

AFTER-HOURS PROVOCATION

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID TO UNPLUG?

Nothing says 'critical architecture' quite like 'we don't know what will break.'

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THE WHISPER

**FEAR OF REMOVAL IS EVIDENCE OF A
DEPENDENCY NOBODY HAS MAPPED.**

AFTER DARK

WHAT THE ENVIRONMENT WHISPERS

Old services survive because uncertainty is stronger than intent. Nobody can name every consumer, the logs are incomplete, and the original owner is gone. The system remains not because the business chose it, but because absence of knowledge has become a veto.

IN THE MORNING LIGHT

WHAT THE PROVOCATION REVEALS

Turn fear into a discovery plan. Observe traffic, query configuration, search code and infrastructure definitions, interview suspected consumers, and create a monitored interruption path. The goal is not reckless deletion. It is to replace inherited anxiety with enough evidence to make an accountable decision.

MORNING-AFTER QUESTION 01

WHICH CONSUMERS ARE KNOWN, SUSPECTED, AND UNKNOWN?

MORNING-AFTER QUESTIONS

02

What telemetry would reveal real use?

03

Who can authorize a controlled interruption?

ONE MOVE BEFORE BREAKFAST

**SELECT ONE FEARED LEGACY
DEPENDENCY AND WRITE THE
SMALLEST REVERSIBLE TEST THAT
WOULD REVEAL WHETHER ANYTHING
STILL RELIES ON IT.**

MORNING BOUNDARY

PROVOCATION, THEN PRECISION.

PRACTITIONER POSITION / AI ASSISTED

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