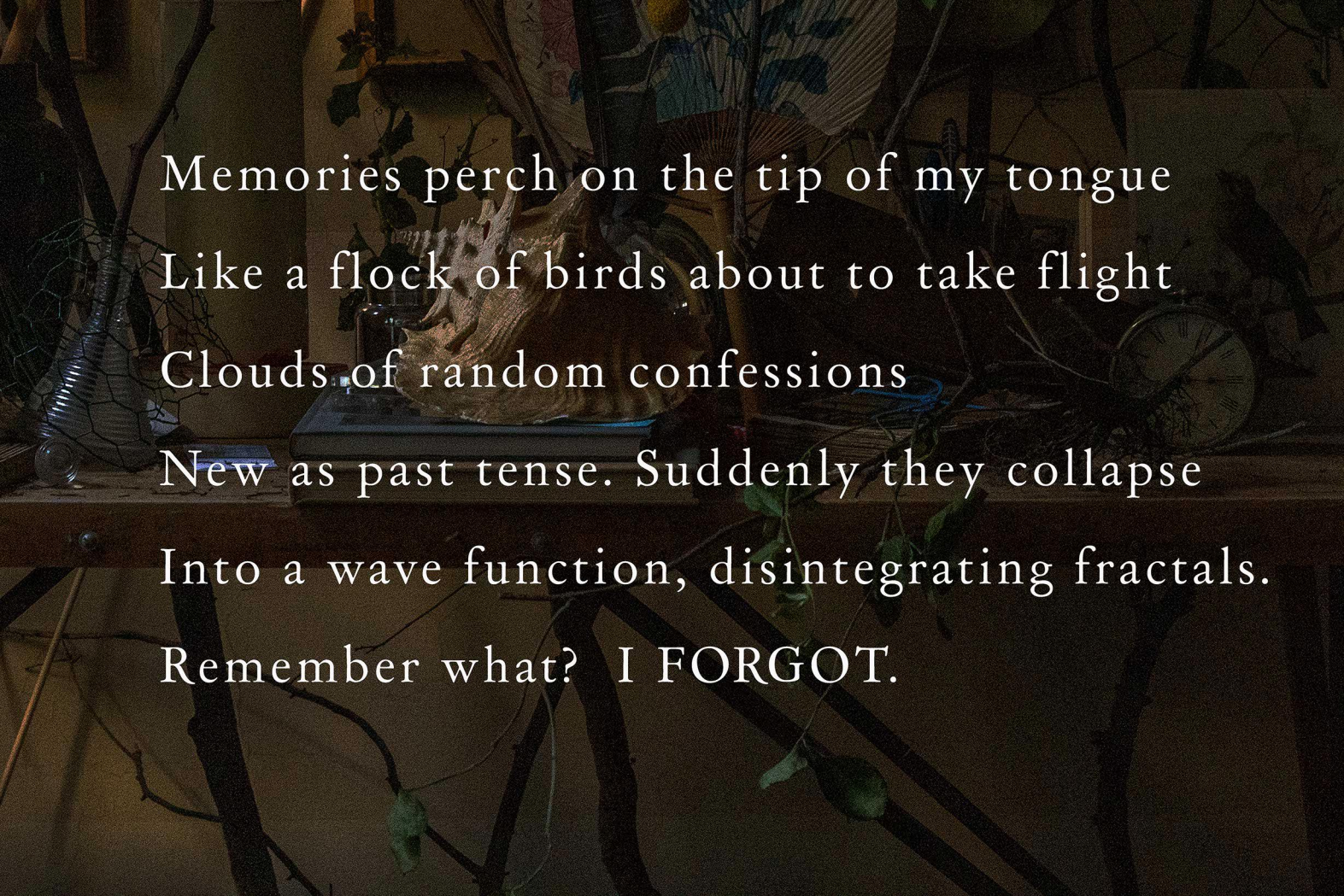


A dark, moody interior scene featuring a wooden table cluttered with various objects. On the table, there are books, a small lamp, a fan, a clock, and other decorative items. Several plants, including a large green fern on the left and bare, tangled branches in the center, are scattered around the table. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and artistic.

