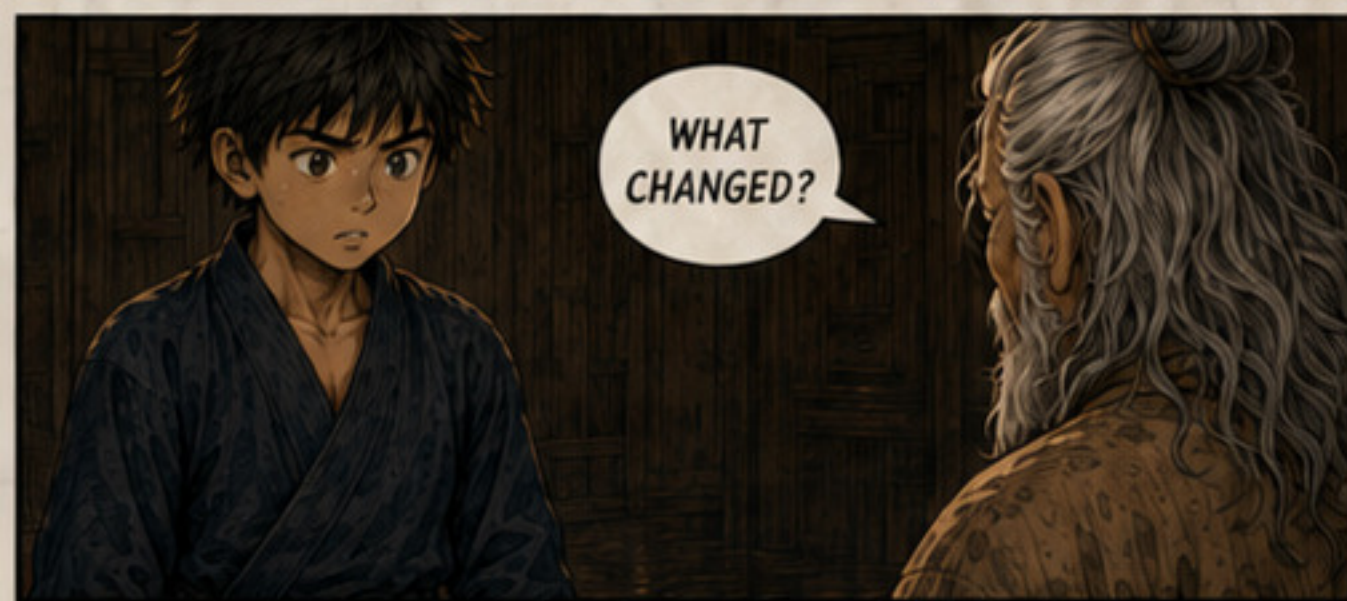


AWARENESS BEGINS WITH HUMILITY.

# THE SILENT ROOM




# MASTER REN'S TEST




# THE RED MARK APPEARS




# SOMEONE IS WATCHING




DO NOT SEARCH FOR A PERSON. SEARCH FOR WHAT DOES NOT BELONG.



THE ROOFTOPS...  
THE CHIMNEY SMOKE...  
THE BIRDS...




WAIT.




THAT SHADOW IS NOT MOVING WITH THE WIND.



**FSSSH**



STAY WITH MASTER REN.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



TO ASK THE SHADOW WHY IT WATCHES.

# INTO THE NIGHT

The city had many sounds. Ashida followed the silence between them.



SILENT HAND.



RED SHADOW.



YOU REMEMBER US.



I REMEMBER WHAT YOU CHOSE.



THEN FOLLOW MEMORY.



# THE ROOFTOP SHRINE

Not every trap  
begins with  
a blade.



THE SEAL.



The stolen cord  
had been placed  
with care. Too  
much care.



BAIT.



CLICK.



THWAK!

THWAK!

THWAK!



The trap was  
clever. But clever  
is not wise.



# THE MESSAGE



SHOW ME  
WHAT YOU WANTED  
ME TO SEE.



CREAK.



The  
Silent Hand  
remembers.  
So do we.



Some messages  
threaten the future.  
Others reopen the past.



YOUR LEGEND  
PROTECTS THEM.



BUT LEGENDS  
CAN BLEED.



TRY THE  
LIVING ONE  
FIRST.

# THE RED-EYED WATCHER REVEALED

He was not  
dressed for battle.  
He was dressed  
like a warning.



The boy  
opened what  
should have  
remained  
sleeping.

The boy  
found a  
lesson.

He found  
a door.

And doors  
invite those  
waiting  
outside.

Then I will  
stand at  
the door.

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# CLASH IN THE MOONLIGHT



FWIP!



SNAP!



You defend weakness.



I defend choice.



