

沈黙の手

ASHIDA KIM: SHADOW OF THE SILENT HAND



EPISODE 4: THE TEMPLE OF THE SILENT HAND



仁師傳

金師範

死触拳法

龍法

THE TEMPLE
DOES NOT OPEN FOR
THE STRONG.
IT OPENS FOR THE STILL.



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THE MAP BENEATH THE FLAME

Beneath the lantern, the path had been waiting.



BEFORE THE JOURNEY

Eli tried to prepare his body.



WE SHOULD HURRY BEFORE THEY GET AHEAD OF US.



A RUSHED HAND FORGETS IMPORTANT THINGS.



BUT IF WE WAIT TOO LONG, THEY WIN.



FEAR CALLS EVERYTHING URGENT.



THEN WHAT SHOULD I LISTEN TO?



THE PART OF YOU THAT DOES NOT SHAKE.

THE ROAD INTO MIST

By sunrise, the dojo was behind them.



Ahead waited a place most believed was only legend.



HOW LONG HAS THIS TEMPLE BEEN HIDDEN?



LONG ENOUGH FOR MEN TO FORGET WHY IT WAS HIDDEN.



QUIET.



They were not the first to follow the map.



THE RED CORD TRAIL



A SCOUT. MOVING QUICKLY.

RED SHADOW?



QUICK MOVEMENT LEAVES HONEST TRACES.

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A FOOTPRINT...



YOU ARE SEEING MORE.



AWARENESS.



NOW ADD PATIENCE.

THE WATCHER IN THE TREES

Some eyes did not follow the trail. They followed them.



Someone's there.



Yes.



The boy learns quickly.



You again.



The temple is not your enemy.



Then who is?



The one who enters without reverence.

THE BROKEN GATE

At last, the temple appeared.



It's real.



Real things are often hidden by unbelief.



Someone has already tried to force the gate.



The temple had refused them.



Then how do we open it?



We do not open it. We ask properly.



THE FIRST TEST



Stand in silence.



Eli tried to force himself into calm.



It's not working.



You are pretending at silence.



I'm trying.



Stillness is not something you perform. It is something you stop resisting.



For the first time, Eli stopped fighting the quiet.

THE DOOR OF STILLNESS



Eli did not become fearless. But he stopped letting fear lead.



Ffffff...



The temple answered the flame.



KRRRRRRNNN...



I didn't do anything.



That was the lesson.



Some doors open only when the self grows quiet.

THE HALL OF HANDS

Inside, the temple remembered every student who had passed through it.



Were these all Silent Hand warriors?



Guardians. Teachers. Protectors.



And now, trespassers.



Red Shadow mark.



CLINK.



Stay close.

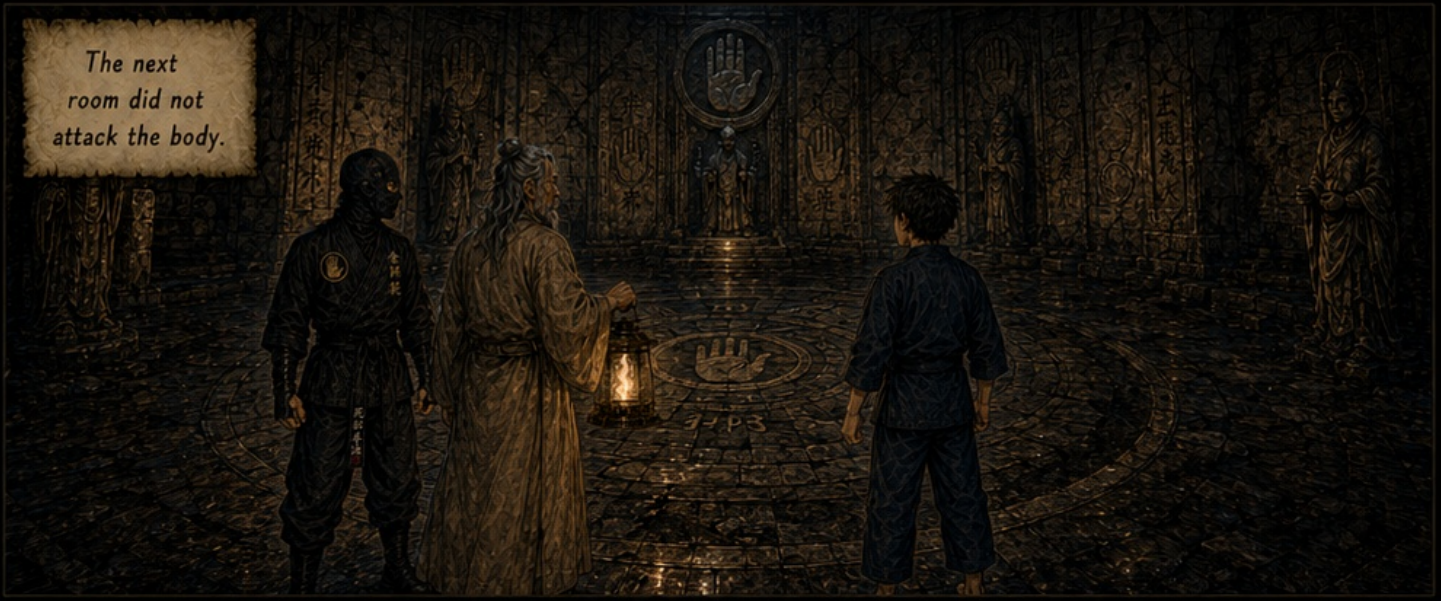


THE FALSE PATH



THE CHAMBER OF ECHOES

The next room did not attack the body.



Too young...



Too afraid...



Did you hear that?



The chamber gives voice to what already hides inside.

