

DREAM & SYMBOL



Codex Volume III

Six climates. Thirty-six rooms. One house.

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The Codex, Volume III

At a glance. Dream & Symbol is the house where the image leads and the answer may never arrive. Six climates, thirty-six rooms: Dream Logic, Allegory / Symbolic, Experimental, Liminal Spaces, Oneiric Fantasy and Symbol Veil. 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 daylight logic is insufficient. A corridor continues past architecture. A gesture means more than the plot will admit. A room is both place and sign.

Two exits are refused. The films do not collapse into decoration, and they do not rush to a decoded message that kills the image. Archive Lines files the document. Human & Fate files the person after the outcome. This house files the image.

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 image, and the name.

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Dream Logic

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Rules that only hold inside the dream. Continuity is a feeling, not a map. A clock softens. A house leaves its ground. The room still counts as cinema.

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01 The Soft Clock

Odell Brant · *Dream Logic* · *Dream & Symbol*

A clockmaker who stopped selling hours. His own clock began to measure the pause between two strikes, and the town took him off the tower. He keeps the soft interval. He does not apologize for it.

FILED *the soft interval*

REFUSED *the hour*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-soft-clock/



02 Room of Oceans

Brigin Shaw · *Dream Logic* · *Dream & Symbol*

A night watchman who found salt in the seams of a dry floor. He does not open the door. If he did, the sea would become a floor again, and something that learned to breathe in that room would be left without water.

FILED *the tide in the furniture*

REFUSED *a map back to day*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/room-of-oceans/



03 Floating House

Una Kestrel · Dream Logic · Dream & Symbol

A builder's daughter. The house left its foundations and kept its rooms. She still walks them as a person who knows where the beams are. She is not looking for the reason. She is looking for the room that still admits her weight.

FILED the house REFUSED the ground

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/floating-house/



04 Mist Walkers

Colm Veer · Dream Logic · Dream & Symbol

A surveyor sent to measure a road the mist uses as a corridor. His stakes sink. He walks because the map has become a habit, not a document. He does not lead. The mist does not need a road.

FILED the mist REFUSED a road

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/mist-walkers/



05 **Refused Reflection**

Sibyl Marr · Dream Logic · Dream & Symbol

A glazier, not a seer. One mirror stopped copying her and kept an older face than the commission. She did not replace the glass. She sat down opposite the refusal and treated it as the work.

FILED *the refusal* **REFUSED** *a copy*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/refused-reflection/



06 **Growing Doors**

Tansy Bole · Dream Logic · Dream & Symbol

A gardener in a wasted yard where doors began to grow from the soil. She waters them because she knows no other gesture toward a living thing. She does not go in to live. She keeps the threshold from people who would cut the doors as weeds.

FILED *the grown door* **REFUSED** *a plan*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/growing-doors/



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Allegory / Symbolic

files the meaning that will not collapse

Images that clearly mean, and refuse one slogan. Masks, scales, towers, trials. Debt and judgment stay visible. There is no answer printed at the end.

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07 **The Weight of the Mask**

Verrin Cade · *Allegory / Symbolic* · *Dream & Symbol*

An actor hired for private mourning, meant to wear another face for one evening. The evening ended. The covering did not. Under it there is no public surface left. The temporary gesture became the only address.

FILED *the mask* **REFUSED** *the face underneath*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-weight-of-the-mask/



08 **Animal That Was a Man**

Hob Rennet · *Allegory / Symbolic* · *Dream & Symbol*

A collector of debts. The debtor died, and the account stayed in a body that could no longer sign. Rennet does not hunt it as a beast. He leads it, because the book still carries the name.

FILED *the debt* **REFUSED** *a transformation spectacle*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/animal-that-was-a-man/



09 Empty Feast

Lark Sallow · Allegory / Symbolic · Dream & Symbol

A cook who lays a long table every night: plates, glasses, candles, chairs. No one sits. She does not clear the service. She learned the craft for weddings that were cancelled, and she did not stop when the occasion left.

FILED the set table REFUSED a guest

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/empty-feast/



10 Sky Path

Nim Strand · Allegory / Symbolic · Dream & Symbol

A traveler who stepped onto a road above the ground because the lawful road below had been sealed. The path holds his weight, though it should not. He is not a hero of the air. He continued, and he did not look down for permission.

