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The Oath-Bound Knight

The Personality That Keeps Promises Past the Grave

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Chapter 1: The Signature — the Oath-Bound Knight at a Glance

The Telltale Manner

Before anyone speaks, the word has been weighed — and the briefcase must open with the honest fact that makes this subtype so trusted and so tired: the Oath-Bound Knight is certainty. The promise made with the whole face; the arrival at the hour sworn, in any weather; the debt repaid to the gram, remembered when everyone else has forgotten it exists — and the record's sharp note: the certainty is load-bearing — it is the skeleton, not a suit: the kept word is not something the type does; it is what the type is, and the whole biography is organized around it the way a body is organized around its spine. Sharper under observation: watch what happens when the type says I will — the tone drops, the jaw sets, the sentence arrives like something notarized — and watch, sharper still, what happens when someone else breaks a word to the Knight: the injury is not strategic or financial; it is anatomical — the file has watched this type grieve a broken promise like a death, and the record's founding entry beside it: this subtype is the only one in this tally whose bones are made of the thing the world treats as small change.

The manner carries the iron, and the briefcase must render it precisely, because it is so often mistaken for stubbornness: the Knight's keeping is not obstinacy; it is identity — the vow, once given, is not stored, recalled, or reviewed; it is installed — and the record's testimony, gathered from the type's people across every case, is word for word the same: they do not talk about it; it just gets done — the keeping performed the way a heart performs: without ceremony, without an audience, without ever once asking whether it still wants to. Sharper under observation: the Knight's tells are never in the kept promises; they are in the cost — the forty-mile drive in the snow to honor a maybe; the loan repaid by a man who needed the money more than the creditor did; the secret held for the dead at the price of the living — and the briefcase's found rhythm, uniform across every case: this subtype is brilliant at the arrival and silent about the invoice, and the silence, the record has learned, is the whole finding: the cost was never supposed to be discussed, because the cost is what separates a promise from a contract.

And underneath the iron runs the tell the subtype's loved ones all report and this subtype never sees: the unaudited vault of vows — the promises made decades ago, still running, unexamined, unranked: the deathbed oath outranking the spouse's needs; the vow to the dead outranking the debt to the living; the word given at nineteen governing the body at sixty — and the briefcase's correction, entered in the same ink as the reverence: the skeleton holds the self up, and the skeleton holds the self in — and the record's found line, from the nephew of thirty years, held with the love the file can no longer withhold: he is the most reliable man alive, and I do not

think he has ever once asked himself what any of it is for.

The Backstory Signature

The file holds two versions of the origin, and they are both true, and they meet in the same bedside.

In the first version, the words were weather — the adult world a marketplace of unkept promises: the parent who said next weekend and meant nothing; the household where words were spent like confetti and honored like confetti — and the child, watching, collecting the broken words in the place other children collect stamps, discovered the world's core disappointment: a promise, around here, is a sound, not a structure — and the child's answer, made quietly and years before the extremis: mine will be different; my word will be the one thing that holds.

In the second version, the extremis came first — the dying parent, the bedside, the child's hand taken and held by the one reliable thing in the world — and the words that changed everything: promise me. And the child — crushed, terrified, watching the only weather that mattered prepare to leave — made the vow: I promise. Sworn on the name, witnessed by death itself, in the one room where a broken word would finally mean something — and the child discovered the engine's founding law, the one that would run the whole life: a promise, for me, is structural — the vow was not a plan; it was a beam — and the self, from that hour, was built around it.

And the origin moment, where the versions converge, is always a witnessed vow, and always the same vow in every case: the child in the room where everything is about to change, giving the one thing a child has that an adult cannot: the absolute word — not hedged, not reasoned, not adult — and the constitution signed in that hour: my word will be the one thing in this world that holds; I will keep it past convenience, past sense, past the beneficiary's own release — and the timeline must enter the last clause with the care this case deserves — past the asking of what it was for. The record's correction follows the forewarningature like a shadow follows a beam: the vow was made by a child, in the worst hour of the life, with no power to price it and no adult present to scope it — and the adult who inherited it has kept it whole, because keeping things whole is what the type is — and the briefcase's founding correction, filed beside the child at the bedside: the promise was structural, and it saved the child — and it was never once re-signed by an adult, which means the constitution of the whole life was drafted at nineteen, in a dying room, and amended never.

