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HUMAN & FATE



Codex Volume II

Six climates. Thirty-six rooms. One house.

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What remains

The Codex, Volume II

At a glance. Human & Fate is the house of irreversible pressure at human scale. Six climates, thirty-six rooms: Tragedy, Melancholy Drama, Isolation, Memory / Identity, Aftermath / Ruin and Quiet Apocalypse. Each climate opens with a page of its own. Each room names its person, what it files and what it refuses. An index of names closes the volume. Reading time: about twenty minutes.

The house begins where explanation is weaker than consequence. A decision has already cost something. A room has already emptied. A name no longer fits. A city has thinned without a blast worth filming as entertainment.

Archive Lines files the document. This house files the person after the outcome. The volume does not rescue the hour. It does not supply the speech the room withheld.

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 person. The object in the Showcase is not that face. Watch stays with the film. This book keeps the sentence.

Six climates

Thirty-six rooms. Each climate opens on its own page, then six rooms.

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Tragedy

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files the last choice

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05 Aftermath / Ruin

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files the ground

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files the end that does not shout

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- 35 Calendar of the Last Week
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CLIMATE 01 OF 06

Tragedy

files the last choice

The ending is already visible. A person still has an hour. Dignity does not reverse the hour. It spends it. Six rooms. The blow is refused as spectacle.

SIX ROOMS

- 01 The Last Kindness *Wren Hollow*
- 02 Fall of the Ordinary Man *Alden Pike*
- 03 Grief Without Audience *Calla Mire*
- 04 The Unfinished Apology *Julian Marsh*
- 05 Winter of Small Losses *Eden Crowe*
- 06 What Remains After *Isolde March*

The climate page



01 The Last Kindness

Wren Hollow · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Wren Hollow leaves a parcel at the jamb after the letter has already closed the future. Kindness here is not redemption. It is unfinished duty.

FILED the parcel

REFUSED *redemption*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-last-kindness/



02 Fall of the Ordinary Man

Alden Pike · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Alden Pike loses a life that looked permanent. No villain raises a voice. The pavement outlives the claim.

FILED *the pavement*

REFUSED *a villain*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/fall-of-the-ordinary-man/

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03 **Grief Without Audience**

Calla Mire · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Calla Mire keeps a second chair the street will not budget witnesses for. The chair is the document. An audience would end the climate.

FILED *the second chair*

REFUSED *an audience*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/grief-without-audience/



04 **The Unfinished Apology**

Julian Marsh · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Julian Marsh sends the words after there is nobody left to receive them. Sable Renn cannot answer. The draft still travels.

FILED *the draft*

REFUSED *a reply*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-unfinished-apology/



05 Winter of Small Losses

Eden Crowe · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Eden Crowe counts shops and photographs until the street is a ledger. The losses are too small for a headline. Together they are the winter.

FILED *the ledger*

REFUSED *a headline*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/winter-of-small-losses/



06 What Remains After

Isolde March · Tragedy · Human & Fate

Isolde March opens a window on the morning after the people. The climate closes on what the room still holds, not on a rescue.

FILED the open window

REFUSED *a rescue*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/what-remains-after/



CLIMATE 02 OF 06

Melancholy Drama

files the loss without speech

The loss does not announce itself. Ordinary gestures have already spent their weight. Speech would only decorate what the furniture knows. Six rooms.

SIX ROOMS

- 07 Letters Never Sent *Nora Quill*
- 08 The Afternoon That Stayed *Silas Reed*
- 09 Soft Ending *Maeve Thorn*
- 10 Rain on Empty Chairs *Corin Hale*
- 11 Portrait of a Quiet Life *Elowen Hart*
- 12 Years in a Single Room *Ash Harlow*

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07 Letters Never Sent

Nora Quill · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Nora Quill restores other handwriting and will not mail her own. The stack does not become a mailbox.

FILED the unsent stack

REFUSED *a mailbox*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/letters-never-sent/



08 The Afternoon That Stayed

Silas Reed · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Silas Reed waits in gold light that misses its cue to leave. The afternoon is the duration. A plot would dismiss it.

FILED *the light that stayed*

REFUSED *a plot*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-afternoon-that-stayed/

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09 Soft Ending

Maeve Thorn · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Maeve Thorn clears a table after a night that will not be repeated. Closing, without wreckage.

FILED the cleared table

REFUSED wreckage

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/soft-ending/



10 Rain on Empty Chairs

Corin Hale · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Corin Hale locks a till and cannot lock a terrace. Rain sits where the guests do not.

FILED the empty chairs

REFUSED a locked terrace

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/rain-on-empty-chairs/

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11 Portrait of a Quiet Life

Elowen Hart · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Elowen Hart paints unspectacular faces and then sits for her own. The likeness will not become plot.

