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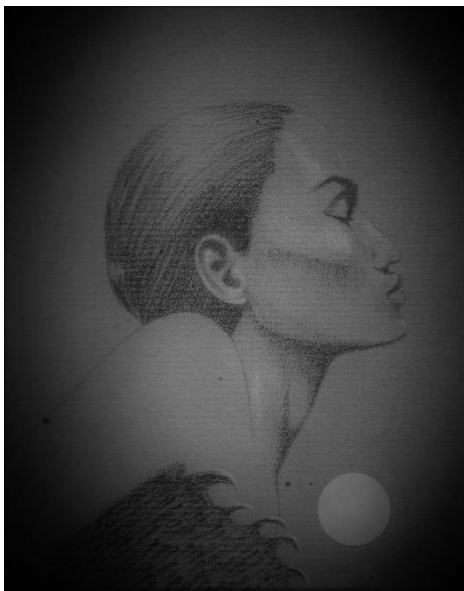
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"The fastest and surest way to become a wholesome person is to work to become that person. When you inspect all virtues, you will see that they all grow through work and exercise."

Sokrates

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Conversation

One afternoon in the Aldebaran solar system, on a planet called Sumi-Er, the following conversation took place. This conversation would not have taken place if I didn't happen to be the son of the ruler of our entire solar system, inheriting the crown the very next. Evil, on the other hand, will inherit me if I have brought any more colour to events than the story is allowed to do without suffering from it. The events that I describe were therefore triggered by this discussion with me and the vending Academy Rector Sri Sathariel. My name is Haru Naku, which marks a bright star.

-Planet Earth? I asked as one of the big question marks.

-You heard me right, you will be transferred to Tellus soon, said the Academy's principal, wrinkled in his forehead.

-Are we sure now? I have the impression that that planet is very backward and that its atmosphere is difficult to breathe, even for the earth's inhabitants themselves.

-The Council has already agreed – we were sure that you would agree in the end after thinking about it. Tellus' condition has indeed deteriorated, not least with long lasting terror practiced by one group - but there is still hope.

-Why don't you look into the background and reasons a little bit, so I can start thinking about it in more detail, I said, a little evened out.

-Of course. The thing is, as you well know, from time to time we have to make these moves that are very difficult for the person involved, but which contribute to the state of the entire universe. So it is a task that, if successful, raises the level of spiritual light, that is what you have been studying here all these years, my young friend. To say so, these years have been about preparing for something like this. What you do as an individual may seem like a small thing to do in its entirety, but that's where its secret lies... and its magnitude.

-I have studied that by heart since the underclasses of the Royal Academy. I just never really thought I could be in this situation some day... Yes, why me and why right now, honorable Academy Rector?

-We chose you, O Haru 5. Naku to the task, because in part we considered it good for your own development at this point, partly a task whose ultimate goal rests only a little later requires qualities that we considered you to have.

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-Pure mind, perseverance, sincerity. Tellus is in a difficult culmination phase right now, which means people no longer know what to believe and who to believe. Some have lost faith in almost everything, others have swallowed the lie they have been offered as the truth. The worst part is that all that remains is self-interest, and that advantage is only the prerogative of a small group.

-How has it come to that, then, and what is my role in all this? And what is that selfish group that seeks profit?

-You have studied a lot from that group.

-Do you mean Golders – those whose existence is blessed by the Anu god, the first of our enemies?

-I mean that, unfortunately, they have now got their tentacles so firmly in people's minds that it is once and for all corrupting the good and beautiful thing we once achieved there. At some point, people took that wrong path that they were insidiously offered to choose from, it all happened very stealthily, and people's blindness to the truth only increased, eventually there the blind now walk the blind. Others have been sent to Tellus recently, their purpose has been to help people remember again... the only problem has been that they themselves have not managed to remember their own mission, their own origins. In forgetting, they too have become blind, so the twisted magic of this group is very dangerous. That is why we have seen it best, in the first place, to challenge the candidates only and only to remember, not a greater task ... at least not yet... But here, too, there's work to be done once and for all.

-I'm slowly starting to figure out, but still...? Then do I have a better chance of succeeding than anyone else?

Sri Sathariel, the Academy's honorary principal, remained silent for a moment and then continued to look even more serious.

-At first you don't remember anything either, you have to live in very similar stages of development to people; childhood, youth, adulthood... on the other hand, of course, your aging depends to a large extent on how soon you manage to remember yourself.