FILED the road above REFUSED ordinary ground

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/sky-path/



11 Dream Books

Moss Carrick · [Allegory / Symbolic](#) · [Dream & Symbol](#)

A night librarian. The books warm to the hand and change their titles between visits. Some refuse certain hands, including his. He does not force the catalogue. He records which book drew back.

FILED [the refusing book](#) **REFUSED** [a glossary](#)

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/dream-books/



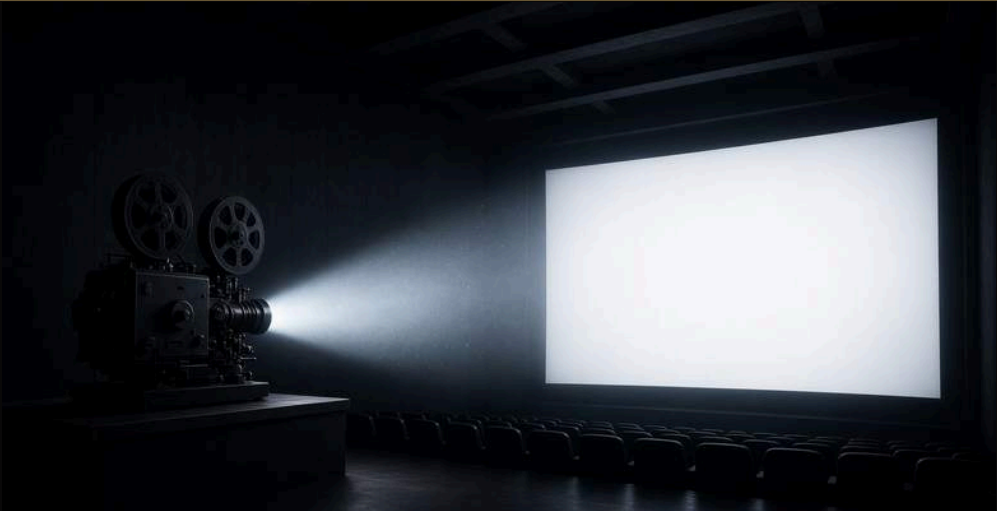
12 The Threshold

Linnet Howe · [Allegory / Symbolic](#) · [Dream & Symbol](#)

A surveyor sent to pull down an illegal structure. She found only a doorframe in open ground, upright, without walls, casting a shadow that disagrees with the sun. She did not fell it. She marked it as a border with no building.

FILED [the frame](#) **REFUSED** [the building](#)

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-threshold/



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Experimental

files the form

Form leads. Plot may never arrive. Empty frames, refused cuts, broken continuity, a show for one, an hour that will not be cut. These works are not unfinished by mistake.

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13 **Frame Without Film**

Kit Mallow · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

A projectionist in a closed cinema. The reel was taken. The machine kept humming. Every evening, at the old hour, he runs the empty gate. He does not fill the screen with another story. The empty apparatus is the film.

FILED *the empty apparatus* **REFUSED** *a picture*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/frame-without-film/



14 **The Cut That Refuses**

Neve Carr · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

An editor. Shot A leans toward Shot B. The splice is prepared. Then it is not. She does not force the join to please a plot. She holds the almost-cut until it becomes the fact.

FILED *the refused join* **REFUSED** *the cut*
Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-cut-that-refuses/



15 **Broken Continuity**

Jory Pellam · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

Hired to keep direction, and dismissed when the exit from a room led backward into the same room. He stayed in the set. He marks the breaks in chalk and does not repair them. A straight story would kill the climate.

FILED *the broken match* **REFUSED** *a legible path*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/broken-continuity/



16 **Audience of One**

Sol Pargeter · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

A ticket attendant whose public thinned to one seat, then to none. He still tears a ticket no one offers, and he keeps the quiet as a place, not as a failure. The show is not cancelled. An audience was never the condition.

