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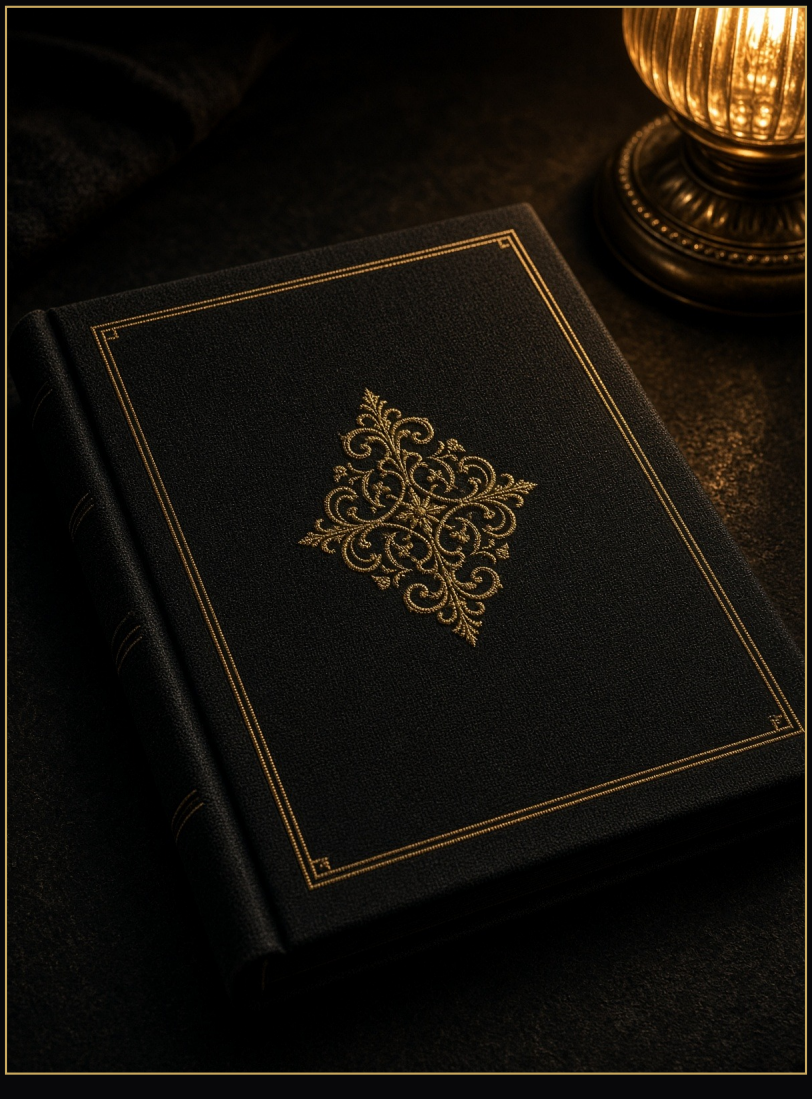

Codex Volume I

Six climates. Thirty-six rooms. One house.

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The Codex, Volume I

At a glance. Archive Lines is a written archive of thirty-six rooms in six climates: Found Archive, Anthology Fragment, Chronicle / Log, Ritual Cycle, Pseudo-Documentary and Threshold Piece. Each climate opens with a page of its own; each room names its handler, what it files and what it refuses. An index of handlers closes the volume. Reading time: about twenty minutes.

The Codex is not a blog and it is not a caption under a still. It keeps the sentence that survives the cull. Archive Lines is the house in which a film behaves like a recovered file.

The six climates are not genres taped on after the fact. Found Archive files the object. Anthology Fragment files the tear. Chronicle / Log files the line. Ritual Cycle files the return. Pseudo-Documentary files the apparatus. Threshold Piece files the hover. Human and Fate walks a person after an outcome. Quiet Apocalypse walks a city after people.

This house walks paper, oxide, ink, cloth, a camera, a sill. This volume holds every climate and every room now filed under Archive Lines. It does not translate the gap into plot. It does not finish the testimony. It does not cross the lintel for you.

Luxury here means the object is treated as if it were kept, not sold. The book is an edition of the archive, not a souvenir of a feed.