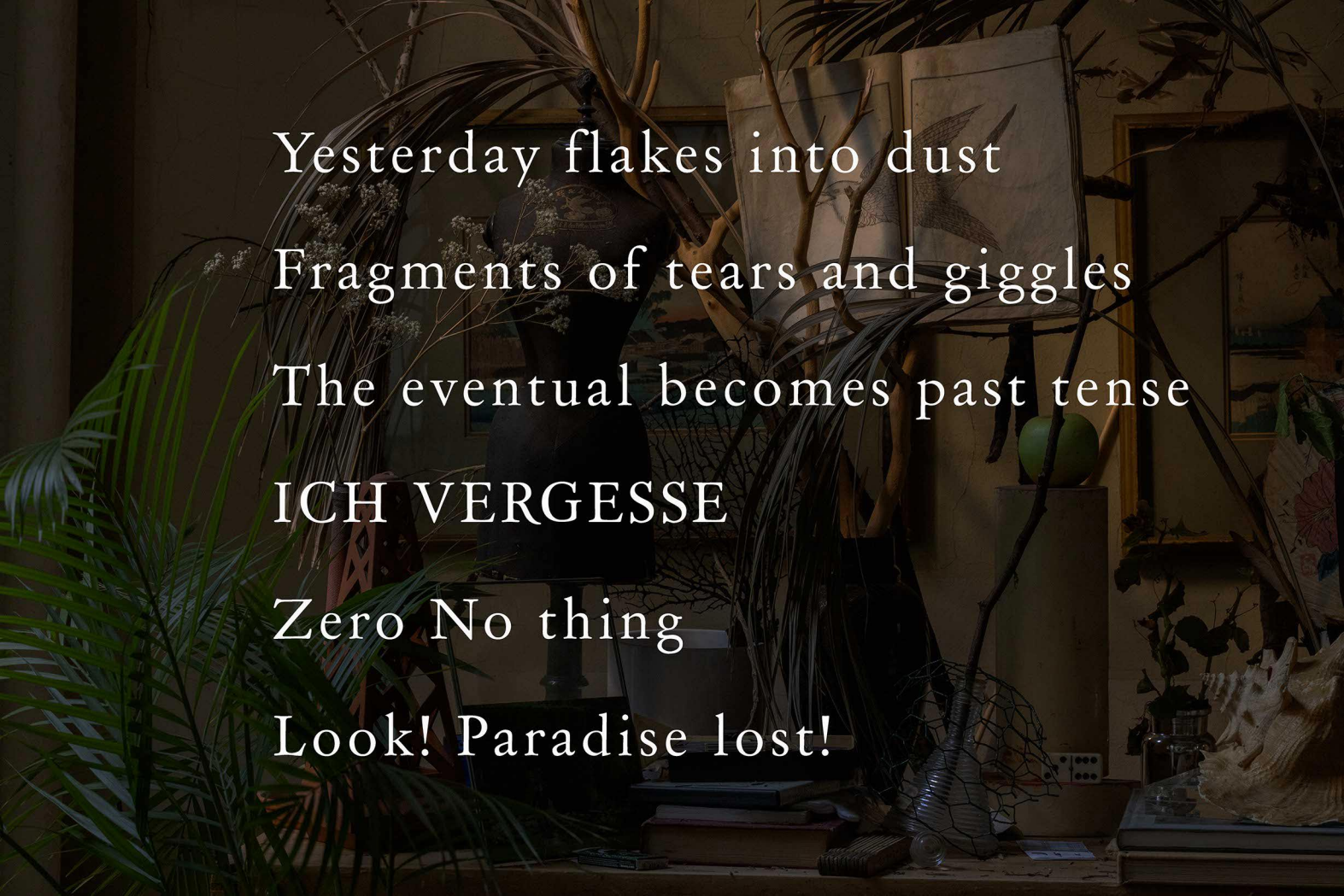
PARADISE LOST





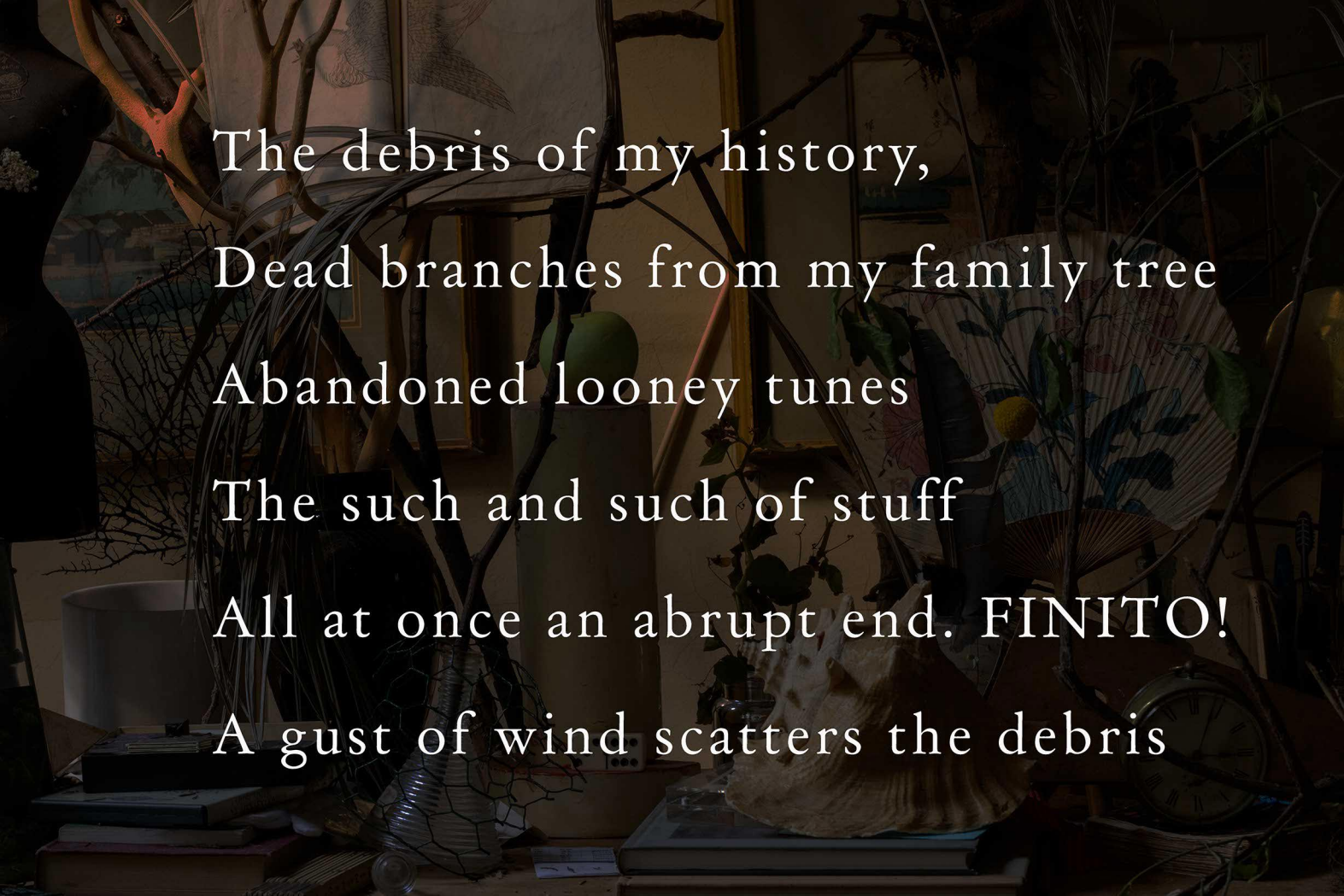
Memories perch on the tip of my tongue
Like a flock of birds about to take flight
Clouds of random confessions
New as past tense. Suddenly they collapse
Into a wave function, disintegrating fractals.
Remember what? I FORGOT.





