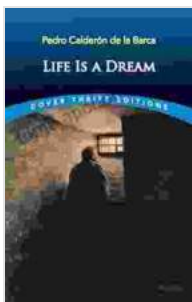


Journey into the Labyrinth of Life's Dreams and Illusions



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A Philosophical Tapestry of Dreams and Deception

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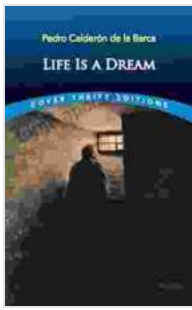
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