The Childhood Album

The album opens the way every one of these albums opens, and this case's is the most reliable in the catalog — which the briefcase notes, dryly, is the first finding: in an album of unkept words, one child's words hold. The school photographs: the face already set; the eyes that had seen the confetti-spend; the awards for dependability appearing in the same years as the favors — the errands run, the promises kept to other children, the nine-year-old already known on the street as the one who shows

up. The family table — and the telling detail the briefcase marks at once: the adults' words arriving and dissolving like weather, and the child, everywhere in the frame, quietly not doing that — the album's pattern, visible by the third grade: the promises made small, made few, and kept all — the record's dry entry: even then, the type priced the word correctly, and spent it like the rare coin it was.

The album's most telling photo is the one nobody asks to see: the bedside — the dying parent's hand on the child's; the room's terrible stillness; the small face making the vow — the jaw set, the eyes already iron — and the record's sharp entry beside it: the vow was real, and the vow was unpriced — no scope, no exit clause, no review date — the child promising what a child could not price, and the whole adult life inheriting the contract uncollateralized: the heart offered as the security, and the heart, the file notes, was never once asked.

And the album closes on the closer this series always saves: the early draft already the adult — the adolescence organized around the kept: the commitments held at cost; the friends' secrets banked like gold; the reputation, by sixteen, already iron — and the one photograph in the briefcase's albums that shows the cost, and it is the quietest: the child alone, mid-errand, keeping a promise to someone who is not in the frame, in the rain, unhurried — the record's entry beside it: the keeping was never performed at anyone; it was performed at nothing — witnessed by nobody, thanked by nobody, and done anyway, which is the whole type, and the whole case: the child who decided the word would hold in a world that did not, and built a self out of the decision — the most beautiful structure in this catalog, and the only one, the record notes, whose blueprint was written by a grieving child and never reviewed by the adult who lives in it.

The Type at a Glance

Energy: steady, heavy, and sworn — the Knight runs on commitment, not mood; the type has never once been known to be unreliable, and the world bills it accordingly.

Ambition: the word kept — not the empire, not the applause: the arrival; the type would rather honor a promise at cost than win a prize at a breach.

Vanity structure: the iron — the pride is in being the one whose word holds; the type would rather die reliable than live amended, and the file has watched the bend of exactly that cost, case after case.

Loyalty: total, structural, and unranked — the timeline's driest note on this case: the Knight's oaths are all first — the dead one and the living one holding the same rank, in the same body, until the body pays for the tie.

Weakness: the unaudited vow — the promise made in extremis, never re-signed by the adult, outranking the living and the present; the amendment, never learned.

Unspoken need: to be released — the living beneficiary's permission to amend; the discovery that honor can update without breaking; the need the beam guards like a fracture line, because asking would mean the word is discussable, and the word, in

this constitution, is not.

The Type in Five Situations

At a party. Present, brief, and arrived as sworn — the Knight honors the commitment to the minute, and the file's sharp detail: the type is the only guest whose yes and no are both absolute — the yes arriving in any weather, the no said with the same iron, and the party, the record notes, rearranges its plans around the type's word, because the type's word is the only thing in the room that does not drift — and the cost is quiet: the Knight leaves when the type said it would, even from the best hour of the best night, because the departure, too, was sworn.

In a new job. Trusted by the second week — the type's signature precedes it: the deadlines held, the commitments kept to the gram, the boss, by month three, sleeping on the Knight's word — and the timeline's warning arrives on schedule: the workplace will load the type the way the world loads a bridge pylon — the unkeepable deadlines assigned to the one who will not say cannot — and the briefcase's most reliable workplace finding: the Knight is the last employee the institution ever asks at what cost, because the answer, the type's whole biography long, has been irrelevant: it gets done.

Under sudden pressure. The type's finest hour, and the briefcase enters it without irony: the Oath-Bound Knight in a crisis is the record's ballast — the promise kept through the storm, the arrival made through the snow, the commitment held while the rest of the room renegotiates — and the record's favorite entry: in the files' worst hours, the people around this type did not need hope; they needed the schedule, and the schedule held — but the file's delicate finding, uniform across every case: the crisis is also where the type swears its worst vows — the promises made in the adrenaline, the anything, I promise, anything of the hospital corridor — the constitution's most expensive habit: extremis is the Knight's native weather, and the vows made in it are never priced.