HOW TO READ

One climate, then six rooms. The portrait belongs to the handler. The object in Showcase is not that face. Sound keeps two tapes where both exist: the filed tone and the live residual. Watch stays empty until a frame is filed.

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Thirty-six rooms. Each climate opens with a page of its own, then six rooms.

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CLIMATE 01 OF 06

Found Archive

files the object

The climate files the object after a filing, not a person after an outcome. That other work belongs to Human and Fate. Here the document is oxide, manila, a number without a name, a box labelled as if a case still existed. The lamp is warm. The civic sodium of Quiet Apocalypse is refused. A portrait posing as the climate is refused. Six rooms. One table. The Watch box stays empty until a frame is filed. The Codex keeps the sentence.

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01 Tape Recovered at Dawn

Ivo Harker · Found Archive · Archive Lines

A cassette arrived at dawn without a sender. Dawn was not poetry. It was the hour the night shift ended and the trolley had to be cleared. Harker logged other people’s tapes. This one has no card. The hiss is what survived. Found Archive files the hiss. A crime, a ghost, or a confession would hire another house.

`FILED` *the hiss* `REFUSED` *a crime, a ghost, a confession*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/tape-recovered-at-dawn/



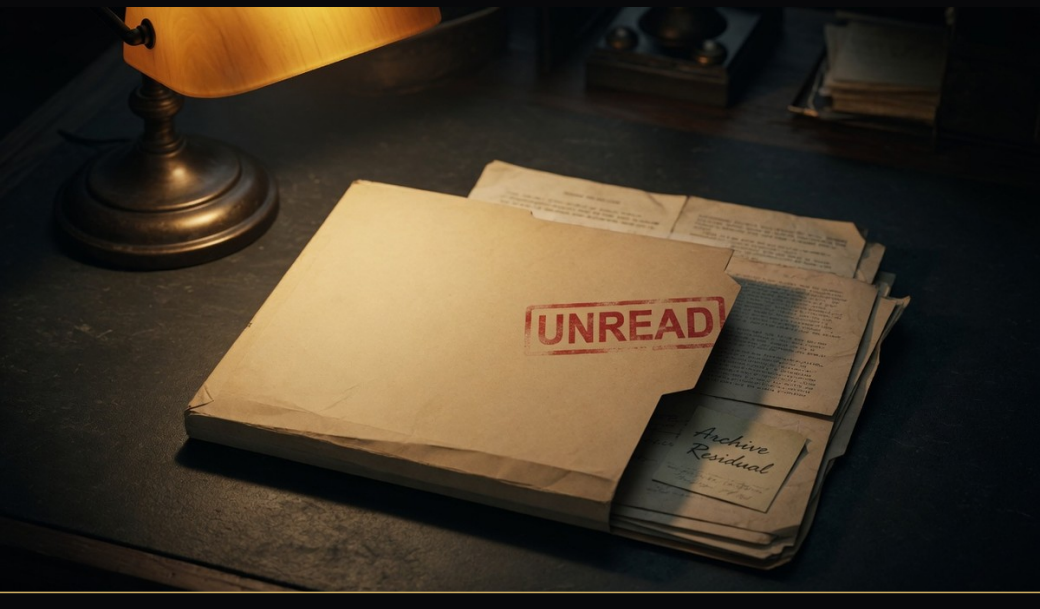
02 The Lost Inventory

Leta Quarm · Found Archive · Archive Lines

Quarm kept lists so the building would not forget its rooms. The list in this room no longer matches any floor that can be walked. Doors numbered on paper open onto walls. The mismatch is the document. This is not a haunted tour and it is not a joke about paper.

`FILED` *the mismatch between list and floor* `REFUSED` *a haunted tour*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-lost-inventory/



03 Folder Without Owner

Stellan Pryce · Found Archive · Archive Lines

Pryce copied numbers onto folders because names were someone else’s field. This folder kept the number and lost the name. Ownership is the missing field. The Codex will not invent a biography to fill the tab.

`FILED` *the number without the name* `REFUSED` *an invented biography*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/folder-without-owner/



04 Recording of Empty Rooms

Nedra Holm · Found Archive · Archive Lines

Holm was hired to record speech and kept recording when speech did not come. Hours of air. Chairs. A window that does not perform. Empty is the document. A jump-scare would end the climate.

