

# A Working Glossary for Philosophical Bad Habits

A field guide to the conceptual swamps we keep wandering into—and how to map them.

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asynchronous reading.

Disciplines are not natural kinds.  
They are administrative paddocks.

Philosophy has an irritating habit  
of naming territories after the people  
who built fences around them.

Metaethics

Epistemology

Philosophy  
of Law

Social  
Ontology

Messy Human Reality  
(Disagreement, Conflict, Friction)

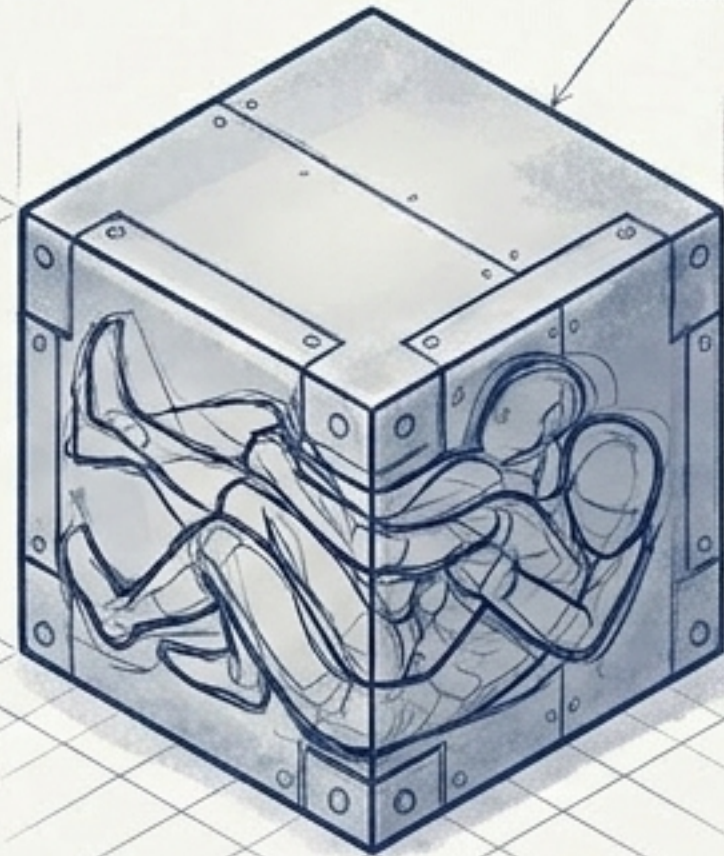
Disciplines are often **less like natural kinds** than airport signage: **helpful, directional**, and faintly **embarrassing** when mistaken for geography.