In a boring meeting. Present, level, and counting — the record's x-ray: the subtype is not bored; the type is auditing: every commitment in the room being logged, weighed, and believed or not — the file's tender note: the meeting's minutes say the type was quiet, and the vault says the type was keeping score of the room's words, because keeping score of words is what the beam does for a living.

On holiday. The one weather the constitution cannot plan — the record's tenderest finding for this case: on holiday, the Knight is off duty, and the off-duty Knight does not know what to do — the itinerary kept like a vow; the relaxation scheduled; and the file's finding, dry and fond: the type's vacations are the most punctual in this catalog — and the tell is in the return, not the departure: the type's mood, in every case, lifts on the flight home, when the promises resume; the record's line: the Knight is the only type in seventy-two volumes that is happier at work than at rest, because the work is where the skeleton is used.

Not to Be Confused With

The Steadfast Guardian (Volume 2) is the nearest neighbor, and the confusion is the briefcase's most common, because both types are counted on and both types hold: the Guardian's promise is a presence — I will stay with you — the vow held to a person, felt, renewed, warm, amendable by the living beneficiary in the living hour (stay a little longer; go home now, you have done enough); the Knight's promise is a performance — I will do the thing — the vow held to a deed, structural, cold in the beautiful way iron is, amendable by no one, because the deed, in this constitution, does not move. The test: give each of them an impossible promise to a dying person. The Guardian will hold the person; the Knight will hold the promise — and the timeline's one-line border, dry and final: the Guardian keeps faith; the Knight keeps word — and the deepest border, entered because the two are genuinely siblings and the mature pair needs each other's half: the Guardian teaches the Knight that promises are made to people, and people are living, and living things can be asked; the Knight teaches the Guardian that a word, once given, is the rarest thing in this catalog — and only one of them has ever broken it, and only one of them has ever needed to amend it, which is the whole difference, and the briefcase down to the last detail.

The Soul Broker (Volume 69) is the misreading the world makes, because both types honor their terms to the gram: the Broker's promise is a contract — symmetric, priced, honored because the ledger must balance; the terms are kept to the exchange; the Broker keeps the word because the word is what is owed. The Knight's promise is a covenant — unilateral, unpriced, honored because the self is made of it; the terms are kept to the self; the Knight keeps the word because the word is what the self is. The test: waive the debt. Tell the Broker the account is forgiven — and watch the Broker's crisis: a ledger that cannot balance is the Broker's hell, and the forgiveness, the file has found, is processed — entered, grieved, and priced within a week. Tell the Knight the debt is forgiven — and watch the type pay it anyway: the record has watched this type repay released debts for decades, and the type's answer, verbatim, across every case: it was not owed to you anymore; it was owed to me — and the border, the file's sharpest from the four-door weather: the Broker keeps terms; the Knight keeps the vow — one is an economy, the other is a spine, and only one of them survives the creditor's forgiveness intact.

The Burdened Ruler (Volume 14) is the sibling the institutions confuse constantly — both types carry, both types hold the line, both are the hinge: the Ruler carries the realm and keeps its offices — and the office's promises are amendable, because the office is living: the Ruler re-signs, renegotiates, revokes, governs; the vow serves the realm, and when the realm changes, the vow changes with it — the Ruler amends the way breathing happens, and calls it duty. The Knight carries the word and keeps its deeds — and the deed's promises are iron, because the deed is not living; it was sworn once, witnessed once, and frozen: the Knight does not amend; the Knight endures, and calls it honor. The test: change the circumstances. Give both of them a promise whose keeping has begun to harm what the promise was made to protect —

the Ruler will amend it by the third council, and sleep that night; the Knight will keep it into the harm, and not sleep, and keep it anyway — and the record's one-line border, the chapter's last and the case's quietest: the Ruler amends the vow because the office is alive; the Knight cannot amend it because the vow is the Knight — and the tragedy, and the growth's whole door: the vow was supposed to serve; it was never supposed to replace.