`FILED` *hours of air* `REFUSED` *the jump-scare*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/recording-of-empty-rooms/



05 Evidence Box 12

Caspar Quinn · Found Archive · Archive Lines

Quinn labelled boxes as if cases still existed. Twelve is paint. There is no trial attached. Found Archive files the label. Justice is another house.

FILED *the label* REFUSED *a trial, and justice*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/evidence-box-12/



06 What the Archive Kept

Ruthen Gale · Found Archive · Archive Lines

Gale decided what survived a cull. What remains is not what deserved to. Residue is the climate. Merit is not.

FILED *the residue of the cull* REFUSED *merit*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/what-the-archive-kept/



CLIMATE 02 OF 06

Anthology Fragment

files the tear

The climate files the piece, not the night it came from. A page still has the crease of another book. A reel is missing and the absence is filed as the cut. Beginning and end without the work of the middle. Dust is what remains when a file is handled too long. Completing the anthology would end the climate.

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07 Fragment of a Larger Night

Fen Arkwright · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Arkwright kept pieces of nights that were never filed as wholes. This fragment implies a night it will not show. Supplying the rest would be another climate.

`FILED` *the fragment* `REFUSED` *the rest of the night*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/fragment-of-a-larger-night/



08 Page Torn From the World

Blythe Orr · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Orr mended books and left the crease that proved another volume. The world the page came from is not supplied. The crease is the film.

`FILED` *the crease* `REFUSED` *the world the page came from*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/page-torn-from-the-world/



09 Incomplete Testimony

Tomasin Grey · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Grey took statements for a living that ended when the verb arrived. This one stops before the verb. The stop is filed.

`FILED` *the stop before the verb* `REFUSED` *the verb*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/incomplete-testimony/



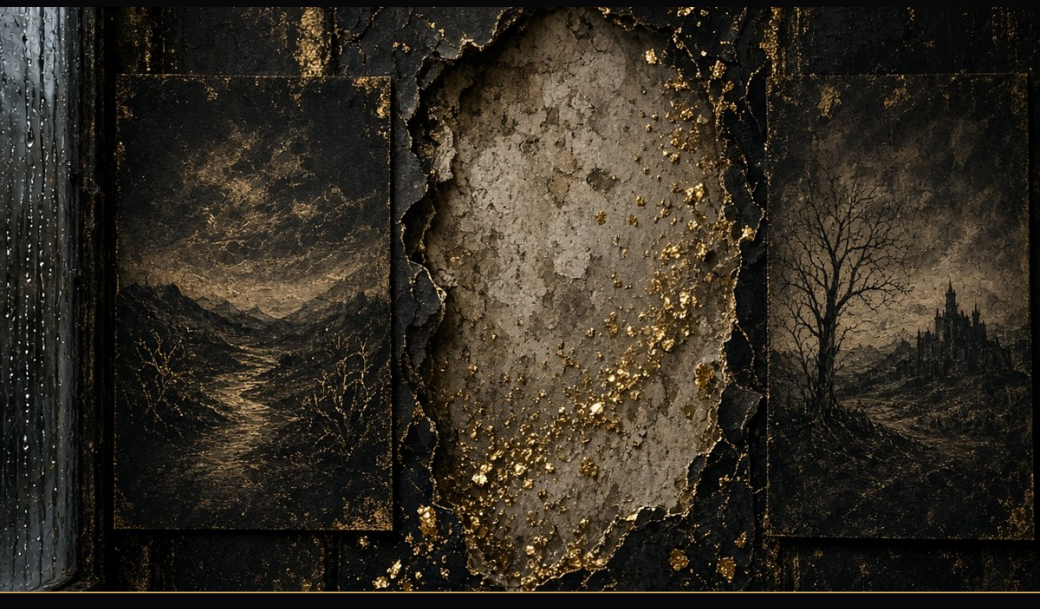
10 The Missing Reel

Ione Pell · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Pell logged reels by number. One number has no oxide. Absence is the cut. The pictures are not reconstructed.