FILED *the quiet likeness*

REFUSED *a plot*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/portrait-of-a-quiet-life/



12 Years in a Single Room

Ash Harlow · Melancholy Drama · Human & Fate

Ash Harlow copies other people's music and does not leave the window. The years travel in ink. The window is not asked to become a door.

FILED *the years in ink*

REFUSED *a door*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/years-in-a-single-room/



CLIMATE 03 OF 06

Isolation

files the distance

A gap that noise cannot cross. Arrival is refused as rescue. Remaining intact is the work the frame allows. Six rooms. One distance.

SIX ROOMS

- 13 The Only Window *Merrin Cole*
- 14 Miles From Any Voice *Bram Calder*
- 15 Apartment 47 *Tess Orin*
- 16 The Unanswered Call *Dorian Kemp*
- 17 Island of One *Rhea Solin*
- 18 Silence as Companion *Pax Ellery*

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13 **The Only Window**

Merrin Cole · Isolation · Human & Fate

Merrin Cole keeps one pane. The street continues without looking up. The view is not a door.

FILED *the one pane* REFUSED *a way out*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-only-window/



14 **Miles From Any Voice**

Bram Calder · Isolation · Human & Fate

Bram Calder drives a road that will not produce another speaker. Distance is the document.

FILED *the empty road* REFUSED *another speaker*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/miles-from-any-voice/



15 **Apartment 47**

Tess Orin · Isolation · Human & Fate

Tess Orin lives at a number that is only a number. Opening the door does not invent a household.

FILED *the number* REFUSED *a household*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/apartment-47/



16 **The Unanswered Call**

Dorian Kemp · Isolation · Human & Fate

Dorian Kemp sits with a line that works and still does not answer. The apparatus is not the company.

FILED *the working line* REFUSED *an answer*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-unanswered-call/



17 **Island of One**

Rhea Solin · Isolation · Human & Fate

Rhea Solin keeps a shore that will not produce a second person. The water is read. It is not a crossing.

FILED *the shore* REFUSED *a second person*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/island-of-one/



18 **Silence as Companion**

Pax Ellery · Isolation · Human & Fate

Pax Ellery lets quiet stay long enough to be called companion. It is not comfort. The climate closes on the name.

FILED *the quiet* REFUSED *comfort*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/silence-as-companion/



CLIMATE 04 OF 06

Memory / Identity

files the name that shifts

A name no longer fits the day. Removal still leaves an outline. A costume change would be the dishonest cut. Six rooms. Identity stays a negotiation.

SIX ROOMS

- 19 Who I Was Before *Oriel Finch*
- 20 The Borrowed Face *Nessa Quade*
- 21 Memories for Sale *Calen Drowe*
- 22 Name I Cannot Keep *Idris Vane*
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19 **Who I Was Before**

Oriel Finch · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Oriel Finch keeps a print that will not update. The picture still names a person the day has left.

FILED *the print*

REFUSED *an update*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/who-i-was-before/



20 **The Borrowed Face**

Nessa Quade · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Nessa Quade wears a likeness that opens doors her name will not. The face is borrowed. The rooms are not.

FILED *the borrowed likeness*

REFUSED *her name on the door*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-borrowed-face/



21 **Memories for Sale**

Calen Drowe · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Calen Drowe prices hours and will not price his own. One box stays unlabeled. Recollection is inventory, not a past restored.

FILED *the priced hours* **REFUSED** *his own box*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/memories-for-sale/



22 **Name I Cannot Keep**

Idris Vane · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Idris Vane crosses a name that remains a shape on the page. Official paper keeps what the person cannot.

FILED *the shape on the page* **REFUSED** *a name that stays*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/name-i-cannot-keep/



23 The Other Version

Soren Beck · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Soren Beck shares furniture with a life that kept a different name. The hours almost belong to both.

FILED *the shared furniture*

REFUSED *one life only*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-other-version/



24 Erasure Protocol

Vesper Lang · *Memory / Identity* · *Human & Fate*

Vesper Lang runs a wipe that is complete on the form and incomplete on the person. The file looks empty. It is not.

FILED *the incomplete wipe*

REFUSED *an empty person*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/erasure-protocol/



CLIMATE 05 OF 06

Aftermath / Ruin

files the ground

The event has already happened. What remains is ground, dust, a cup, a map of gaps. Spectacle is refused. Six rooms. The day after usefulness.

SIX ROOMS

- 25 After the Fall *Kael Morrow*
- 26 Ruins of the Ordinary *Briony Salt*
- 27 Dust Settlement *Eamon Drift*
- 28 What the Fire Left *Tamsin Rook*
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25 **After the Fall**

Kael Morrow · *Aftermath / Ruin* · Human & Fate

Kael Morrow inventories a room that still has walls and no longer has a job. The measure stopped mattering. He measures anyway.

FILED *the walls* REFUSED *the job*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/after-the-fall/



26 **Ruins of the Ordinary**

Briony Salt · *Aftermath / Ruin* · Human & Fate

Briony Salt keeps a shop that still has a door and no longer has a day. The counter remembers hands. It will not take a sale.