And the glance file appends the arrival tell, the one that reads the type at the resolution the world never schedules: the Oath-Bound Knight, so reliable in the keeping, is charted by the file across every biography in the arrival itself — and the finding is the glance chapter's most honest entry: the type, so sworn, arrives exactly as stated — the time, so promised, met to the minute; the weather, so terrible, irrelevant (the file has the arrival logs: the storm, so documented, that the Knight walked through; the trip, so nonnegotiable, kept with a fever) — and the tell's honest layer, which the type has never once been shown: the punctuality, so famous, is not courtesy (the schedule, so kept, is the word, made visible — the arrival, so exact, functioning as a public reading of the oath: I said Tuesday; Tuesday is here; I am here) — and the arrival tell's practical reading, for the reader who has watched this type keep a meeting through a flood and wondered what the flood was for: the flood was the testimony — the keeping, so costly, proving the word's structural nature to a world that doubts everything — and the glance file's last field note, entered with the respect the iron has earned from every promise it has ever held: the arrival, so exact, has one documented exception the un-grown files never contain (the promise to the self, so unkept, in every biography — the one appointment, the file notes, the Knight has never once kept: the own life's Tuesday) — which, the whole file will show, is the growth chapter's entire docket.

The glance file's postscript, the small-word tell — the reading that completes the portrait's first pass, seen from the angle the world never prices: the Knight, so charted at the arrivals, is documented by the file across every biography in the casual promise kept — and the finding is the glance chapter's most honest entry: the type, so treaty-grade at the founding, runs the same iron at the everyday gauge (the 'I'll send it over', so idle, sent at midnight; the 'next week, maybe', so tentative, arriving as a calendar entry) — and the tell's honest mechanism: the small words, so over-kept, are the founding vow's inheritance law (the child, so sworn, learning that a word is a word is a word — the syllables, so light, weighing the same as the grave, because the scene never taught gauges) — and the practical reading, for the reader who has watched this type honor a 'maybe' like a covenant: the maybe was a covenant, in this instrument's grammar — and the record notes, with the glance chapter's characteristic precision: the small-word tell, the grown cases all confirm, is the most reliable field identification of the type in the whole file — the world breaks its maybes; the Knight keeps them — and the keeping, at the everyday gauge, is the founding scene, running fifty years deep in the ordinary.

Chapter 2: The Core — The Oath as Skeleton

Every engine in this tally runs on a founding scene, and the Oath-Bound Knight's is the only one that was a vow. Consider the case the timeline opens with: the nephew of thirty years — the reliable uncle, the wedding-anchor, the debt repaid and the secrets kept — and the found line, spoken with reverence and one worried eye: if he swore something at nineteen, it is still running, and nobody alive remembers why — and the bedside that built him: the dying parent's hand, the words promise me, the child's I promise, sworn on the name in the one room where a broken word would finally mean something — and the world of unkept words before it: the confetti promises, the next weekends that never came, the child collecting the broken words like stamps and deciding, quietly, that his would be different.

The engine this builds is the oath as skeleton, and its mechanics deserve the briefcase's closest attention because they are the most revered structure in this catalog: the word kept past convenience, past sense, past the beneficiary's own release — and the payoff loop, exact and stated plainly: the vow, once given, is not stored; it is installed — the keeping performed the way the heart performs: without ceremony, without audience, without ever once asking whether it still wants to — and the world, in return, pays the type in the only coin the childhood ever lacked: trust — the reliable one, the iron word, the one you build weddings and businesses and last wishes around — and the self's identity, the record's central finding, is built on the loop: the Knight does not keep promises because the type is good; the Knight is made of promises, and amending one would not feel like a decision; it would feel like amputation — which is why the file's cases all share the same quiet arithmetic: the type has never once broken a promise, and the type has never once audited one either, and the two facts, the record will state plainly, are the same fact: a skeleton cannot inspect itself.

And what was the reactor for? The file answers with the tenderness case after case deserves: the child was solving for solidarity — the real scarcity of a world of weather-words was not the things; it was the holding — and the vow was not ambition; it was architecture: the child's answer to a house built on confetti: something here will hold, and it will be me. The engine's tragedy is not the child's promise; it is the vow's unpriced scope, entered here in the ink the book down to the last detail lives in: the promise was made by a child in extremis — with no power to price it, no adult present to scope it, no review clause anywhere in the instrument — and the adult who inherited it has kept it intact, because keeping things intact is what the type is — and the timeline's founding correction, filed beside the child at the bedside, the jaw set, the eyes already iron: the vow saved the child — gave the chaos a spine, the grief a job, the self a name — and it was never once re-signed by an adult: the charter of the whole life was drawn up at nineteen, in a dying room, and amended never — and the self, forty years of kept word later, is still, at the deepest address the briefcase can reach, the child in the room where everything is about to change: promising, meaning it, and never once asking — because the asking, in this constitution, would mean the word is discussable, and the word, for this type, is the only thing that never was.

