

# THE LITTLE STONE LION

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*I am the guardian spirit of the village.*



*Its only guardian spirit.*



*I'm older than even the oldest village elder.*



*Children walking at night look at me and feel safe.*



*I am the village's only stone lion,*



*Although I'm smaller than a cat,*



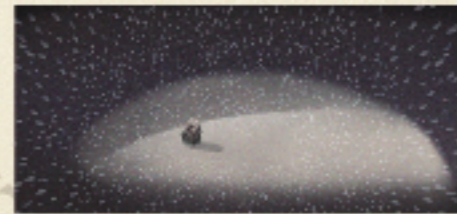
*Everyone loves me. When New Year comes, they don't forget me.*



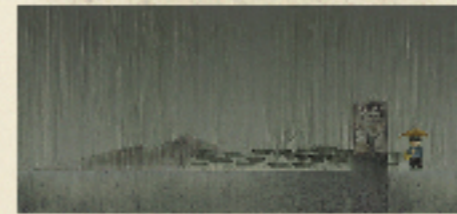
*Old people caress my head and sigh, thinking back to when they were children.*



*I remember everything. I remember all the people and all that has happened.*



*Maybe they will forget me...*



*I am the village's stone lion,*



*Children grow up and leave the village...*



*But I will remember them and miss them.*



*I won't forget anyone.*



*The village's only guardian spirit.*



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