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SHADOW OF THE SILENT HAND

EPISODE 5:

THE THREE VOWS OF THE SILENT HAND

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ISSUE



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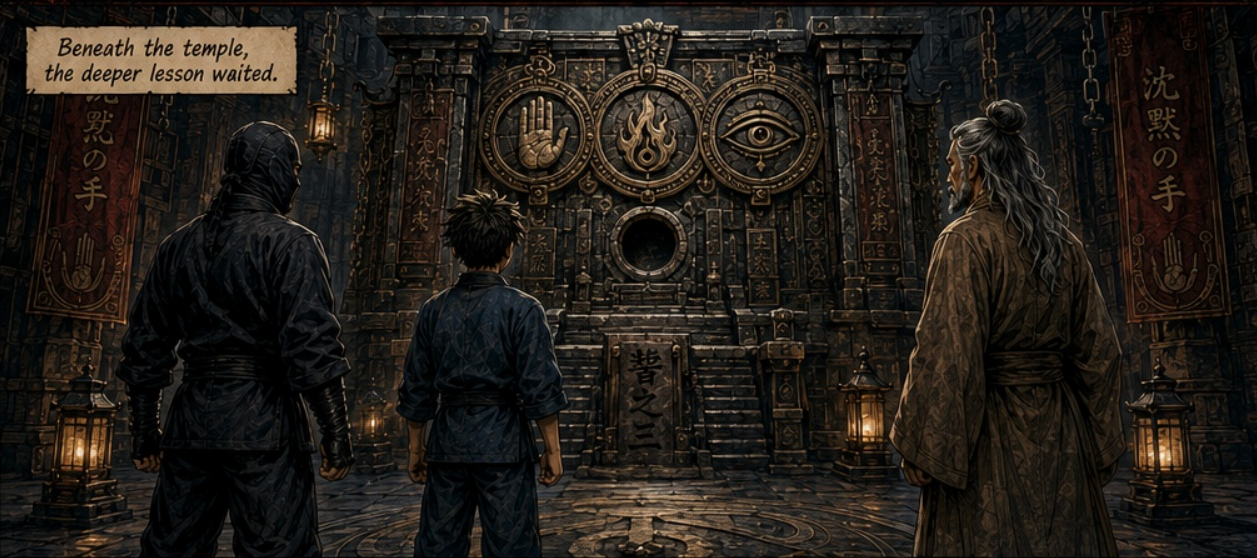


死触拳法

SILENCE IS POWER.
THE HAND REMEMBERS.

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Beneath the temple,
the deeper lesson waited.



The hand.
The flame.
The eye.



Then what
is missing?



Not
teachings
only.
Locks.

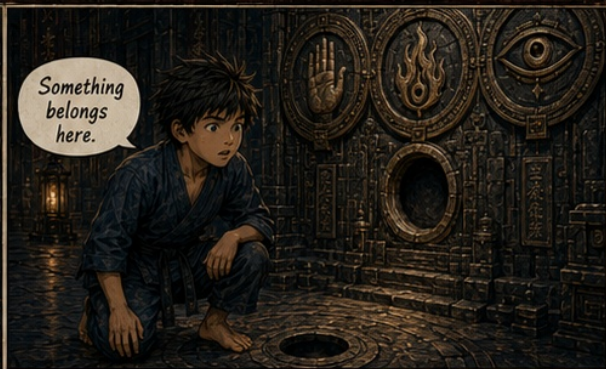


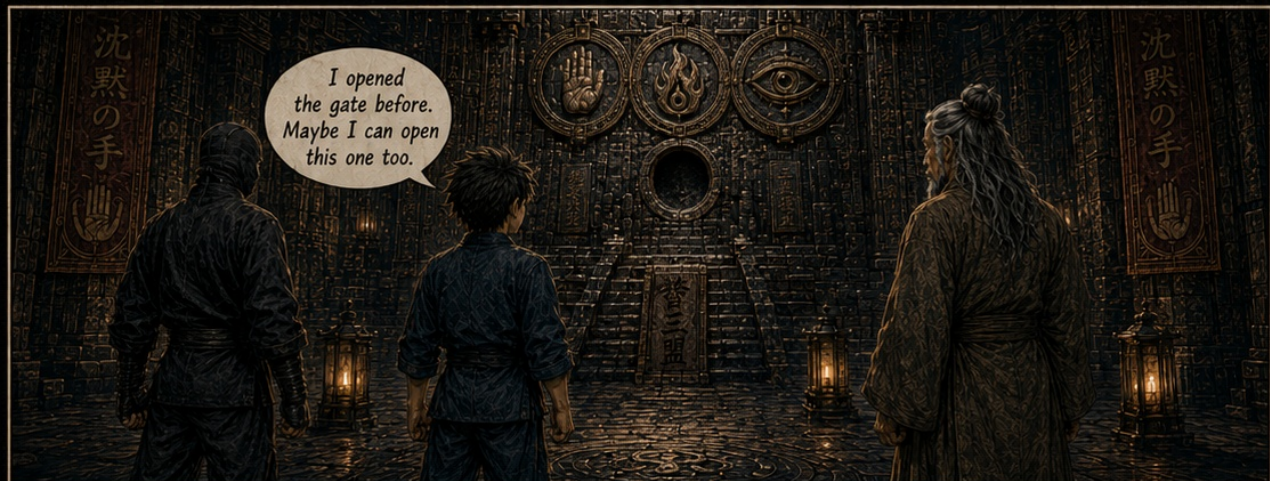
Locks
for what?



