

ASHIDA KIM: SHADOW OF THE SILENT HAND

EPISODE 7

THE FALSE EYE AWAKENS



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RED LIGHT IN THE CHAMBER



WHAT HATRED TEACHES

The False Eye
did not invent
pain.

It only chose
the sharpest
pieces.

You slow
everyone
down.

That
isn't him.

A frightened
student becomes
a door for
enemies.

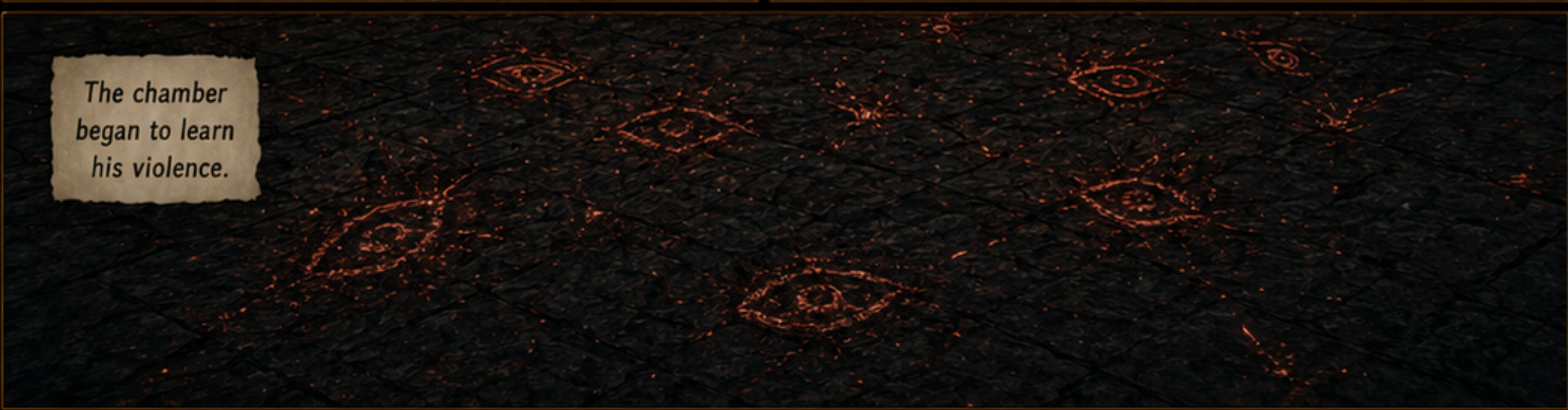
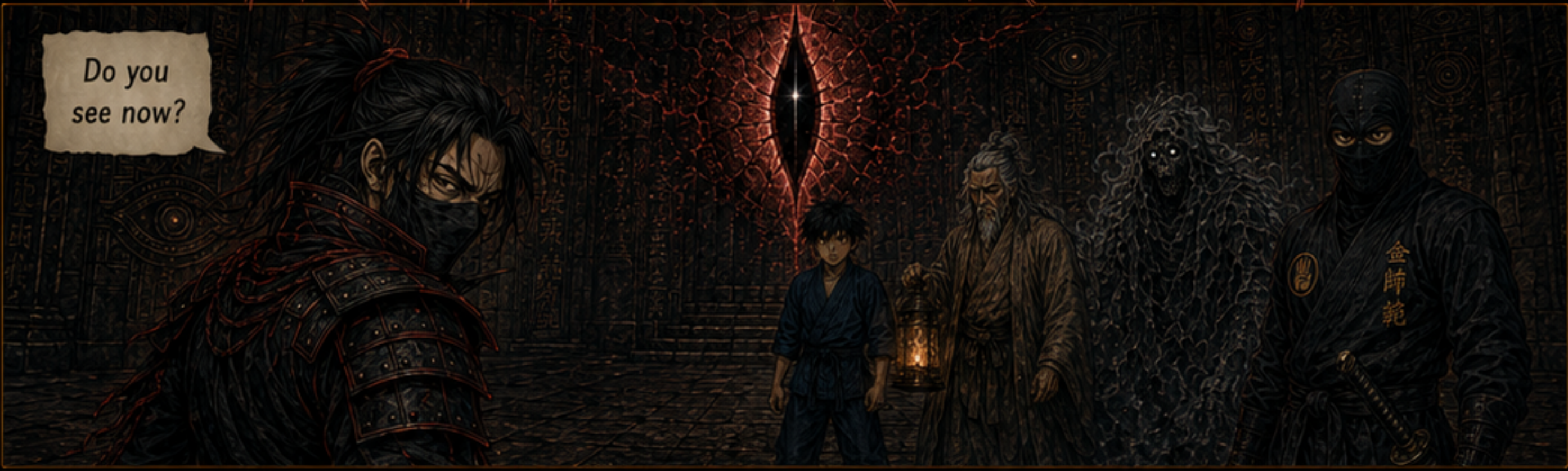
Hatred
speaks in
familiar
voices.

