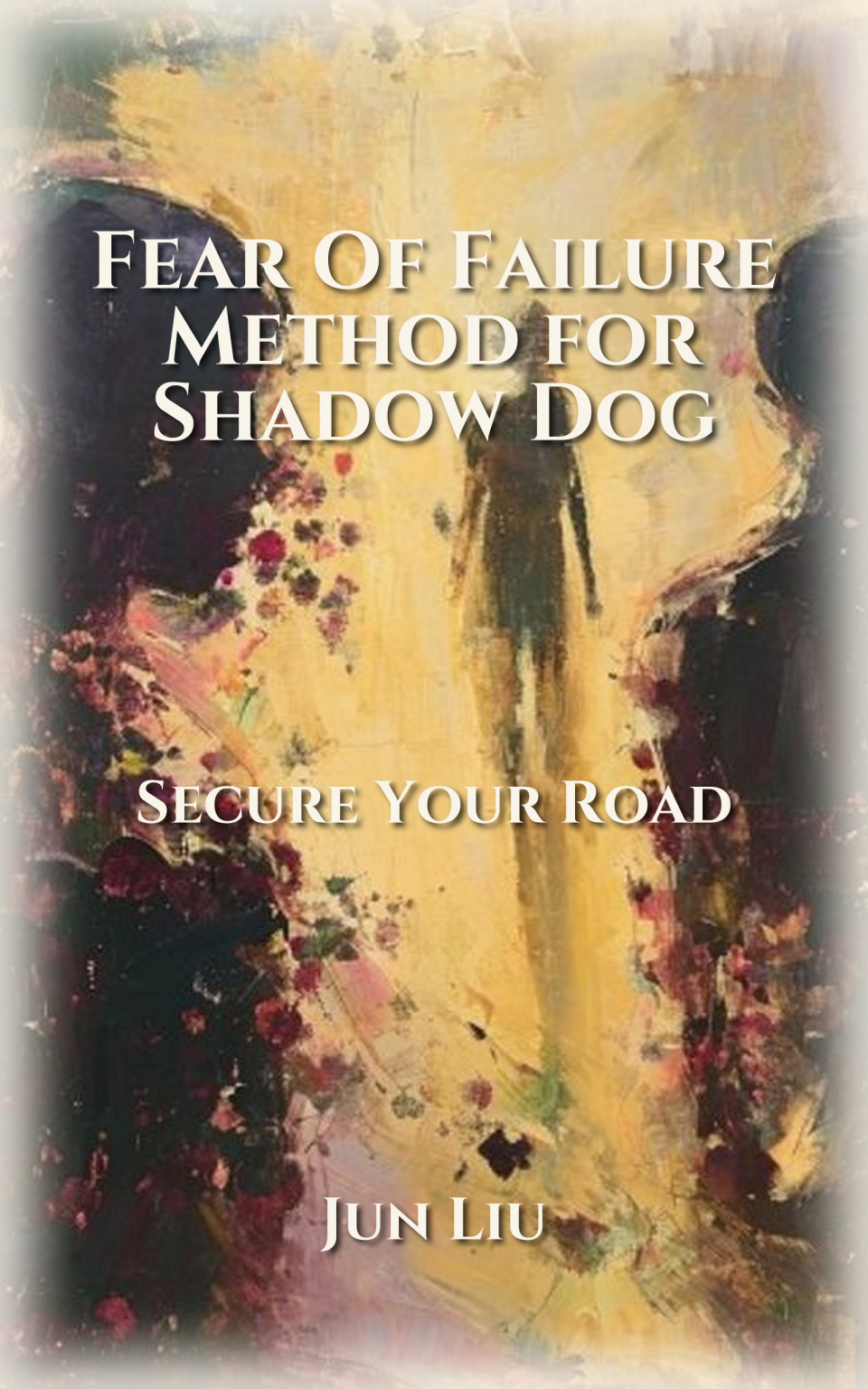


An abstract painting with a central vertical stroke of yellow and green, flanked by dark, textured areas. The bottom left and right corners are filled with dense, dark red and purple floral or leaf-like patterns. The overall style is expressive and textured.

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## CHAPTER 1

# THE SHADOW DOG CALLING: KNOWING YOUR SOUL

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The weight of always being ready to run into danger for someone else can feel almost physical by the end of a long day. You know that feeling—the tightness in your chest that doesn't lift even after you've taken care of every loose thread for everyone around you. It's the weariness of perpetual anticipation, isn't it? You are constantly scanning the perimeter, checking the locks, anticipating the moment when someone dear to you will stumble or fall. Your love language has become advanced threat assessment; your vigilance is a shield polished so brightly that no one notices how much energy keeping it gleaming consumes. It feels natural, like the instinct of a guardian whose very purpose is defined by the safety of others.

