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Owl of the Night
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On January 30th, 2024 fire trucks rolled by at the end of my road. Soon, I realized a house was on fire. When I saw what was happening, I stepped out the back door. I had been on the back step for at least ten seconds, when I noticed that a telephone pole close by looked taller than usual. I immediately grabbed my flashlight, aiming the beam up to the top of the telephone pole, revealing a beautiful owl. Not just any owl, but a Great Horned Owl. It felt like one of the best moments of my life. The feathers on his back were light grey, and he was about twenty inches tall. I couldn't believe I was looking at one of the most stunning animals in the world. I turned to reach for my binoculars, but when I turned back around he had disappeared into the dark.