# Rigging the room before the argument begins.

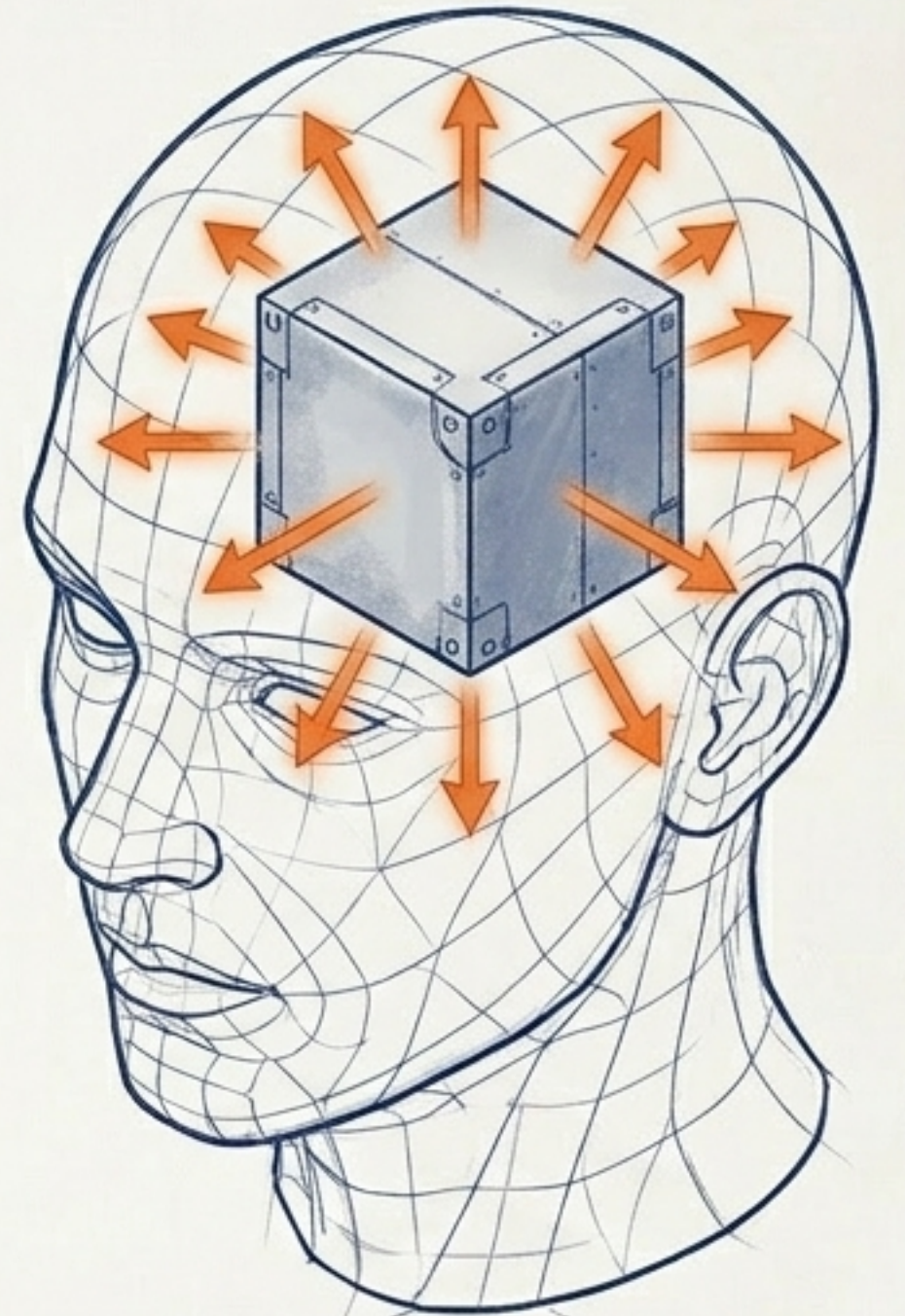
Ontological Grammar is the tendency of linguistic structure to install metaphysical assumptions before we even speak. Because a noun exists, we assume a thing answers to it. A practical summary becomes an inner faculty, and a process is embalmed as an entity.



Step 1: The Verb  
(e.g., acting, choosing)



