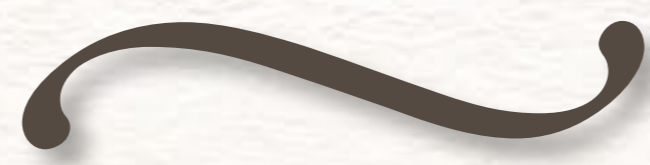


# LIFE WITH BROOM



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**The world** can be a messy place. In my youth — I suppose like all *boys* — I hated cleaning. But then, I realized that I would be cleaning things *every day of my life*, for the rest of my life. Why not make it fun? Life with broom began. A great photographer once said, “Photograph your life.” I hope he meant that literally.















One day Master Zhaozhou was sweeping. A monk asked, "The Master is a great worthy. Why are you engaged in the lowly task of sweeping?"

Master Zhaozhou said, "Dust comes in from outside."

The monk replied, "This is a pure temple. Why, then, is there dust?"

Looking around, the Master said, "Ah, there's some *more* dust," and kept sweeping.

































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