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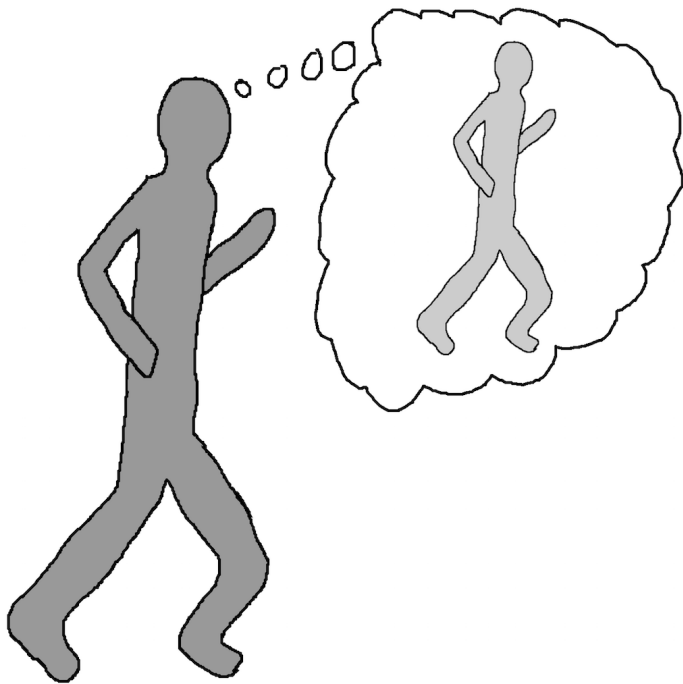
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I open my eyes, look up at the ceiling and watch the lamp swing back and forth in the breeze entering through the open window. I had been dreaming. We were together on a vibrant square in a Mediterranean city. We talked, and you were about to tell me why you had left me — why you had disappeared from my life.

I close my eyes and return to the square. I look around, trying to find you. You are nowhere to be seen. The square is empty. I start running. I run up and down the side-streets

around the square, looking for you. I need to find you. I need to know why you left me. I run up one street and then turn the corner into another. Just like the square, the streets are all empty. There is no one to be seen. The dream is gone.

I return to the square, panting after all the running. I lean forward, placing my hands on my knees and try to breathe normally. I know my chase is futile. I am never going to catch you. I give up, open my eyes and return to reality.

About The Author

Börkur is an avid storyteller with a keen eye for quirky characters, funny dialogs and vivid scenario descriptions. Much of his writing falls within the genre of realistic fiction and his stories are more often than not based on real events in the author's life. Although the tales contain grains of truth, they are melded with fiction, making the reader curious to know the line between reality and fantasy.

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