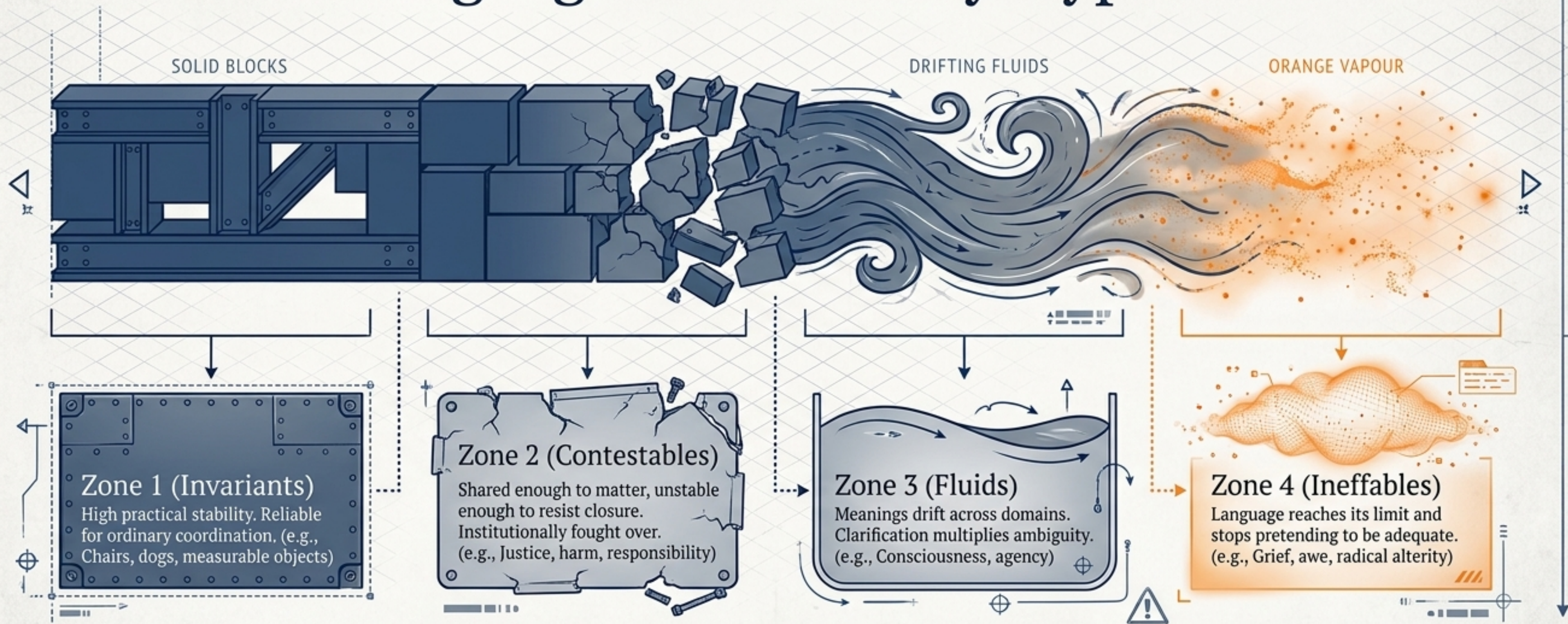
Step 2: The Noun  
(The Will)



