

# GLOSSARY OF CONCEPTS & SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE

## Conditional Belonging

Acceptance granted through adaptation, silence, performance, or selective self-reduction rather than full recognition of personhood.

## Concentrated Control

The narrowing of influence, visibility, resources, decision-making, or narrative authority into increasingly limited spaces, institutions, or groups.

## Continuation

The sustained movement of systems, structures, behaviors, or participation despite visible imbalance, contradiction, warning, or harm.

## Circulation of Information

The movement, restriction, amplification, suppression, or management of communication within systems and societies, often shaping perception more than truth itself.

## Identity & Human Worth

A section of the series examining how value, credibility, dignity, protection, and humanity are unevenly assigned, perceived, defended, or denied across different environments, systems, and lived experiences.

## Institutional Conditioning

A section of the series exploring how behaviors, beliefs, participation, silence, adaptation, and continuation become normalized within systems over time.

## Internal Undoing

The protection, repetition, normalization, or defense of harmful, unequal, or unstable systems by those operating within them, whether consciously or unconsciously.

## Managed Visibility

The selective acknowledgment of issues, experiences, or truths without meaningful interruption to the structures sustaining them.

## Participation

The conscious, unconscious, direct, or indirect ways individuals and groups contribute to the continuation, reinforcement, adaptation, or interruption of systems and behaviors.

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## **Power & Access**

A section of the series examining how proximity, resources, mobility, opportunity, protection, and influence are distributed, maintained, restricted, or inherited within societies and institutions.

## **Recognition Without Interruption**

The act of acknowledging imbalance, harm, contradiction, or injustice while allowing the underlying structure producing it to continue uninterrupted.

## **Safe Floors Don't Tilt**

A symbolic expression suggesting that environments presented as stable, fair, or secure should not require individuals to normalize imbalance in order to function within them.

## **Selfhood**

The ongoing process of self-recognition, authorship, integration, and becoming beyond imposed identity, performance, conditioning, or inherited expectation.

## **Shared Realities, Unevenly Felt**

A section of the series examining how people can exist within the same environments, systems, events, or realities while experiencing them differently based on position, proximity, access, perception, and consequence.

## **Signals**

Warnings, indicators, contradictions, or visible patterns that reveal underlying instability, imbalance, or continuation before broader recognition occurs.

## **The Rug**

A recurring symbolic reference representing concealment, avoidance, managed appearances, or the covering of unresolved imbalance beneath visible order.

## **The Tilted Floor**

A symbolic framework representing concealed instability, uneven impact, normalized imbalance, or environments where adaptation to dysfunction becomes expected.

## **Unseparate Stories**

A philosophical and social examination of human behavior, perception, institutional continuity, participation, and human worth explored through metaphor, pattern recognition, symbolic language, and reflective analysis.