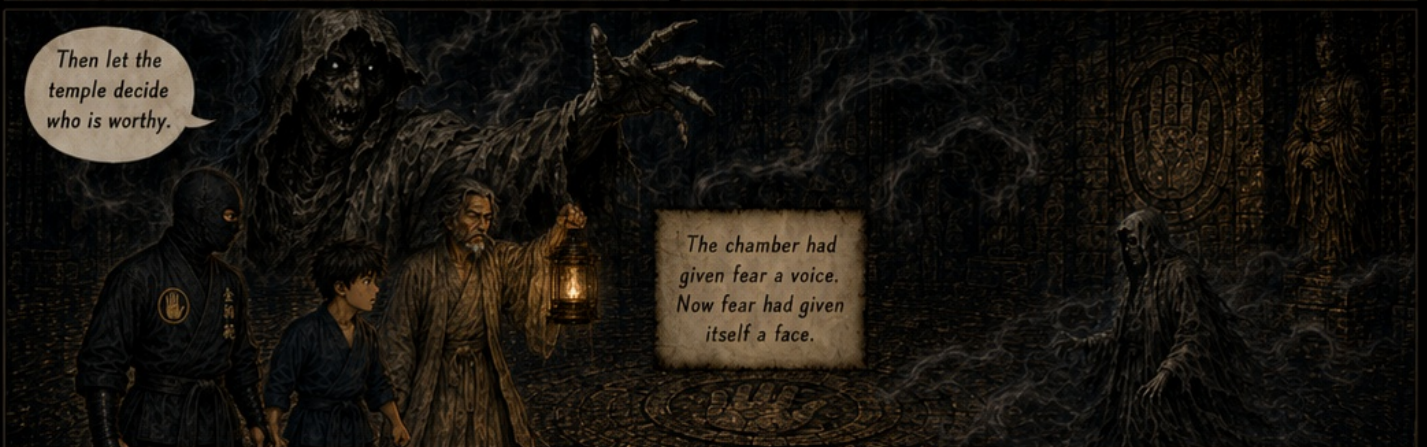


Do not fight the voice. Find the listener.



Courage was not the absence of fear. It was staying present while fear spoke.

THE LANTERN GHOST RETURNS



SHADOW AGAINST SILENCE



WHOOSH!



TAK!



You protect the flame. But do you understand what it awakens?



Enough to keep it from you.



Do not chase the shadow, Eli.



Watch what it wants.



The enemy's body moved one way. But his shadow reached for another.

THE REAL TARGET



THE RED SHADOW ENTERS



The temple
had more than
one enemy.



More of
them!



Fools.
You followed
too soon.



Take it!



Behind
me.



No.
Beside you.

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The temple had tested the heart. Now it would test the hand.

At last. The keeper steps from the shadows.

And the thief steps into the light.



Master Ren... is this the one from the trail?



Yes. And he has come for more than a map.



Give me the lantern and the path beneath the temple... and the boy walks away.



A hand ruled by greed can never follow the true path.



You still fight with mercy?



For Eli, the lesson was no longer hidden in scrolls. It stood alive before him.

Then let the temple decide whose hand is stronger.

Strength without truth has already lost.

THE TEMPLE JUDGES



THE GHOST ESCAPES



THE INNER TEMPLE OPENS

When the noise ended, the temple listened again.



I'm not here to take anything.



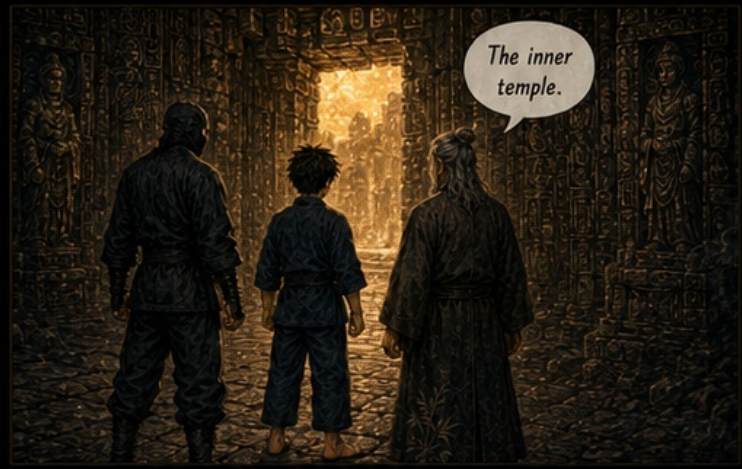
I'm here to understand.



KRRRN... ..



The inner temple.



The first gate was stillness.



What is the second?



Truth.



THE SECRET OF THE SILENT HAND

Deep within the mountain, the Silent Hand had not vanished.



What does it mean?



The three vows.



Something is missing.



The temple had opened. But it was not complete.



One gate remains.



Then the lesson is not over.



No. Now the truth begins.



Next: THE THREE VOWS OF THE SILENT HAND

THE TEMPLE HIDES ITS OWN LESSON.

WHEN ASHIDA KIM, MASTER REN,
AND ELI FOLLOW AN OLD MAP
BENEATH THE TEMPLE, THEY
ENTER A TRIAL OF SILENCE,
MEMORY, AND HIDDEN DANGER.
EVERY PASSAGE TESTS THE HEART.
EVERY SHADOW ASKS A QUESTION.

IN THIS CHAPTER, ELI LEARNS
THAT SKILL ALONE CANNOT OPEN
THE INNER TEMPLE.
ONLY STILLNESS, AWARENESS,
AND COURAGE REVEAL THE
TRUE SECRET OF THE SILENT HAND.

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A NINJA. A STUDENT.
A TEMPLE THAT JUDGES THE HEART.



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