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"Maybe you are searching among branches.

for what only appears

in the roots."

~Rumi

Someone saw Nasrundin searching for something on the ground. It was one of his brightest students on her way back from having tea with other students of the infamous Mulla Nasrundin. On the ground, under the lamp post, on his hands and knees was the old man, searching.



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Wanting to help, she also got down on her knees and helped him search. Finally, being one of the brighter students, she asks; "what have you lost, Mulla?" "My key," said the Mulla.

So, they both went on searching. Then she thought to ask, 'Do you know where you dropped the key?"

"Oh yes," the Mulla replied, "over by the front door." The student looked down the path and there in the dark was the front door.

Time passed and being one of the brightest of students, she decided to enquire further. "Mulla, if I may ask, sense you dropped the key over by the front door, why are we searching here, under the lamp post?"

"Oh, my dear," the Mulla replied, "the light is so much brighter here."

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