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A man can forget what he did. The people he hurt cannot.

A novel of suspense, lost memory, and the difficult work of redemption.

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## Fourteen years have vanished. The consequences haven't.

Xavier Armand remembers the penthouse, the partnership, the woman he loved. But his home is empty, his reflection is a stranger, and fourteen years of his life have disappeared.

A man is following him. A woman offers to help. Both seem to know a version of Xavier he cannot remember.

The search for answers leads from Boston's corridors of power to a remote monastery beneath Mount Shasta. Behind him lies an insurance conspiracy and the people it destroyed. Ahead is a gift he cannot explain, a love he has no right to take for granted, and a debt that forgetting will never erase.

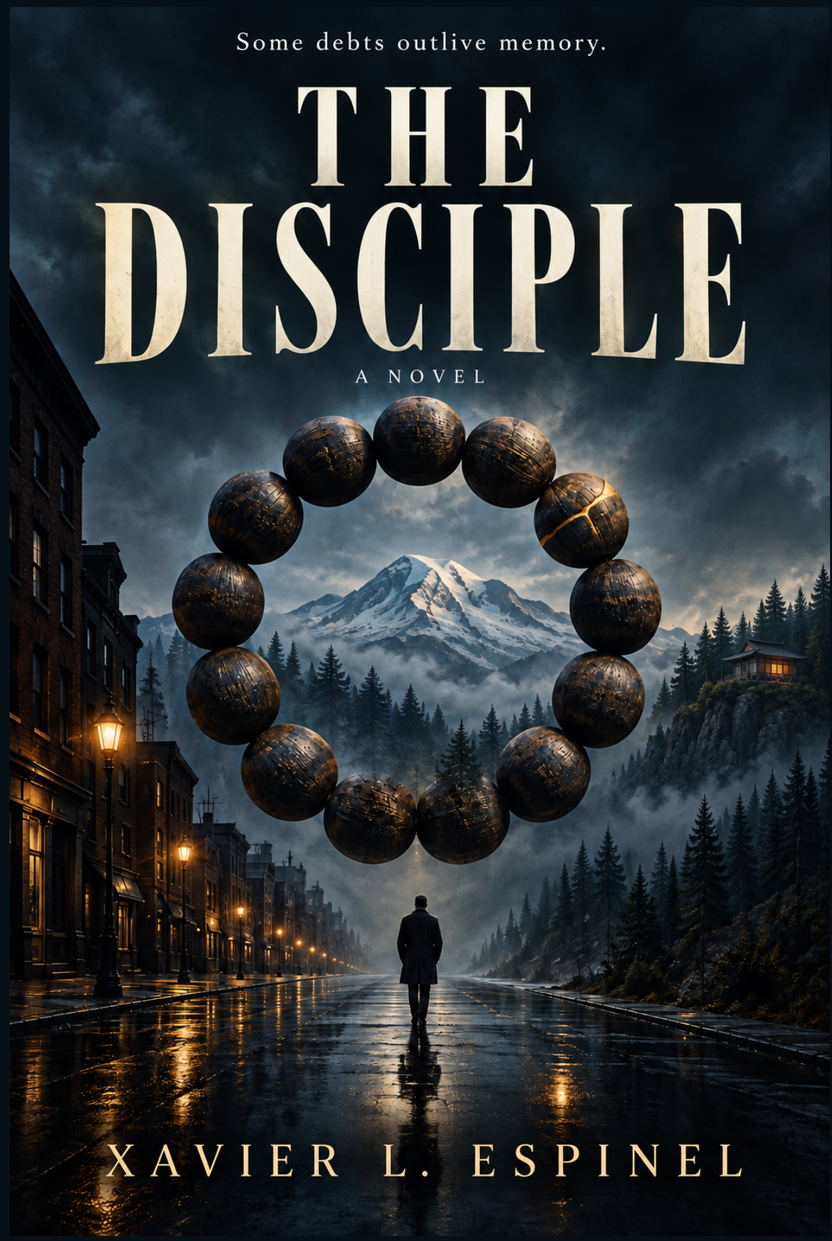
To discover who he has become, Xavier must face what he once chose to do.

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FROM THE NOVEL

The man beneath the newspapers knew my name.

Not the name on my office door. Not the one printed beneath my photograph in the Harvard alumni magazine. He used the name my mother had whispered when she thought I was asleep, the one I had buried with her in an empty coffin.

“Francis Xavier.”

I stopped circling the lamppost.

Across the street, people climbed the courthouse steps with folders pressed to their chests. A bus sighed at the curb. Everything continued exactly as it had a moment before, and that was the first thing that frightened me.

Some debts outlive memory.