## Stripped of Illusion, Only Sovereignty Remains by Pedro Lima

An ego-based society refuses to confront its own shadows, allowing itself to be consumed by the wilderness of fear, scarcity, and hollow egoic attachments.

It lusts, compares, deceives, competes, complies, and collapses into its own self-deception, clinging to external conditioning, indoctrinated programming, and fragile victimized identities that mask its unwillingness to grow.

It hides behind labels, logic, categories, titles, hierarchies, commodifying people and places, worshiping illusions instead of embracing the raw unfiltered truth.

Its self-serving beliefs, habits, and narratives protect it from the uncomfortable, resisting change, the liberating task of rediscovering itself beyond the egoic constructs, stories, and beliefs it clings to.

But denying and resisting the alchemy of fear, emotion, and inner fragmentation is a choice.

When the performance dissolves, when the status, titles and roles fall away, when the inauthentic façade can no longer hold, all that remains is truth.

Raw. Unfiltered. Undeniable.

The soul always waits beneath the debris of illusion, longing for the courage to be seen, present.