-I manage to remember myself? Are you saying it depends on me getting older and dying? From what I hear, people there eventually just die out.

-I mean exactly that friend of mine... That's why they eventually just die, which is why they live their lives either like the last day or unable to live at all. They've forgotten everything; the opportunity to develop to a higher

level mentally and physically. It's all there, also for the purposes of Golders, enslaving people and keeping them unaware of the truth.

-Then how will I remember my mission and purpose... How am I going to remember myself if no one else has succeeded?

-What is most likely to happen than waking up from a dream; there's just something that simply wakes you up, the memories in you. But like I said, still not everyone will remember... So there are risks at stake here.

-Scary, then what happens to them?

-My friend, it is indeed a very serious matter, it is a question of sacrifice ... What can happen in this sacrifice is that you lose yourself forever.

-Are you saying there is no turning back anymore... here?

-That's exactly what I'm talking about, that's why we're carefully and carefully considering who we're sending who's ripe for the transfer.

-So it is possible that I will remain mortal among mortals?

-Dear child, painful to tell but it is possible, we do not think that will happen to you....

That's when I swallowed a piece of my throat, being speechless for a while. Fortunately, the principal himself continued:

-It's all about you, your ability to come out of a dream, your ability to see, not just watch; understand, not just say and believe, or not believe.

-Are you meaning a dream of the lie, the wakeful dream that I'm going to see as a person?

-I see that we have already made the right choice, you already understand very much.

-Thank you.

-When you come to wake up, it happens through intense doubt – it can even drive you into a desperate state because the anguish of your subconscious - as people express it, is so intense. On the other hand, it has to be that way, only it's the tunnel that eventually leads to the light.

-Hmm, are you talking about enlightenment, about what people on Tellus talk about without knowing exactly what it means?

-I also see that you have read your homework well, said the principal.

And for the first time, the principal smiled so much that it made me feel a little bolder. And then he kept going.

-It doesn't happen easy for your consciousness to open up, but when it does, you'll notice something that sets you apart.

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-Your body will stop aging; your mind continues to grow, but you don't age like everyone else does. However, this is not yet a final recall.

-Sounds very exciting... What else can we expect?

-You will most likely also experience great loneliness; Because you're different, people are prepared for your relationship. You're not willing to go into people, either, which is natural. So until you become aware of the cause, this situation will become more bearable and even useful. You see, talking to people is difficult because you don't have a common language, that's why you're withdrawing, but as I said, it doesn't hurt.

-Then how do I survive among them?

-You learn the skill of acting, you learn to talk as if you were part of them in all your outsiders. You'll find it embarrassing, but necessary.

-What else is there?

-Since you experience outsidersness, you can also experience it in relation to your body - this is also perfectly natural, of course. Outsidersness can also manifest itself as uncertainty, for example in terms of career and goals, as well as relationships. In this case, you should listen to yourself and not doubt - the outsider you experience is real and when you come to know the cause, all anxiety will also recede like clouds. All you have to do is decide whether you still believe in the lie or the truth that's waking up inside you.

-Oh, I wish I could remember all that when I'm going to face it! Are you still discovering the essence of the lie?

-When a lie appears to be the truth, it is extremely difficult to discern. The truth can be considered waking up and a lie can be dreaming, understand? You have to be able to separate these two in the end.

-If I hadn't studied all this, I'd say you're speaking rinds, Principal.

I said and smiled. And then I got serious again.

-All of that seems like a very tough task.

-That's what it is, but who survives gets the winning prize.


I was silent for a long time, and I thought hard. Instead, the academy principal continued.

-It may be that in your path you go through many truths before your consciousness finally opens up.

Silence again, until I asked then:

-Can all this really be overcome?

-Oh, sure, we believe and trust you. And when you come back to us again, you'll be a real winner. All of us who are in a higher position here have once



Cup of Moderation is the narrator - me, Haru Nakus, odyssey through time and place. The fairytale-like narrative moves between myths and truths. Haru, who landed on Tellus from space, is faced with a challenging task: to save the cup of moderation that has fallen into the hands of the sly elite. The cup represents one of the four virtues mankind inherited from its creator. That elite has succeeded in plunging the people of the world into a state of chaos and moderation in everything has disappeared. Through almost unreasonable trials, the star of Haru himself becomes even brighter in this ambivalent storytelling.



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