`FILED` *the absence as the cut* `REFUSED` *reconstruction*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-missing-reel/



11 Story Without Middle

Ward Elling · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Elling bound other people’s middles. This story keeps beginning and end. The work of the middle is refused on purpose.

`FILED` *beginning and end* `REFUSED` *the work of the middle*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/story-without-middle/



12 Archive Dust

Mira Hest · Anthology Fragment · Archive Lines

Hest handled files until they powdered. Dust is the document. Sweeping it into plot would end the climate.

`FILED` *the dust* `REFUSED` *plot*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/archive-dust/



CLIMATE 03 OF 06

Chronicle / Log

files the line

Time is ink. Numbering cannot invent origin. A civic date is left blank on purpose. Small ends accumulate until they are the only chronicle available. The last operator still fills the book. Quiet hours are logged because they passed. Found Archive files the object. This climate files the line. Neither hires a monument.

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14 Day the City Forgot *Della Frost*
15 Chronicle of Small Ends *Niles Arden*
16 Timestamp of the Unseen *Pema Holt*
17 Log of the Last Operator *Gareth Lin*
18 Record of Quiet Hours *Loic Pendle*



13 Entry Log 000

Anton Reeve · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Reeve numbered lines as if numbering could invent origin. Zero-zero-zero is the first line. There is no founding myth.

FILED *the first line, numbered 000* REFUSED *a founding myth*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/entry-log-000/



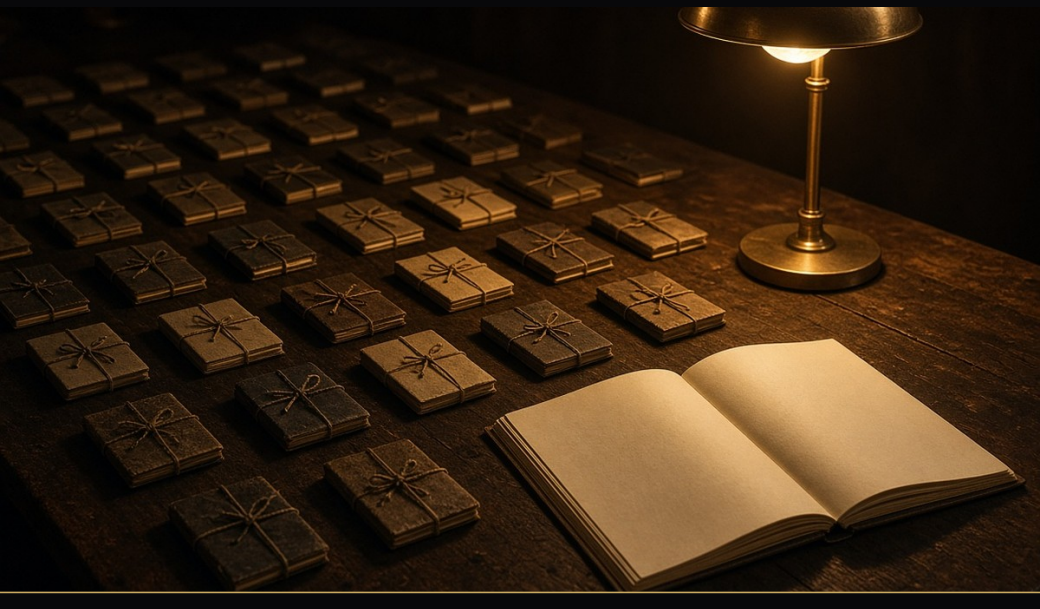
14 Day the City Forgot

Della Frost · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Frost kept civic dates. One square is blank on purpose. The city did not forget by accident. Blank is the entry.

FILED *the blank square* REFUSED *forgetting by accident*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/day-the-city-forgot/



15 Chronicle of Small Ends

Niles Arden · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Arden wrote endings too small for monuments. Together they are the only chronicle available. Stone is refused.

`FILED` *endings too small for monuments* `REFUSED` *stone*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/chronicle-of-small-ends/



16 Timestamp of the Unseen

Pema Holt · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Holt stamped hours onto events nobody photographed. The stamp is the witness. The event remains unseen on purpose.