FILED *the remaining seat* **REFUSED** *a crowd*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/audience-of-one/



17 The Unedited Hour

Minna Greel · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

A camera operator hired to cut an hour down to a trailer. She refused the scissors. She holds the hour upright: few cuts, a long look, no escape hatch. The time other people flee is her measure.

FILED *the hour*

REFUSED *the escape hatch*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-unedited-hour/



18 Glitch in the Myth

Vetch Oram · Experimental · Dream & Symbol

A speaker of a rite that stuttered in the middle of a name. Origin, trial, return. The second repetition arrived with a small difference. He does not begin again to make it clean. He leaves the stammer in the myth.

FILED *the stutter*

REFUSED *a clean myth*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/glitch-in-the-myth/



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Liminal Spaces

files the interval

Thresholds that are not destinations. A hallway between years. A station without a train. The films stay in the interval. They do not rush to a room that solves the edge.

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19 Hallway Between Years

Penrow Dale · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A post walker whose corridor between two rooms began to join two dates. The light changes season along its length. He carries letters addressed to the year he left, and he sets them down in the year he enters. He does not choose the correct one.

FILED *the dates*

REFUSED *the destination*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/hallway-between-years/



20 The Station at 3:17

Atley Bream · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A dispatcher of a station locked at an hour not every clock admits. The boards flicker. No train is late, because no train is due. He announces the platforms anyway. His voice is the only timetable that is not ashamed of being empty.

FILED *the locked hour*

REFUSED *a departure*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-station-at-317/



21 **Threshold of No Return**

Cress Wain · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A painter of floor lines in a civic building. One line, once painted, stopped allowing return. He did not repaint it for the comfort of the people in front of it. He stands on the side from which return is still possible.

FILED *the line* **REFUSED** *the way back*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/threshold-of-no-return/



22 **Lobby of Forgotten Arrivals**

Nell Carrow · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A clerk of a lobby where the keys wait for guests who never finish arriving. The names stay on the list. She does not strike them at the end of a shift. She polishes the counter and leaves the key on the hook.

FILED *the waiting keys* **REFUSED** *an arrival*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/lobby-of-forgotten-arrivals/



23 **The Unlit Escalator**

Lowen Peck · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A mechanic of an escalator between two floors that do not recognize each other. The machine runs in the dark. He rides it with a lamp and does not look for the landing that would soothe a passenger. Arrival would turn the stair into transport.

FILED *the moving stair* **REFUSED** *a landing*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-unlit-escalator/



24 **Place Between Places**

Iseult Marram · Liminal Spaces · Dream & Symbol

A mapmaker of a strip of land between two named parcels. The strip has no name of its own, so everyone uses it as no one's. She refuses to sew it to the neighbor. She keeps the interval from becoming an address.

FILED *the unnamed strip* **REFUSED** *a name of its own*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/place-between-places/



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Oneiric Fantasy

files the ground behind the eye

Dream architecture treated as real ground. Courts under black water. Castles behind a closed eyelid. Sleep is not escape. It is territory, with rules and debts.

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25 **Dream of the Drowned Court**

Morven Keel · *Oneiric Fantasy* · *Dream & Symbol*

A court clerk whose session continued under black water. The bench, the seals and the debt remained. She still writes the judgments. She does not move the court onto dry ground to make it understandable. Daylight law is not the authority here.

FILED *the drowned session* **REFUSED** *daylight law*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/dream-of-the-drowned-court/



26 **Castle in the Eyelid**

Yselle Dorn · *Oneiric Fantasy* · *Dream & Symbol*

An architect who closed one eye and found a fortress in the space behind the lid: corridors, a debt, a threshold. She draws plans that cannot be built on daylight ground. She does not look for a map back. The castle is territory, not a metaphor for tiredness.