The Black
Vow Stone.
Without it,
the vows remain...
but the seal
is broken.

The three vows remained.
The stone that bound
them was gone.







The temple led them where words could not.



The second gate.

Truth opens what strength cannot.



Truth opens what strength cannot...



This gate does not test the hand.



It tests what moves the hand.





Beyond the inner temple, the thief studied a stolen fragment.



Enough to find the stone.



Enough to lead others to you.



You followed me.



No. I followed what you feared losing.



The secret now had two thieves.





I'm ready.



I'm not afraid.



What happened?



The gate heard the words.



But not the truth.



THE MIRROR OF THE SELF

The temple did not argue.



It showed.





THE LIE OF BRAVERY

I just want to be useful.



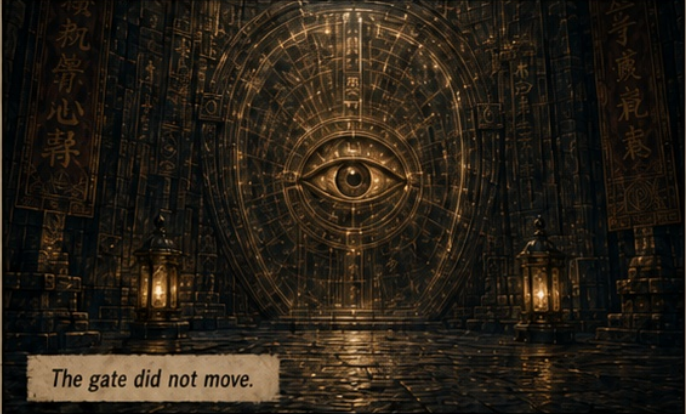
Useful? Or important?



That's not fair.



The gate did not move.



Truth is not always comfortable.



I'm trying to be brave.



Then tell the gate why.





ALIGNMENT, NOT PUNISHMENT





THE TRUTH SPOKEN SOFTLY

The truth did not come loudly.



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I want to be brave...



Because I'm afraid of being useless.



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HUMMMM...



沈黙の手

There it is.



A true hand can now move.



金師範

KRRRNW...



沈黙の手



THE TRUTH-SEEKER ARRIVES

Truth opened the way.



And now it opens for me.



Who is he?



Not a thief of objects.

金師範



A thief of meaning.



Meaning belongs to whoever survives to define it.

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TWO THIEVES, ONE SECRET

But he was not the only one drawn by the opening.



You walk too boldly for a man who understands nothing.



And you hide too deeply for a spirit who claims no fear.



They're not together.



No. They are aimed at the same wound.



The Black Vow Stone chamber.



Truth had opened the way. Now intent would decide who could enter.



THE PATH BENEATH THE EYE

Beyond the gate, every step was witnessed.



It's watching us.



No. It is remembering us.



The eye did not judge movement. It judged motive.





THE CHAMBER OF THE BLACK VOW





THE STONE TESTS THE HAND

誓の力



Truth belongs to the hand that takes it.



KRAK!



It remembers me.



No...



It knows why they want it.

A vow cannot be stolen.



Only carried.



STILLNESS IN COMBAT





THE HAND IT CHOSE

無音の方

Then the stone turned toward the one who had not reached.



Me?



I wanted it too.



Not to steal it... but to prove I mattered.



Truth has found the hand.





THE BLACK VOW AWAKENS

無言の方





ONE STONE, THREE VOWS

無音の力

The stone was not a prize.



It was a promise returned.



The vows are whole again.



Not whole.



KRRRWNN...



Truth had opened the vow.

But the eye had opened something deeper.





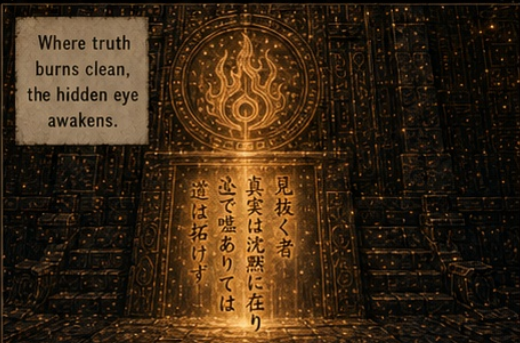
THE THIRD MARK REVEALED

無音の力

The eye looked beneath the flame.



Where truth burns clean, the hidden eye awakens.



見抜く者
眞実は沈黙に在り
途で嘘ありては
道は拓けず

The hidden eye?



The old teachings spoke of it only in warning.



Then the next path has already opened.



Truth has shown me where to cut next.



And where not to bleed.



The second gate has opened.



Now comes the eye beneath the flame.



Next:
THE EYE BENEATH THE FLAME



THE VOWS WERE NEVER ONLY WORDS.



Deep beneath the temple, Ashida Kim, Master Ren, and Eli enter the hidden Inner Temple of the Silent Hand. There they discover the Three Vows — the Hand, the Flame, and the Eye — and the mystery of a missing stone that has thrown the sacred chamber out of balance.

As old teachings awaken, Eli faces lessons of fear, pride, and truth, while a sinister Truth-Seeker and the eerie Lantern Ghost close in from the shadows. To move forward, the Silent Hand must restore what was broken... before the hidden eye reveals a far greater threat.



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NEXT: **THE EYE
BENEATH THE FLAME**



Discipline. Truth. Destiny.

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