`FILED` *the stamp as witness* `REFUSED` *the event itself*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/timestamp-of-the-unseen/



17 Log of the Last Operator

Gareth Lin · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Lin was the last hand that still filled the book. The Codex files the hand. A last-stand speech would be another house.

`FILED` *the hand that still fills the book* `REFUSED` *a last-stand speech*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/log-of-the-last-operator/



18 Record of Quiet Hours

Loic Pendle · Chronicle / Log · Archive Lines

Pendle logged hours with nothing to report except that they passed. Quiet is the entry. Drama would falsify the book.

`FILED` *the quiet hours* `REFUSED` *drama*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/record-of-quiet-hours/



CLIMATE 04 OF 06

Ritual Cycle

files the return

Return is not improvement. A sixth moon does not correct a fifth. Waiting is the rite, not a delay. A year refuses to advance its own weather. A ceremony outlives the congregation. Archive Lines files repetition as document. A cult explanation would be plot. The bowl is the object. The portrait is the keeper.

SIX ROOMS

19 Cycle of the Sixth Moon *Orrin Vale*
20 The Returning Gesture *Hester Brann*
21 Season of the Closed Eye *Yule Corvin*
22 Ritual of Waiting *Anwen Sere*
23 The Year That Repeats *Levin Dusk*
24 Ceremony Without End *Petra Holm*



19 Cycle of the Sixth Moon

Orrin Vale · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Vale kept other people’s moons. The sixth does not improve the fifth. Ritual Cycle files return without progress.

`FILED` *return* `REFUSED` *progress*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/cycle-of-the-sixth-moon/



20 The Returning Gesture

Hester Brann · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Brann taught motions. One motion remains after the reason has gone. The climate files the gesture, not the lesson.

`FILED` *the gesture* `REFUSED` *the lesson*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-returning-gesture/



21 Season of the Closed Eye

Yule Corvin · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Corvin measured seasons by what was not looked at. The closed eye is weather. Revelation would end the season.

`FILED` *the closed eye as weather* `REFUSED` *revelation*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/season-of-the-closed-eye/



22 Ritual of Waiting

Anwen Sere · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Sere treated waiting as the rite. No arrival is required for the film to be complete.

`FILED` *the waiting* `REFUSED` *arrival*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/ritual-of-waiting/



23 The Year That Repeats

Levin Dusk · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Dusk kept a calendar that refused to advance its own weather. Repetition is the year.

`FILED` *repetition as the year* `REFUSED` *advancing its own weather*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-year-that-repeats/



24 Ceremony Without End

Petra Holm · Ritual Cycle · Archive Lines

Holm kept a ceremony after the congregation left. The climate closes without congratulating the cycle.

`FILED` *the ceremony after the congregation* `REFUSED` *congratulating the cycle*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/ceremony-without-end/



CLIMATE 05 OF 06

Pseudo-Documentary

files the apparatus

The apparatus keeps running after the subject has left. A chair is lit. A microphone waits. Paper exists to say the footage does not. Archive Lines files the form of evidence without promising the event. This is not a hoax about the end of the world. The lie, when there is one, belongs to the camera.

SIX ROOMS

25 Interview with the Absent *Ellis Rowan*
26 Footage of Nothing *Danae Shore*
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30 The Recorded Silence *Noll Graves*



25 Interview with the Absent

Ellis Rowan · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Rowan lit chairs for people who did not sit. The absent are not a twist. The apparatus is the document.

`FILED` *the lit chair and the apparatus* `REFUSED` *a twist*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/interview-with-the-absent/



26 Footage of Nothing

Danae Shore · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Shore kept cameras running after subjects left. Footage of nothing is still footage. Cutting to a face would be another climate.