Then I will
not borrow
its ears.

THE GHOST'S WOUND



TRUTH-SEEKER'S JOY



Eli Looks Again



MERCY IS NOT BLIND



Mercy is not blindness.



It sees the wound.



But it does not pretend the wound is the whole man.



So mercy is still seeing clearly?



More clearly.

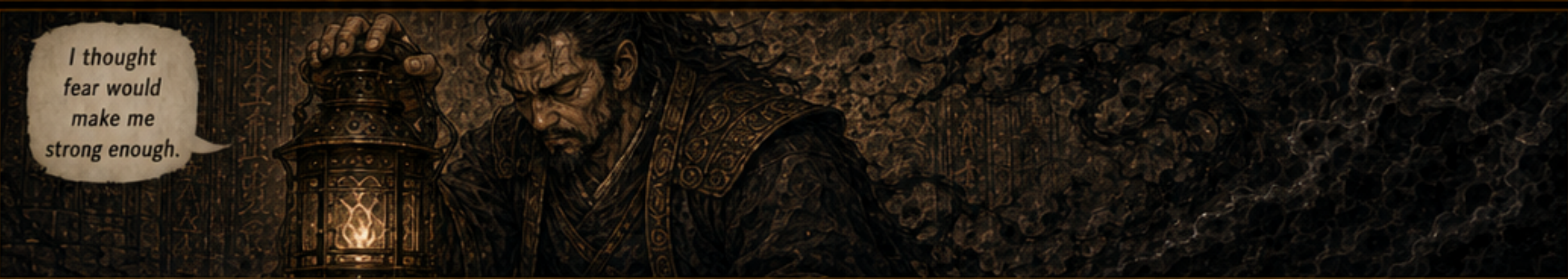


Mercy is hesitation.



No. Mercy is restraint with full knowledge of the blade.

THE FIRST KEEPER SPEAKS



THE NAME BENEATH ASH

A name hidden in ash is not always dead.

Keeper of the Lantern.
Guardian of the Inner Gate.

Do not read it.

The temple remembers what shame tried to bury.

Then open the gate, Keeper.

He is not yours to command.

THOOM...

THE RED COMMAND



First Keeper
of the Hidden Eye,
answer your
purpose.



No...



He said no.



A name
is a handle.



Only to those
who do not
understand
names.



The Weight of a Name



A stolen name becomes a chain.



A true name is not a handle.



It is a responsibility.



Then he has to answer it himself.



Why would you help me?

BECAUSE I SEE YOU



Because
I see you.



You see
a monster.



I see
someone who
became one.



And someone
who still knows
what should not
be opened.



FFFFF...



Mercy has
found the door
hatred could
not.

THE FALSE EYE FEEDS

What is this?

STRIKE.

Yes.

