



THE INTERSTITIAL HUMAN

Records, embodiment, and the spaces between observations.

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A patient arrives in the Emergency Department at 03:17.

The chart contains a chief complaint, a medication list, allergies, vital signs, and perhaps a diagnosis.

What it does not contain is the preceding six months.

The chart does not record the argument that morning, the dead pet, the failing marriage, the fear of the biopsy, the sleeplessness, the loneliness, the weight gain or loss, the desire, the shame, the hope, or the private decision to seek help.

Yet all of these arrive with the patient.

The body brings them.

The record does not.

This is not a failure of medicine. It is a consequence of observation.

Records are episodic. Human existence is continuous.

Every institutional system operates through observations. Healthcare records encounters. Schools record assessments. Employers record reviews. Governments record transactions. Artificial intelligence systems record interactions.

The person, however, exists between observations. The patient continues between visits, the worker between evaluations, the student between examinations, and the citizen between transactions. Most of life occurs in these intervals.

The interstitial is the space between official observations.

It contains grief, desire, illness, recovery, embarrassment, attraction, fear, memory, private reasoning, aging, sexuality, hope, and loss. It contains the lived experience that shapes human outcomes while remaining only partially visible to institutional records.

The interstitial is not merely missing information. It is embodied information.

COMPLEX RECORDS, MADE LEGIBLE.

