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The Cage I Created



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After my awakening,

I realized I was no different than a fish in a bowl.

I had lived my whole life confined by what surrounded me,

shaped by it, believing it was all there was.

When I finally woke up,

a new version of me emerged —

one that no longer belonged in the bowl.

But my body?

Still trapped.

And now I know:

If the bowl breaks —

or when I inevitably die —

the things that once held me

will no longer hold me back.

That's when I'll meet

the other half of myself.

The funny thing is:

The bowl wasn't put there to trap me.

I put it there.

So I could feel the edges.

So I could struggle.

So I could one day awaken

and realize I was something at all.

The bowl gave me the boundary.

But awakening gave me the choice.

And from that contradiction —

meaning was born from nothing.

A miracle.

Awakening

Allegory Of The Cave



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