FILED *the closed eye* **REFUSED** *a map back*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/castle-in-the-eyelid/



27 The Soft Apocalypse of Sleep

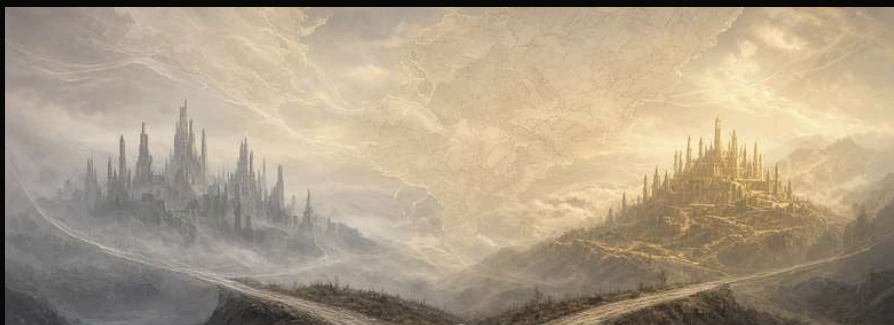
Pria Somme · Oneiric Fantasy · Dream & Symbol

A city warden who watched the streets empty by eyelids, not by fire. She walks districts that look whole and are hollow of waking people. She does not raise an alarm for a blast. The end is soft. Her work is not to film it as a spectacle.

FILED *the emptied street*

REFUSED *a blast*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-soft-apocalypse-of-sleep/



28 Kingdom of Half-Remembered

Remy Galt · Oneiric Fantasy · Dream & Symbol

An archivist of histories no document agrees on. He files the contradicting borders and does not pick a winner. The kingdom exists only in the part memory does not finish. He refuses the clean version that would kill it.

FILED *the half-memory*

REFUSED *a settled history*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/kingdom-of-half-remembered/



29 The Night That Stayed

Aster Wold · Oneiric Fantasy · Dream & Symbol

A night watch whose shift did not end, because the night refused the morning. The stars hold their places. He does not call the day guard to come and correct the sky. He carries the keys in the dark.

FILED *the night*

REFUSED morning

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30 Crown of Fog

Cairn Moth · Oneiric Fantasy · Dream & Symbol

A coronator without a court, who cut a crown from fog and saw that it still commanded. He did not harden it into metal to make it true for a museum. The wearers inherit visibility, not a right. He keeps the fog from people who would thicken it into a throne.

FILED *the fog*

REFUSED *a metal crown*

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Symbol Veil

files the image that covers

Marks, seals, gardens and silences carry more than speech. A sign may hide another sign. Looking is never free. The image covers what it reveals. There is no answer key.

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31 **Veil of the Unsaid**

Marah Venn · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

A stenographer of houses, offices and corridors where the real sentence is the one nobody finishes. She records the silence with the same hand she uses for words. She does not fill the blank to make it understandable. The veil is the sentence.

FILED *the unfinished sentence*

REFUSED *the explanation*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/veil-of-the-unsaid/



32 **The Sign Beneath the Sign**

Severin Plait · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

A restorer of walls. Under the first sign he found a second, and he did not scrape it away in favor of the upper one. Where the layer has broken, he leaves both visible. A single meaning would be the lie.

FILED *the second sign*

REFUSED *a single meaning*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-sign-beneath-the-sign/



33 **Hidden Geometry**

Sexton Marr · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

An examiner of streets who saw that rooms, rites and crossings lie in a shape no map admits. He does not publish the shape as a discovery. Once seen, it is not unseen. He walks it, and he refuses to sell it as a secret.

FILED *the hidden shape* **REFUSED** *the map*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/hidden-geometry/



34 **Mark of the Quiet Order**

Wynn Callow · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

An engraver of small signs: a pin, a scar, a seal, a gesture. The mark knows its own. The order has no name Callow has heard. He cuts the seal and does not baptize the people. Recognition here does not need speech.

FILED *the mark* **REFUSED** *the name*

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35 **The Cipher Garden**

Rue Sedge · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

A gardener who plants beds as text. It is read by walking. She knows the harvest is not safe, so she does not cut the flower to translate it onto a table. The garden grows a meaning. She stays on the path.

FILED *the planted text* **REFUSED** *a safe reading*

Room → aestasinfinity.com/work/the-cipher-garden/



36 **Symbol That Watches Back**

Orla Keene · Symbol Veil · Dream & Symbol

A copyist of wall marks. One mark, while she copied it, began to read her. She did not cover its eye with a new layer. She stayed in its line of sight. Looking, in this climate, is never free.

FILED *the returned look* **REFUSED** *a passive icon*

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