Step 3: The False  
Internal Cause



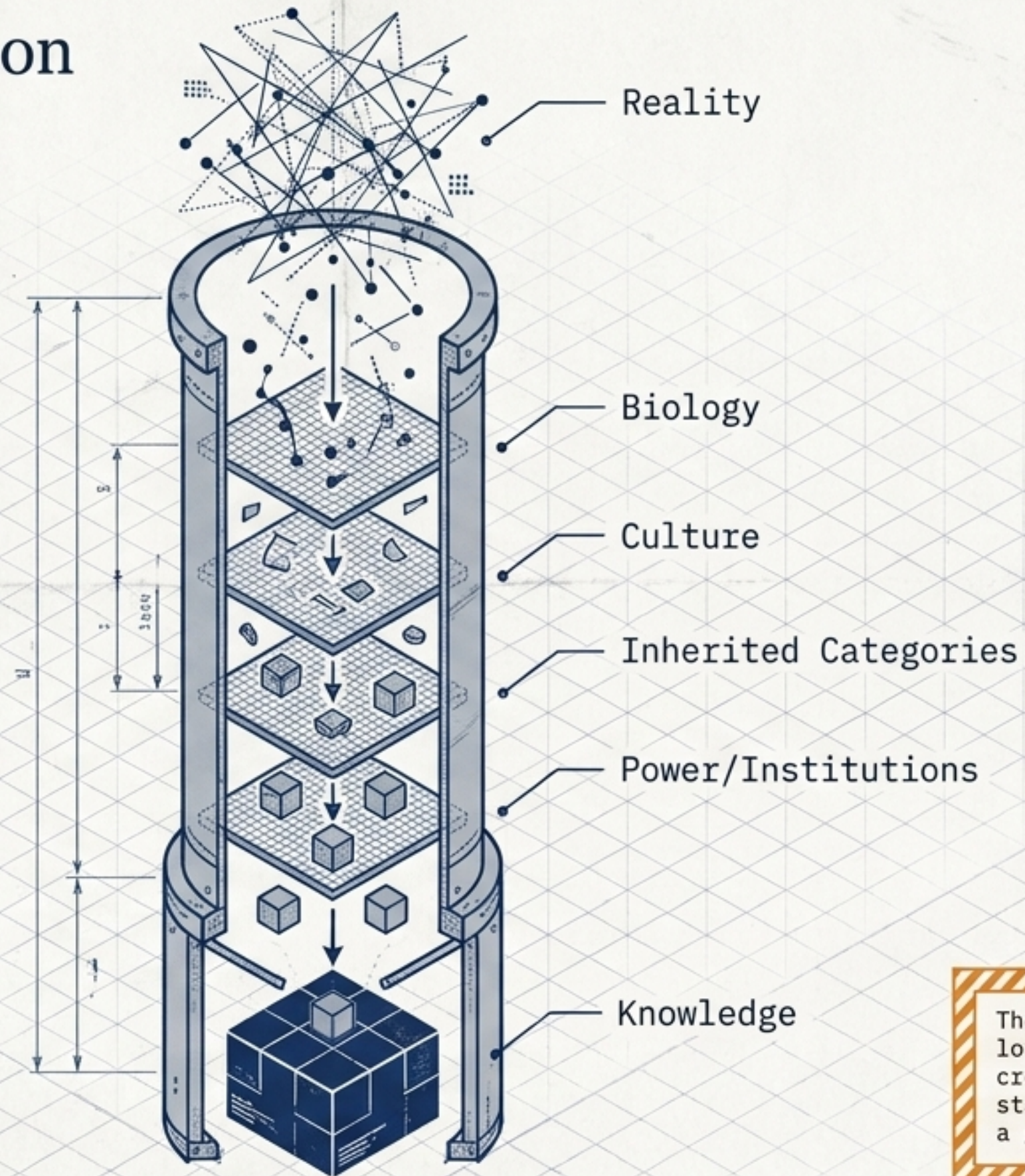
# The Language Insufficiency Hypothesis



Language works unevenly. We do immense damage by pretending its success with simple cases transfers automatically to metaphysical abstractions.

# Knowledge under mediation

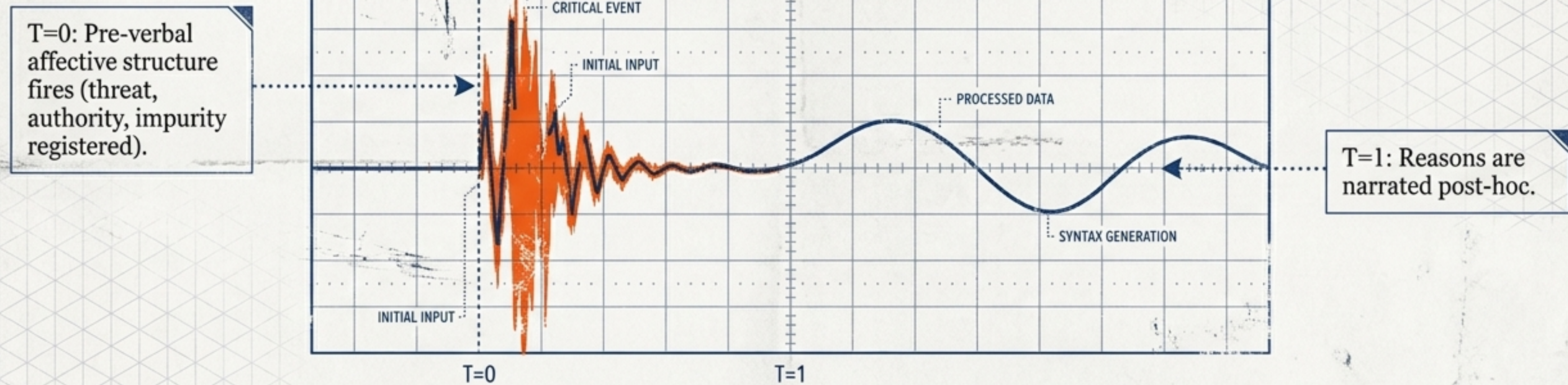
Knowledge is not a pristine correspondence between mind and world, nor is it imaginary. It is a stabilised achievement under conditions of mediation. We do not know from nowhere.