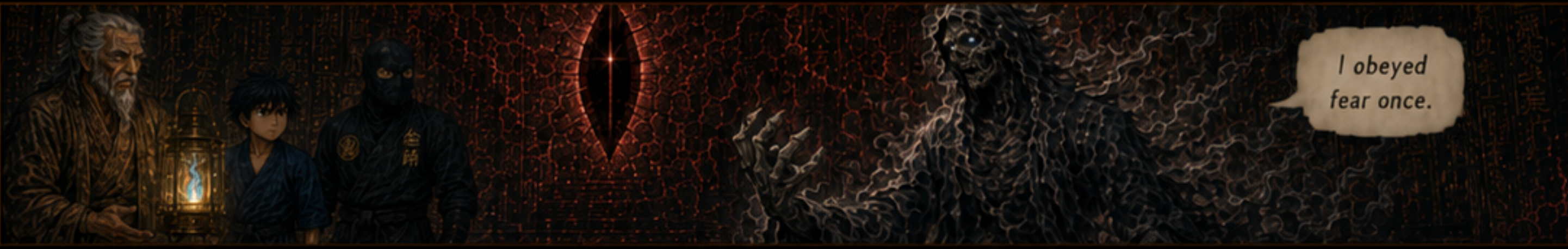
It is not serving him.

It is eating through his hatred.

SHRAA-KANG!

Power without clarity became appetite.

THE LANTERN REMEMBER



ASHIDA AGAINST THE RED BLA



THE MERCY SEAL



THE EYE OF MERCY



THE FALSE EYE SCREAMS

SKRRRAAAAA!

THOOM!

No! It
is mine!

Hold
your center.

The correction
is working.

No eye born of
hatred may judge
the whole truth.

KRRRRRNNN...

THE MIRROR PASSAGE

The False Eye did not close.

It retreated into a deeper wound.

TRAITOR LIAR WEAK NOT ENOUGH FAILURE ABANDONED UNWORTHY

The path continues.

So do we.

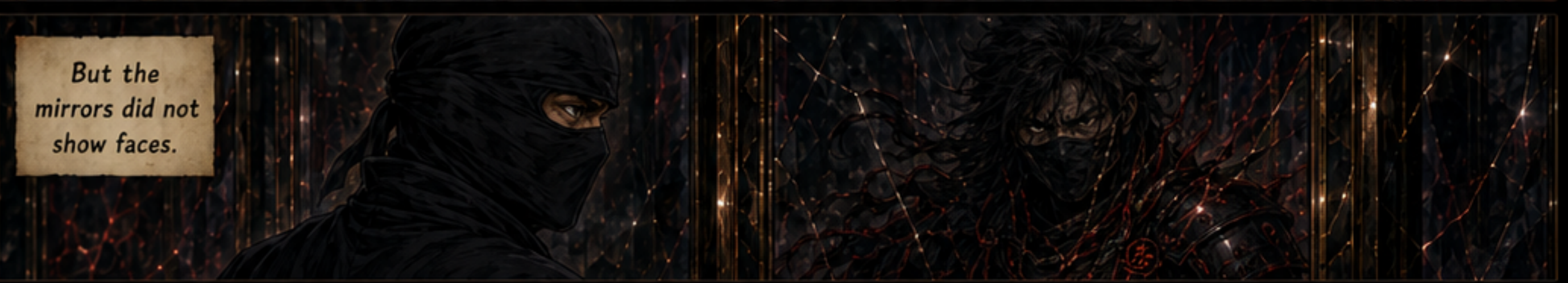
The Mirror of Broken Names.

What is in there?

Every name the shadow tried to replace.

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THE DOOR OF BROKEN NAMES



NEXT: THE MIRROR OF BROKEN NAMES

The enemy
entered first.

Are we
ready for
this?

No one is
ready for
every
reflection.

But
readiness is
not the same
as courage.

I know
this path.

Then walk it
with us.

Next:
**THE MIRROR OF
BROKEN NAMES**

THE FALSE EYE IS AWAKE. THE MIRROR OF BROKEN NAMES AWAITS.

TRAITOR

LIAR

UNWORTHY

WEAK

The False Eye is awake.

Mercy has opened a path through hatred, but the way ahead leads into the **Mirror of Broken Names**.

To move forward, Ashida Kim and his allies must face the false identities the shadow would force upon them.

*Mercy sees
what hatred cannot.*



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