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The Traveler of Time—The Path towards the Future

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Therefore, while blooming, they are not proud or arrogant, and while shedding leaves, they stand still and are never depressed. It is time's will that trees flourish or wither.

This is the second time that I walk on the path. The first was during the transition period between autumn and winter. My friend who led me here said: "If you do not mind, I want you to see a beautiful place." To admire the beauty, I fear nothing, and thus, we came to the graveyard in the valley.

Graveyard, the place every one of us eventually ends up in, is the very destination that diverse paths lead to. We do not dare to imagine it because of fear, and even being closer is viewed to be ominous.

My first encounter with the graveyard was surrounded with giant lifeless trees. Many magnificent gravestones pointed to the sky in an artistic way, indexing the dead's lives. Some of the stones were full of words while others were written only a few lines of haiku. I was shocked by the scale and the poetic atmosphere that death, could be so solemn and beyond magnificent.

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