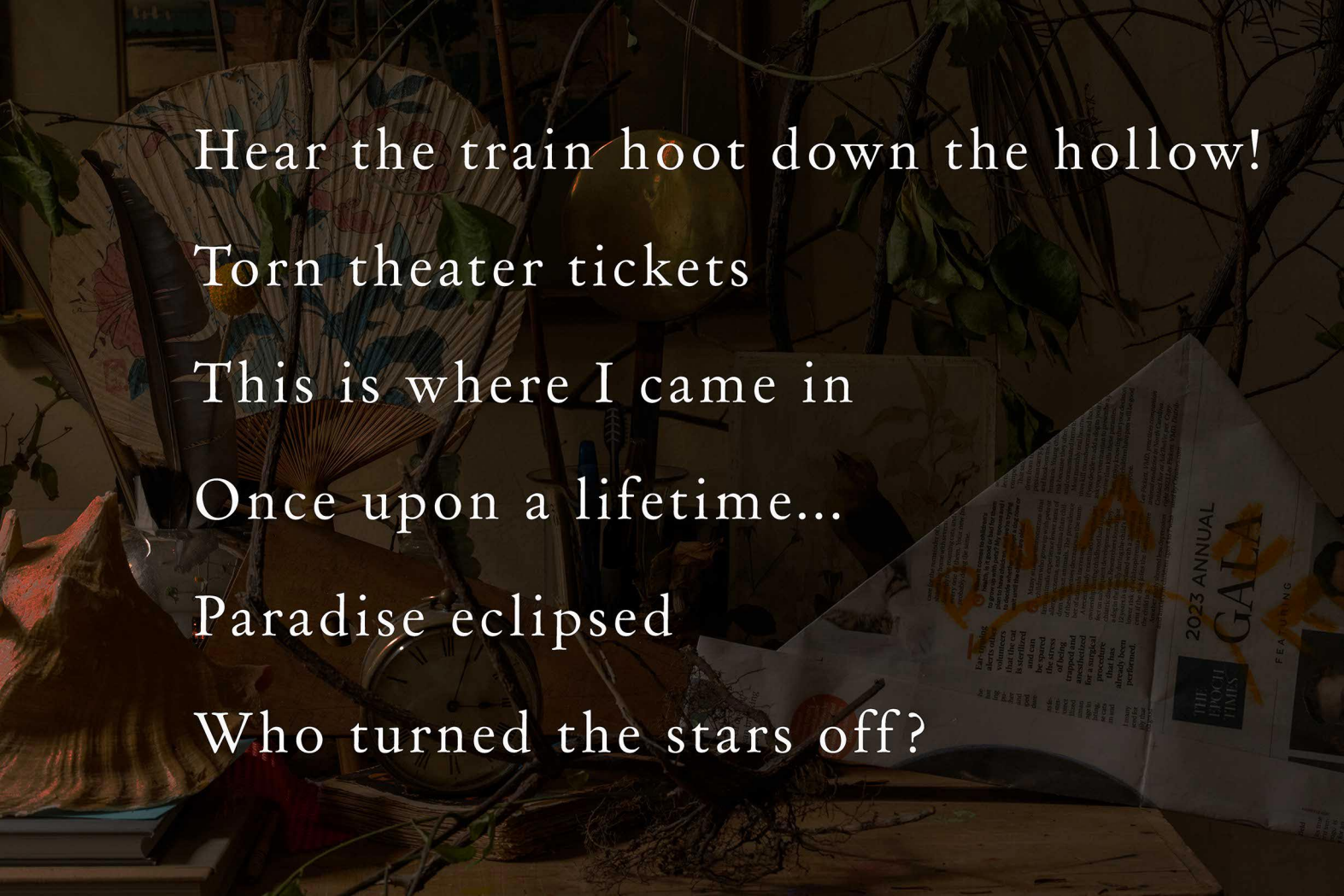
Yesterday flakes into dust
Fragments of tears and giggles
The eventual becomes past tense
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Zero No thing
Look! Paradise lost!





The debris of my history,
Dead branches from my family tree
Abandoned looney tunes
The such and such of stuff
All at once an abrupt end. FINITO!
A gust of wind scatters the debris





Hear the train hoot down the hollow!
Torn theater tickets
This is where I came in
Once upon a lifetime...
Paradise eclipsed
Who turned the stars off?