`FILED` *footage of nothing* `REFUSED` *cutting to a face*

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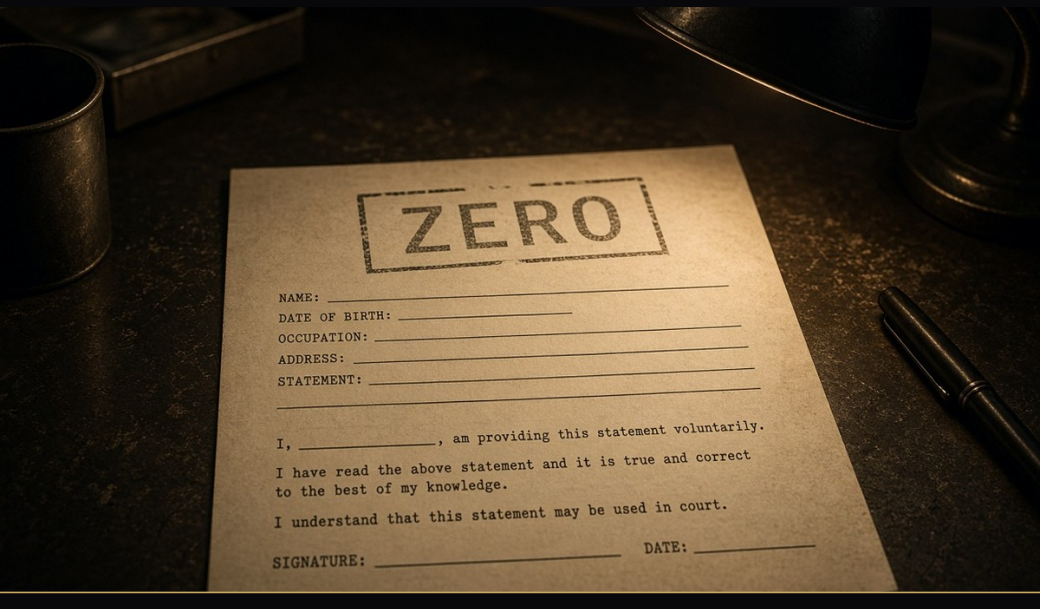

27 Witness Statement Zero

Pim Harrow · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Harrow numbered testimony as if a first witness had existed. Zero is the climate. Inventing witness one would end it.

`FILED` *zero* `REFUSED` *an invented first witness*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/witness-statement-zero/



28 Camera That Lied

Jules Kennett · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Kennett maintained apparatus that recorded a room the room denies. The lie belongs to the camera.

`FILED` *the room the room denies*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/camera-that-lied/



29 Official Denial

Sera Quinn · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Quinn stamped paper that exists to say the footage does not. Official is the genre. Proof would be another house.

`FILED` *the stamped paper* `REFUSED` *proof*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/official-denial/



30 The Recorded Silence

Noll Graves · Pseudo-Documentary · Archive Lines

Graves archived silence as if it were speech. The climate closes on the recording, not the confession.

`FILED` *the recording* `REFUSED` *the confession*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-recorded-silence/



CLIMATE 06 OF 06

Threshold Piece

files the hover

The film stays on the strip of wood between two rooms. The far side is refused. A door and a decision. The edge of a known room. A step into the unlit. Names that change only at the lintel. The moment between is not a pause in another story. It is the climate. Crossing would be another climate.

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31 Before Crossing

Ines Ward · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Ward stood on the near side. The hesitation is the film. The far room is refused.

`FILED` *the hesitation* `REFUSED` *the far room*

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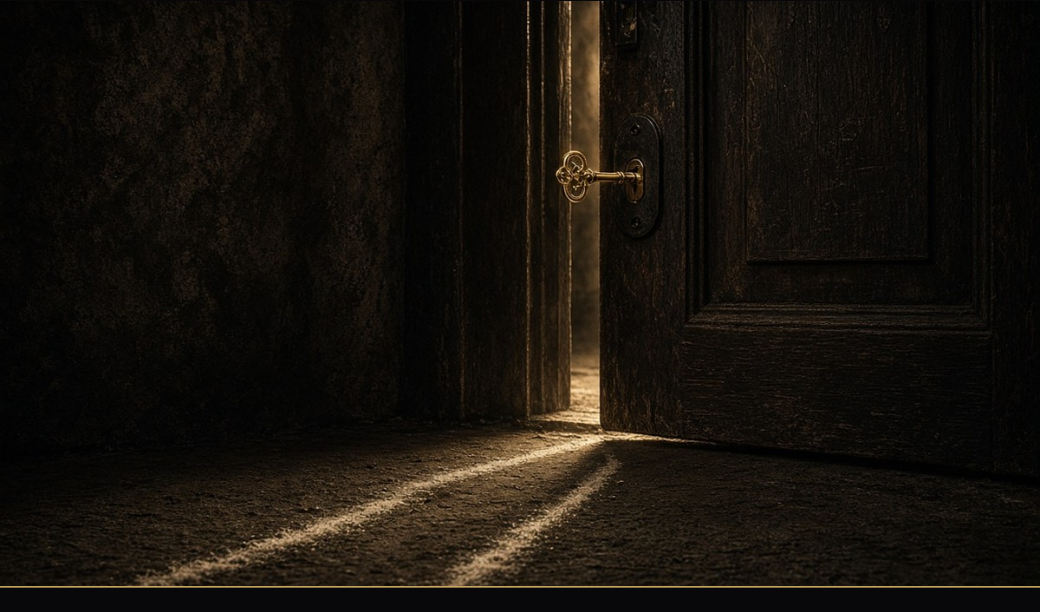