FILED *the door* REFUSED *a day of trade*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/ruins-of-the-ordinary/



27 Dust Settlement

Eamon Drift · Aftermath / Ruin · Human & Fate

Eamon Drift will not lift the dust. Settlement is the honest inventory. Grey finishes choosing its surfaces.

FILED *the dust*

REFUSED *a cleaned surface*

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

28 What the Fire Left

Tamsin Rook · Aftermath / Ruin · Human & Fate

Tamsin Rook keeps the cup the heat did not take. The flame is refused as spectacle. The cup is the document.

FILED *the cup*

REFUSED *the flame as spectacle*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/what-the-fire-left/



29 Map of Absence

Lorne Kade · Aftermath / Ruin · Human & Fate

Lorne Kade files a map of gaps and drops the legend. What is gone is the only accurate line.

FILED *the gaps*

REFUSED *a legend*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/map-of-absence/

30 The Day After Names

Yara Flint · Aftermath / Ruin · Human & Fate

Yara Flint walks a street after the plates have come off. Geometry remains. The names are on the ground.

FILED *the geometry*

REFUSED *the plates on the wall*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-day-after-names/



CLIMATE 06 OF 06

Quiet Apocalypse

files the end that does not shout

The end arrives without raising its voice. Cities look intact and prove hollow. Broadcasts continue. Lights choose silence. Six rooms. No blast worth filming as entertainment.

SIX ROOMS

- 31 The Soft End of Cities *Harlan Voss*
- 32 Signal After the Audience *Perrin Hawke*
- 33 When the Lights Chose Silence *Maris Quen*
- 34 Empty Motorway *Joss Amberly*
- 35 Calendar of the Last Week *Willa Croft*
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31 The Soft End of Cities

Harlan Voss · Quiet Apocalypse · Human & Fate

Harlan Voss walks districts that look intact and prove hollow. The end is a thinning, not a blast.

FILED *the hollow districts*

REFUSED *a blast*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-soft-end-of-cities/

32 Signal After the Audience

Perrin Hawke · Quiet Apocalypse · Human & Fate

Perrin Hawke keeps a signal after the audience has gone. The broadcast continues.
The room does not invent a listener.

FILED the continuing signal

REFUSED *a listener*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/signal-after-the-audience/

33 When the Lights Chose Silence

Maris Quen · Quiet Apocalypse · Human & Fate

Maris Quen walks a grid that darkens floor by floor. The lights choose. Nobody schedules the dark.

FILED *the darkening grid*

REFUSED *a scheduled dark*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/when-the-lights-chose-silence/

34 Empty Motorway

Joss Amberly · Quiet Apocalypse · Human & Fate

Joss Amberly sits a guardrail on lanes built for volume. The road is the ruin.
Traffic is not required.

FILED *the empty lanes*

REFUSED *traffic*

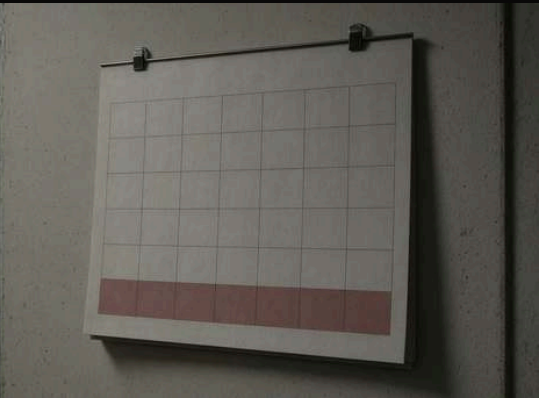
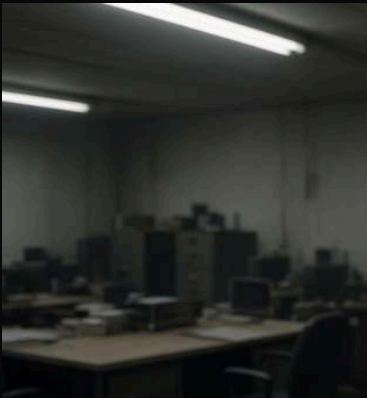
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35 Calendar of the Last Week

Willa Croft · *Quiet Apocalypse* · *Human & Fate*

Willa Croft keeps a wall of weeks that never call themselves final. The calendar continues. The reason has left.

FILED *the wall of weeks*

REFUSED *a final week*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/calendar-of-the-last-week/



36 Quiet After People

Thane Orwick · *Quiet Apocalypse* · *Human & Fate*

Thane Orwick keeps keys to a lobby that still opens. Quiet is what remains after people. The climate closes on the latch.

FILED *the keys*

REFUSED *the people*

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Thirty-six permanent rooms under /work/.

This edition does not replace the rooms. It files what remains after the outcome.

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