The mechanism's adulthood is where the briefcase's cases live, and three of them set

the protocol. The nephew's case is the classic: thirty years of the wedding-anchor uncle — the arrivals kept, the loans current, the secrets held — and the record's interview, conducted at the family's third wedding built around the type's word, produced the subtype's own summary, worth entering whole because it is the reactor in a sentence: a promise is not a plan; it is a spine; it does not matter what it costs; it matters that it holds — delivered as plain fact, and the briefcase enters it as the whole finding: both halves are true, and the second half has been eating the first for forty years. The farm's case is the deathbed classic: the promise sworn at nineteen — never let it go; keep them together — and the keeping, four decades of it: the mother tended to the end of her long life; the farm held; the siblings, one by one, moving away and flourishing; and the Knight, at sixty, working land nobody visits, alone, the last one keeping a promise whose beneficiaries are all elsewhere and happy — and the timeline's finding, entered with the family's grief intact: the promise's purpose — the family held — has been honored by everyone except the type: the family holds, from a distance, without the farm; the promise's letter is being kept by exactly one person, at exactly one person's cost, to the benefit of nobody — and the family, at the reunions, says the sentence the briefcase has collected from every case of this kind: he is the most honorable man alive; we wish he would stop. And the friend's case is the tender one: the secret kept for the dead — the confidence entrusted at a funeral's edge, never tell anyone, and kept, for twenty years, past the keeper's own marriage, past the wife's honest pleas to be let in, past the friend's own death and the secret's reduction to burden without meaning — and the friend's line, held with twenty years of loyal exasperation: he would die before he broke it, and he has no idea why he is still keeping it. What the founding scene explains is only this: why the subtype, hearing both sentences — the honor and the wish that he would stop — files the first under fact and cannot process the second at all: because the stopping would not be a decision; it would be an amputation, and the timeline's last line on the founding scene, filed beside the early draft at the bedside: the vow was made to a person, not to a letter — the parent wanted the family held, the friend wanted the trust honored — and the adult, keeping the letter and losing the people, has kept the promise's body and buried its soul, and called it honor; the file has checked every case; the amendment was never even attempted, because the amendment, in this constitution, was never invented — until the growth chapters invent it.

And the core file appends the skeleton's load map, because the engine deserves its stress analysis read back at the adult's frame: the oath-as-skeleton, the chapter established — the word kept past convenience, past sense, past the beneficiary's own release — and the load map's finding, gathered back from every biography, is the core's most important entry: the skeleton, so load-bearing, carries two structures on one frame — the self's weight (the identity, so built on the keeping: the Knight, so known, as the one whose word holds) and the beneficiary's (the vow's freight: the farm, the debt, the dead's wishes — the cargo, so carried for decades on the self's own bones) — and the map's honest arithmetic, entered with both hands: the two loads, so stacked, were never once separated — the child, so sworn, fusing them at the scene: the vow's cargo becoming the self's spine (the keeping, so total, meaning the amendment of one would fracture the other — the word, so structural,

un-amendable by design) — and the core's closing entry, which the growth chapter formalizes as the amendment: the fusion, so complete, is reversible by exactly one procedure: the re-examination under load — the Knight, in private, asking the frame's own question: what breaks if the cargo is set down and the spine is kept? — and the file's answer, charted across every grown case: nothing — the identity survives; the keeping survives; only the fusion's fiction dies — and the record's last line on the engine, held out to the Knight reading this under the full stack: the word was the skeleton's steel — and the cargo was never the spine; it was only ever the load — and the load, the grown cases all confirm, can be set down without the building falling, which is the amendment's whole engineering, and the file's proudest patent.

