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Walking Under Ladders

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As a youth in Marrakech, I saw a spectacle in which a cadre of martial artists battled a man wielding a **rapier**, but the encounters all ended in **ties**. The combatants' **sprints** to and fro dizzied us spectators until finally we fainted, and had to be removed in **wheelbarrows** as if we were common **refuse**! That is what real danger is.

This myth about walking under ladders being bad luck, I must be **quick** to say, is hardly risky at all. It is an old wives' tale that you can acquire **curses** from so mundane an activity. Even today, a bystander may **yell** when you approach a ladder with the intent to extend your **travels** beneath it. What could provoke such an outburst? It could take **120 minutes or more** to explore an answer, and yet still, most would fail to **mount** a credible reason.

While walking under a ladder is not bad luck, I **confide** this wisdom to you without a **modicum** of regret:
there *is* actually one thing to be mindful of …

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