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SHADOW OF THE SILENT HAND

EPISODE 6:

THE EYE
BENEATH
THE FLAME

6
ISSUE



沈黙の手

THE HIDDEN EYE
SEES ALL.

PERCEPTION
DECIDES
EVERYTHING.

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BENEATH THE FLAME

The Black Vow had returned. But the temple was not finished speaking.



KRRRNNN...

Beneath the flame, the path had been hidden all along.



That path was under the flame the whole time?



Some truths are buried beneath what the heart burns around them.



Then we descend carefully.



The second gate had opened. The hidden eye waited below.



THE STAIR OF EMBERS



The stair descended where no sunlight had ever touched.



Why is the eye inside the fire?



Because emotion can light the way...



Or blind it.



Listen.



HOOOOOM...



Below the flame, the temple began to breathe.

THE WARNING BELOW

At the bottom of the stair, the old warnings began.



The eye beneath the flame reveals what fear protects.

What fear protects?



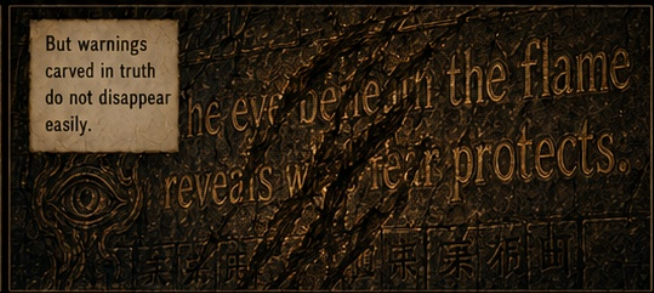
The mind often hides what the heart is not ready to face.



Someone tried to erase this.



But warnings carved in truth do not disappear easily.



FALSE LIGHT



It looks safe.



That is why we wait.



It's showing us a way through.



False light flatters the eye.



True sight questions what is easy to believe.



The temple did not only test darkness. It tested light.

THE RED SEEING BLADE

Others followed
the path beneath
the flame.



THE FIRST IMAGE

The eye beneath the flame did not open all at once.



WHAT THE FLAME HIDES

Ffffff...

Beneath the image,
another image waited.

Who
is that?

A
keeper.

Not all who
reach are thieves.

The
Lantern
Ghost?

DO NOT SEE ME



THE CUTTING OF SIGHT



WHEN SIGHT IS WOUNDED

Sight, when wounded, does not become truth.

It becomes distortion.

You are not ready.

Ashida?

Look again.

Fear speaks quickly.

Perception waits.

THE EYE THAT WAITS

The temple filled
with images.

How do I know which one is
real?

Do not chase the
image.

Watch what remains when fear stops
moving.

There.

WHAT REMAINS

When Eli
stopped reaching
for certainty...



The false images
lost their grip.



It's not
showing me
what to fear.



Good.



It's showing me
what I refused
to see.



Do not
pity me.



I don't.
I see you.



THE GHOST BEHIND THE SMOKE



THE RED BLADE RETURNS



WHAT THE EYE ASKS



SEEING WITHOUT FEAR



THE EYE OPENS



What was false could no longer stand.



THE FIRST KEEPER

Within
the chamber,
the walls
remembered
names.



THE FALSE EYE



THE EYE THAT SHOULD NOT OPEN

Some eyes
were hidden
to protect the
world from
darkness.



At last.
A sight strong
enough to cut
through mercy.



You do
not know
what you
have opened.



Then we
look
carefully.



No. Now
we must
look truly.



The false
eye sees only
what is
broken.



Next: **THE FALSE EYE AWAKENS**

EPISODE 6:



SEEING CLEARLY HAS A PRICE.

Ashida Kim, Eli, and Master Ren descend beneath the flame into the chamber of the Hidden Eye, where perception itself is tested. What first appears to be truth becomes a trial of fear, judgment, and the courage to look again.

As Eli learns to see beyond assumption, the Lantern Ghost's buried past begins to surface, and the Truth-Seeker wounds sacred sight with the Red Seeing Blade. When the counterfeit False Eye awakens, the Silent Hand must learn not only to look carefully—but to see truly.

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- The Hidden Eye's first visions
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NEXT: **THE FALSE EYE AWAKENS**



Perception. Courage. Destiny.

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