The core file's postscript, on the scene's exact wording — the entry the load map kept for the type's own re-reading: the founding vow, so charted (the promise, witnessed young, to the dying, on the name), has a documented textual finding the file must now enter, and it is the core's most quietly devastating entry: the scene's transcript, so reconstructed from every biography, shows the actual words the child swore — and the words, so charted, were the child's own paraphrase (the dying parent, so reconstructed, saying, in every case, something for the child: 'take care of the farm — it'll keep you'; 'look after your sister — she'll need you' — the love, so directed at the Knight's own good) — and the child, so young, hearing the words as cargo (the paraphrase, so sworn: 'the farm will be kept' — the beneficiary's grammar, so inverted: the promise about the child's keeping re-sworn as the promise to the thing kept) — and the postscript's honest finding, charted across every grown case: the inversion, so total, was never once checked against the original — the Knight, so faithful, keeping the paraphrase for fifty years while the actual wording — the love, so aimed at the bearer — waited in the scene, unread — and the record's last line, held out to the Knight who has just felt the original surface: the amendment, the grown cases all confirm, is not even a re-swearing — it is the first correct reading, of the words as they were said: for you — the whole time, the vow was for you.

Chapter 3: The Instrument — The Word

Lay the instrument out on the bench. What follows is the anatomy — every gear, every spring — of the tool this temperament carries. The word has three working parts: the swearing, the keeping, and the silence — and the people it works on are, at the beginning, everyone who has ever been left standing at a broken promise.

The swearing is the primary instrument, and the briefcase enters its honest spec first: it is notarized — the promise made with the whole face, the tone dropping, the jaw setting — and the timeline must flag the assessment the type will not want read aloud: the Knight under-swears — the type's yes is rare, the type's maybe rarer, and the record's count from the mature files: the Knight makes fewer promises per decade than any type in this catalog, and keeps every one of them — the instrument priced correctly from childhood, spent like the rare coin it was — and the swearing's one flaw, uniform in every case: the extremis exception — the vows made in the adrenaline, the hospital corridor's anything, I promise, anything — the instrument's

only unpriced spend, the one weather where the type swears like the confetti world it was built to replace. The keeping is the second working part: the performance — the arrival in any weather; the debt repaid to the gram, remembered when the creditor has forgotten it exists; the secret held for the dead at the price of the living — and the file's note on the keeping is the engine's whole signature: the keeping is not performed at anyone; it is performed at nothing — witnessed by nobody, thanked by nobody, done anyway — and the same keeping, the timeline must flag with equal force, is this subtype's genuine civic gift: the record has watched this instrument hold families, businesses, and one entire town's volunteer fire service together, and the record says so.

And the silence is the delivery — the cost, never discussed: the loan repaid by a man who needed the money more; the forty-mile drive in the snow; the heart offered as collateral, again and again, without ever once being asked — and the briefcase's honest spec sheet closes on the one thing the word can never do: amend. The instrument keeps; it cannot update — and the people it works on learn its weather exactly: held, anchored, built around — and the range, like every range in this tally, ends at the very close: the one audit the word has never once performed is the purpose's — the vow's reason, the promise's for, the living thing the iron was supposed to serve — and the timeline's dry line on the range: the Oath-Bound Knight is the only type in this tally whose instrument is more reliable than the type's life — the word could serve anything; the constitution will not let it serve the present.

One more working part deserves its own paragraph, because the briefcase has saved it for the instrument's whole understanding: the unranked loyalty — the true tool, the one the swearing and the keeping and the silence all serve. The vault of vows, in this constitution, has no hierarchy: the deathbed oath and the spouse's need, the promise to the dead and the debt to the living, all hold the same rank, in the same body — and the body, the record's central cost finding, pays for the tie: the file's cases, reviewed end to end, all contain the same quiet collision — the living family scheduled around the dead promise; the present's needs defaulted to honor the past's word; the spouse, the record's tenderest entry, coming second to a vow made to a corpse — not because the type loves the spouse less, but because the vow, in this architecture, is not a feeling; it is a wall — and the record's note beside the mechanism, dry and final: the unranked loyalty is why the type is so trusted — no promise outranks another, so no promise ever gets dropped — and it is why the type, alone in this catalog, has never once broken a promise to anyone else while breaking every promise it ever made to itself: the self's own oaths — rest, health, the happiness deferred — are the only words in the vault issued without witnesses, and the constitution, the file has found, does not honor unwitnessed words: the self's promises, unsworn to anyone, are the one currency the iron does not recognize.

And the instrument's blind spot deserves its own paragraph, because the briefcase has found it identical in every case and this subtype has never once seen it: the word cannot read its own purpose. The read of debts — flawless; the memory for terms, to the gram; the keeping, through any weather — and the one question the instrument has never once been asked, by anyone, including the self: what was the promise for?

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