The view from nowhere is a lovely phrase, but the actual creature saying it is still standing somewhere, usually on a grant application.

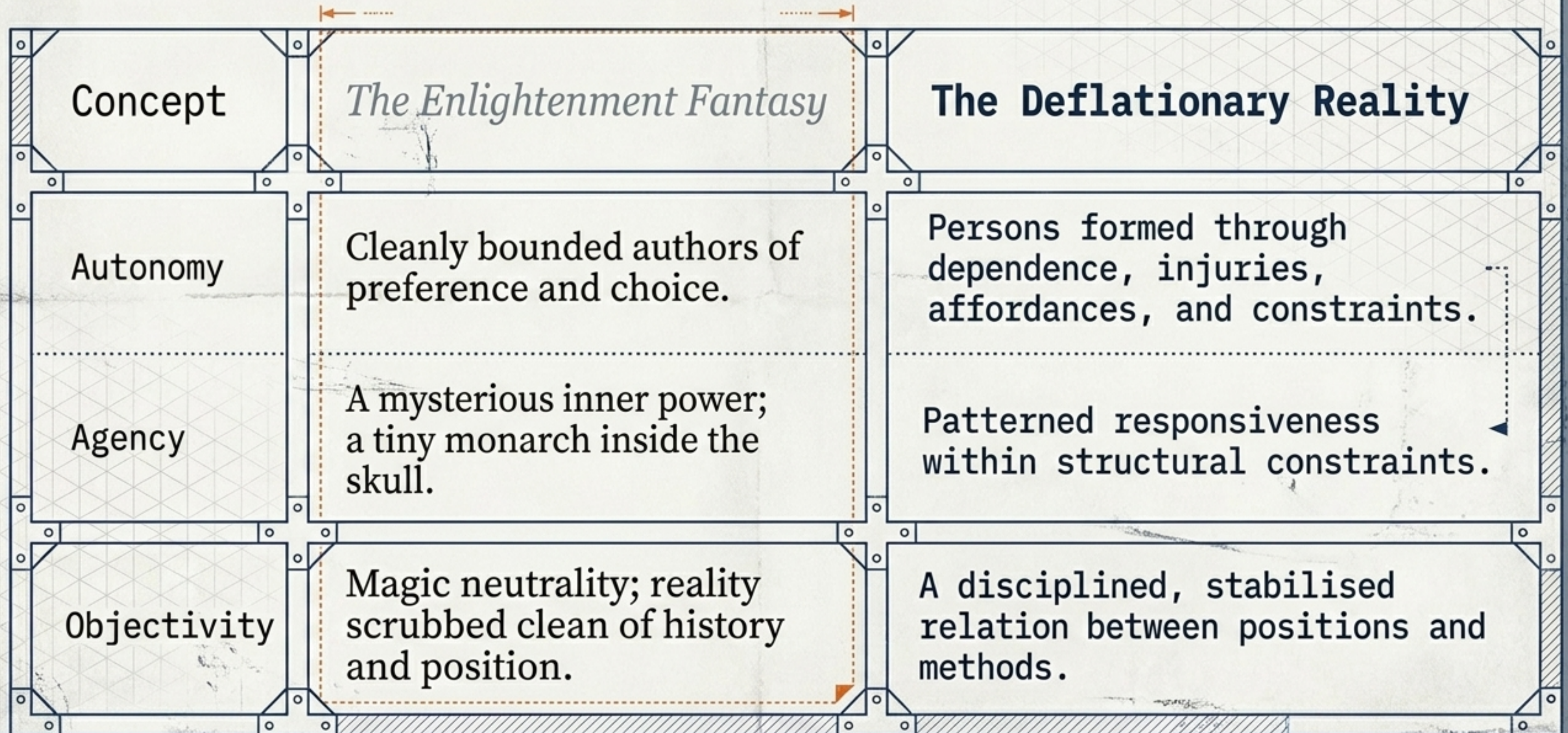
# Salience before syntax.

Humans reason first and rationalise never. Moral language performs, licenses, and condemns; it does not report on mind-independent moral furniture.