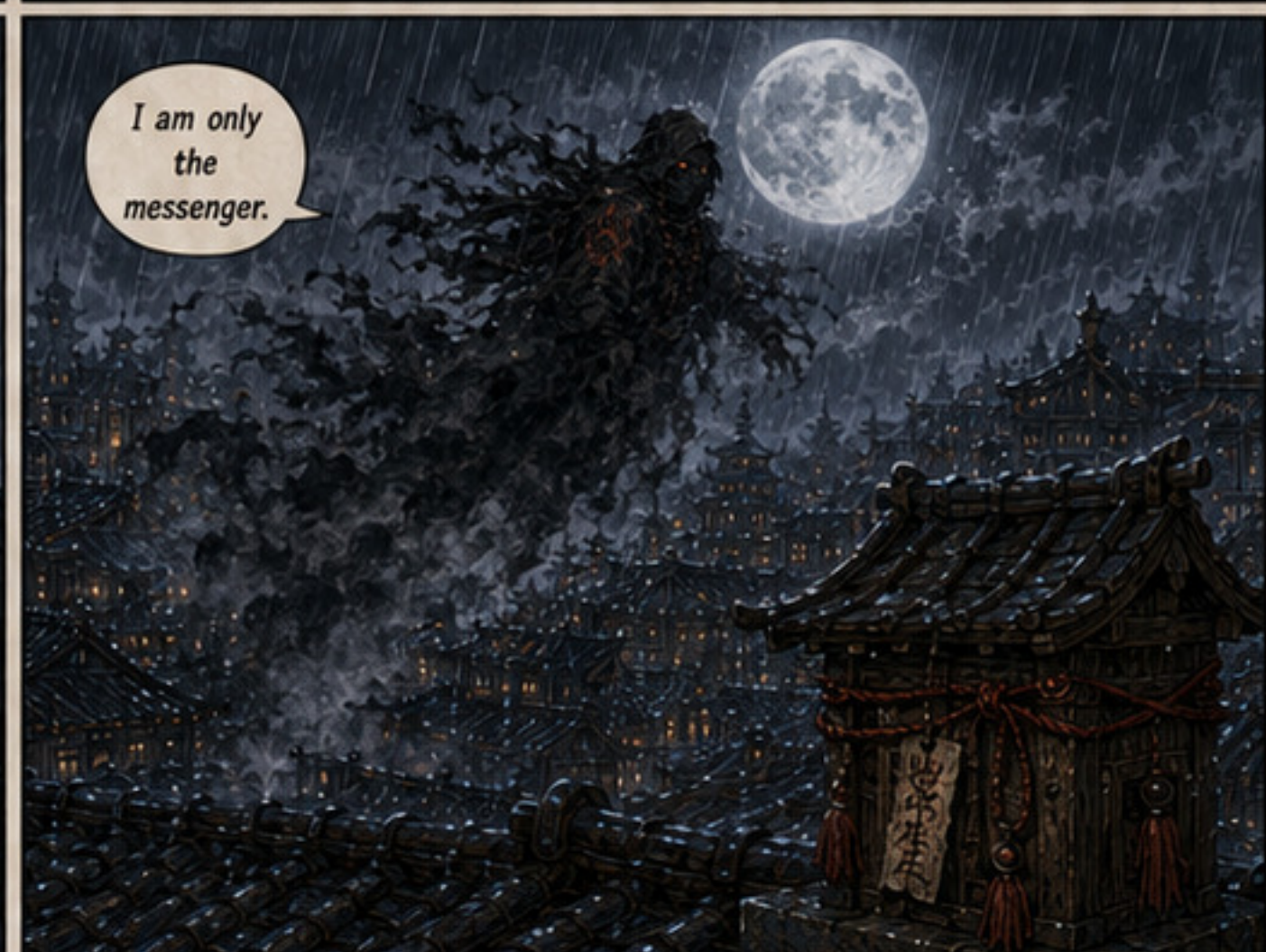
TAK TAK TAK!



Who sent you?



You still think I am the message.



I am only the messenger.

# DANGER AT THE DOJO



# AWARENESS BECOMES ACTION

1

Smart boy.



2

Master Ren, move behind me.



3

Careful, Eli.



4

You think standing there makes you brave?



5

No.



6

Listening first does.



7

tink!



8

That was supposed to distract me.



# THE SECOND INTRUDER



# ASHIDA RETURNS



# THE MARK REMAINS

By morning,  
the Red Shadow  
had vanished.

死  
触  
拳  
法

死  
触  
拳  
法

Bring me  
the scroll.

Bring me  
the scroll.  
Or I will  
come for  
the boy.

THE SHADOW  
HAS NAMED YOU.

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WHAT DO  
I DO NOW?

THE FIRST  
LESSON TAUGHT  
YOU CONTROL.

THE SECOND  
TEACHES YOU  
TO SEE.

NOW WE LEARN  
WHO IS HIDING  
BEHIND THE  
SHADOW.

Next:  
THE ENEMY BENEATH  
THE LANTERN

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# THE SHADOW HAS MARKED THE DOJO.

After the battle at the dojo, Eli discovers a fourth footprint, a broken red cord, and a warning mark painted in blood-red ink. Master Ren reveals that the seal on the ancient scroll has been broken — and an old enemy has returned.

As Ashida Kim hunts a watcher across the rooftops, Eli begins his second lesson: awareness. To protect the scroll, he must learn that true strength begins not with force, but with seeing what others miss.

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