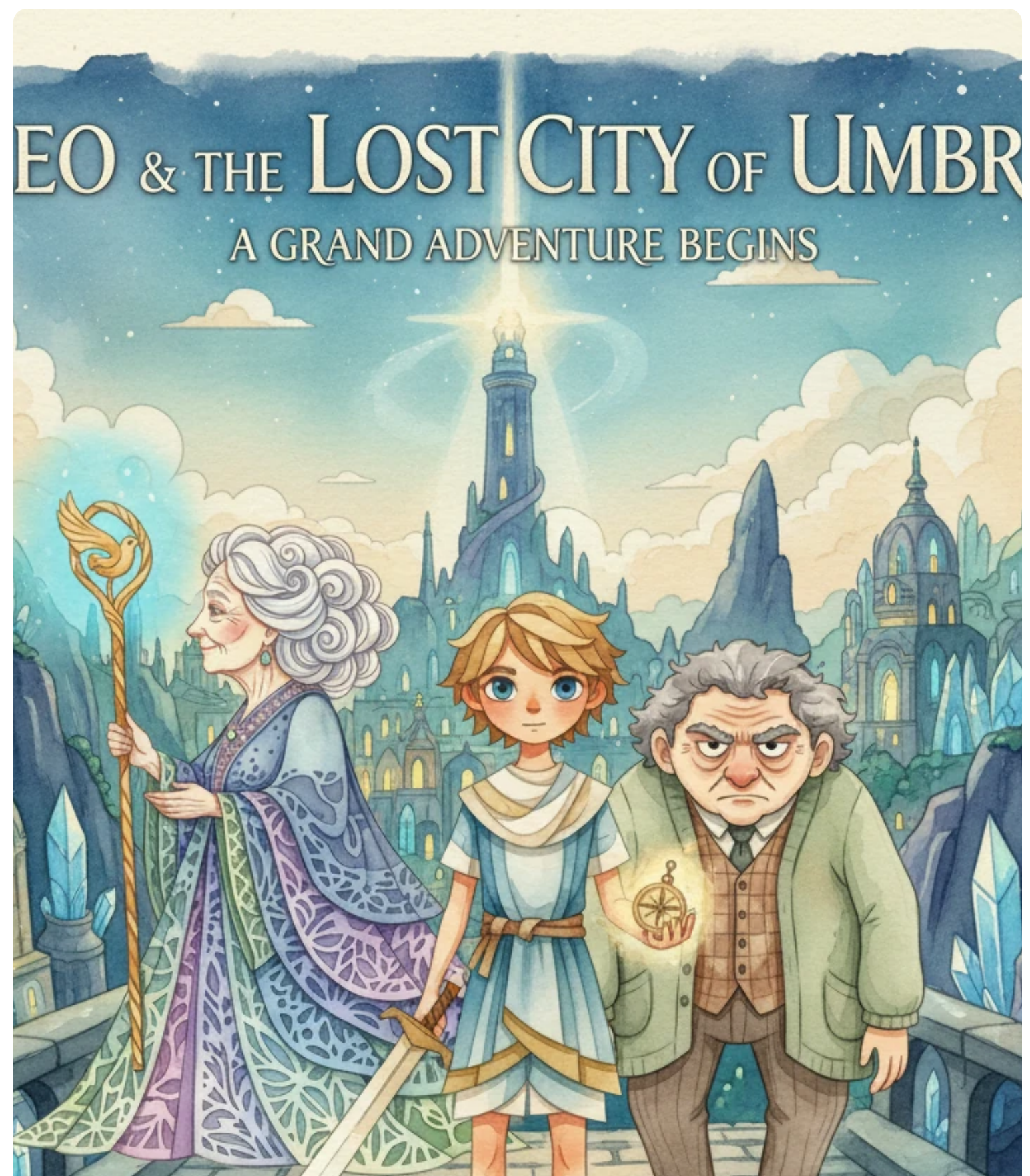


EO & THE LOST CITY OF UMBRA

A GRAND ADVENTURE BEGINS



The Shadow Painter

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In the silent city of Umbra, everything is made of delicate paper layers, and every citizen is followed by a flat, gray shadow. Young Leo walks through the navy-blue streets, wondering why the world feels so monochromatic and still.



One afternoon, Leo stops to help an elderly woman gather her fallen papers, and suddenly, a shimmering Golden Brush appears in his hand. As he touches the bristles to the ground, the woman's shadow erupts into a soft, honey-colored light.



Leo realizes the brush responds to his heart, turning the dull silhouettes of his friends into vibrant tapestries of light. The paper-cut trees seem to lean in as he paints a trail of warmth through the cold, dark town.



Word spreads quickly through Umbra, and soon everyone wants a piece of Leo's magical glow. His own shadow begins to shine with a neon intensity, making him feel like the most important boy in the city.



LEO – THE ORACLE’S SUCCESSOR

Tempted by the cheers of the crowd, Leo begins to perform grand, public acts of kindness just to see his shadow grow brighter. He bows and smiles for the cameras, but the Golden Brush feels heavier and colder in his grip.



THE PARTING

To his horror, the brilliant gold starts to peel away like old paint, revealing the same drab gray underneath. The harder he tries to force a kind gesture for show, the more his shadow flickers and fades into the navy darkness.



Sitting alone on a paper-cut pier, Leo looks at his dim, flickering shadow and feels a deep sense of regret. He realizes that true light cannot be forced or bought when the only goal is to be seen by others.



THE ORACLE'S GIFT

In the quiet of the night, Leo spots his grumpiest neighbor, Mr. Silas, struggling to fix a broken fence in the cold wind. Without thinking of his brush or his fame, Leo slips out of his house to help the old man in the dark.



A QUIET KINDNESS

Working in the shadows where no one can see, Leo hammers the last nail and leaves a warm lantern for Mr. Silas to find. He expects nothing in return, feeling a quiet peace settle over his heart as he walks back home through the empty streets.



Suddenly, the ground beneath Leo's feet ignites with a light more brilliant than any he has ever seen. His shadow is no longer just a reflection, but a permanent, golden masterpiece that illuminates the entire city of Umbra with a sincere, everlasting glow.