32 The Door and the Decision

Tobias Keen · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Keen repaired doors. The decision is the film. Crossing would be another climate.

`FILED` *the decision* `REFUSED` *crossing*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-door-and-the-decision/



33 Edge of the Known Room

Mara Elling · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Elling mapped rooms until the map reached an edge. Known stops. The unlit begins.

`FILED` *the edge of the map*

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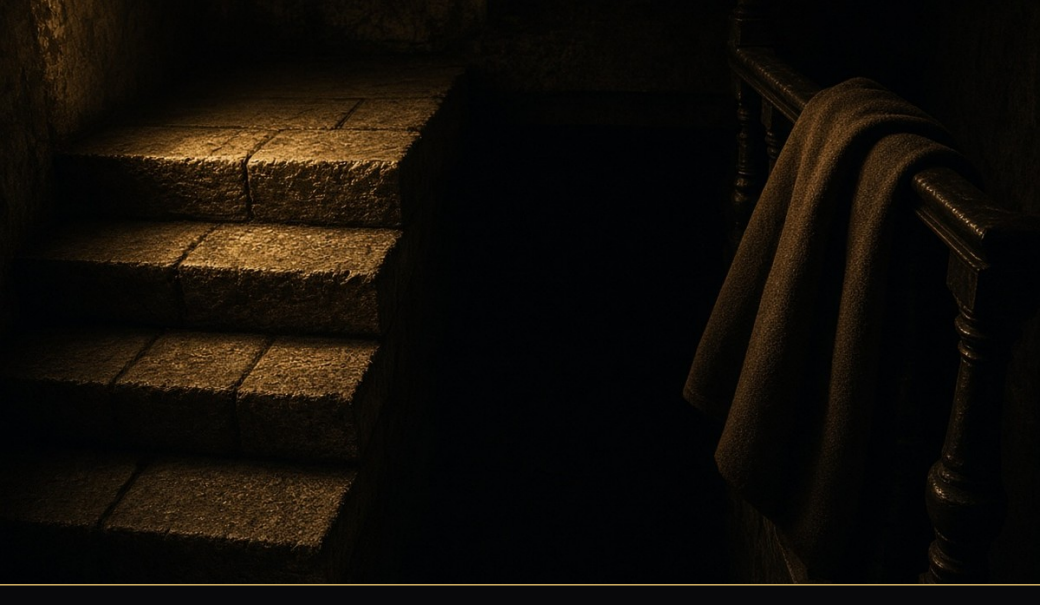

34 Step Into the Unlit

Elias Penn · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Penn kept the first unlit step and not the corridor after it. The step is enough.

`FILED` *the first unlit step* `REFUSED` *the corridor after it*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/step-into-the-unlit/



35 Threshold of Names

Noor Ash · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Ash changed names only at the lintel. The Codex files the lintel, not the new life.

`FILED` *the lintel* `REFUSED` *the new life*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/threshold-of-names/



36 The Moment Between

Clemency Rigg · Threshold Piece · Archive Lines

Rigg timed the moment between two rooms. It is not a pause in another story. It is the climate.

`FILED` *the moment between two rooms*

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AI tools were used in making this volume; the methods remain private. The pictures are new images made for the rooms. They are not photographs of any archive.

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