But beneath the unwavering watchfulness lies a subtle ache, doesn't it? There are moments when you look at the people you've sheltered, the ones who have relied on your steady presence through thick and thin, and a quiet

question surfaces in the silence after everyone else has gone to sleep. A whisper that asks, "Was I always doing this for \*me\*?" You catch yourself analyzing every favor given, weighing the devotion against the acknowledgment received. It's as if you are keeping score of unseen debts, measuring the depth of their gratitude by the sheer volume of your protective acts. This isn't simply care; it is a deep, ingrained belief that affection must be paid for in full, through tireless self-offering until nothing recognizable remains but exhaustion.

This pattern means that when the need to prove your steadfastness fades, or when someone requires you to stand down and simply \*be\* present without an immediate crisis needing managing, you feel a terrifying void of purpose. You worry that if you stop running toward the perceived threat—if you finally allow yourself the luxury of being merely cared for—that is the moment everything will unravel. The deepest fear lurking here is not actually failure itself, but the thought that if your constant usefulness were to cease, the love directed towards you would simply dissipate like smoke on the wind. You are so adept at anticipating every potential catastrophe for others that sometimes, in the quiet moments of peace, you forget what it feels like to just

exist without having saved anyone from anything.

Does the weight of everyone else's comfort ever settle on your shoulders until you can barely feel your own spine? You find yourself constantly anticipating what needs managing, what needs protecting, sometimes even before the need has been voiced by another soul. It shows up most clearly in the quiet moments after a big event—a celebration, a difficult confrontation, or perhaps just a week of shared life—when everyone finally settles down and the performance can drop away. In those stretches of calm, you feel the sheer exhaustion of having held everything together, not because it was inherently wrong to care so much, but because the alternative felt like an unmanageable void that only your vigilance could fill. You are the one checking the locks after everyone else has gone to sleep; you are the one remembering the obscure anniversary or the minor dietary restriction that someone mentioned in passing weeks ago. It's a tireless watchfulness, isn't it? A deeply ingrained habit of seeing potential disaster around every corner, and knowing, without thinking, exactly how to neutralize it before anyone even realizes they were wobbling on shaky ground. This devotion feels necessary, like the very air you breathe requires your steady presence for others to

feel safe enough to exhale fully. Sometimes, when the sheer volume of emotional debris cleared from a friend or family member after your intervention finally settles into silence, there is a sudden, sharp ache—a flicker that feels suspiciously like resentment. It's not aimed at them, not really; it's directed at the immense, unacknowledged ledger book where every small sacrifice you made for their peace was logged and never cashed out to buy back a measure of your own rest or recognition.

Does your jaw feel perpetually tight, like a wire drawn too taut between your molars? When you've poured every bit of yourself into making sure everyone else is safe—the emotional landscape of your chosen packmates, the stability of your human family—that tension doesn't just dissipate when they are secure. Instead, it settles deep in your neck and shoulders, a physical weight that feels permanent. It's the kind of holding breath you carry even when you're finally lying down in a bed meant for rest. You might notice yourself constantly adjusting your posture when others are speaking, leaning in just a fraction too far, ready to catch whatever little thing might slip out or fall apart. This physical vigilance is the echo of believing that if you stop bracing, if you allow even one moment of slackness,

something catastrophic will happen, and it will be on account of some perceived failure on your part. Sometimes, this tension manifests as a persistent ache right behind the eyes, a dull pressure that feels like watching everything with too much intensity for too long. It's the body remembering all those times you were the one who had to notice the chipped teacup before it fell, the friend who remembered the appointment, the silent caretaker who absorbed the anxiety of the whole group. That deep-seated readiness to intercept disaster—that constant physical preparation for crisis—is the signature weariness of giving away your own stillness as collateral. You move through the world with a subtle, almost imperceptible tension in your core, like an animal perpetually listening for the telltale snap of a branch that signals danger just around the corner.

The sudden stillness after you've poured out every last bit of yourself is when the pattern truly snaps into focus for you. You remember the evening—the one where everything felt necessary to keep afloat, where your presence was less a choice and more a structural support beam holding up everyone else's carefully constructed lives. You watched them all relax in the shelter of your vigilance, their laughter echoing off the walls of your

exhaustion, and suddenly, under the bright glare of that perceived safety, you saw it: the sheer emptiness of what remained when they finally settled down for the night. It wasn't a grand gesture of betrayal; it was just the quiet aftermath, the slow realization that you hadn't taken a single breath for yourself in the span of days leading up to it. You feel the familiar prickle behind your eyes—not from sadness over their perceived ingratitude, but from the sharp sting of having forgotten what your own needs sounded like amidst all the noise of caring for others. That feeling, that quiet resentment bubbling just beneath the surface of perfect attentiveness, is finally visible to you now. It's a heavy coat you realize you've been wearing—a coat woven entirely out of 'shoulds' and 'musts' directed at every person who ever depended on your steady rhythm. You look back over those past moments, seeing not acts of pure devotion, but intricate negotiations where the currency was always your remaining reserves. The ache isn't just for what you gave; it's for the part of you that got so good at anticipating everyone else's needs that it stopped remembering how to anticipate its own desire for simple quiet.



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PLAN, BROKEN INTO THE CYCLES THAT  
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