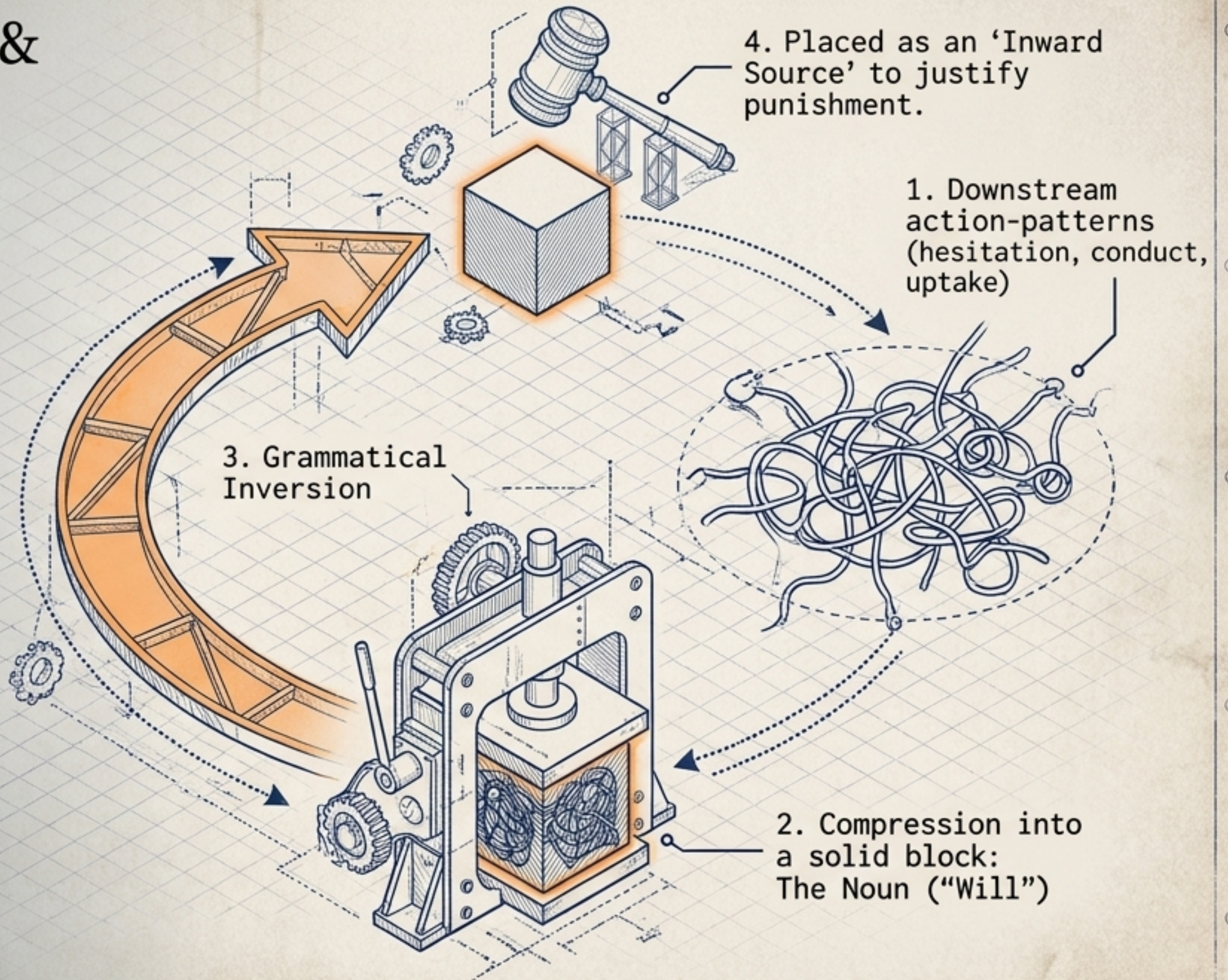
Factual clarification rarely resolves moral disputes because the parties inhabit different moral architectures. The language is dragged in afterwards to pretend one more definition might save the day.

# Deconstructing the grand ancestral muddles.



# The Architecture of Will & Authoring Displacement

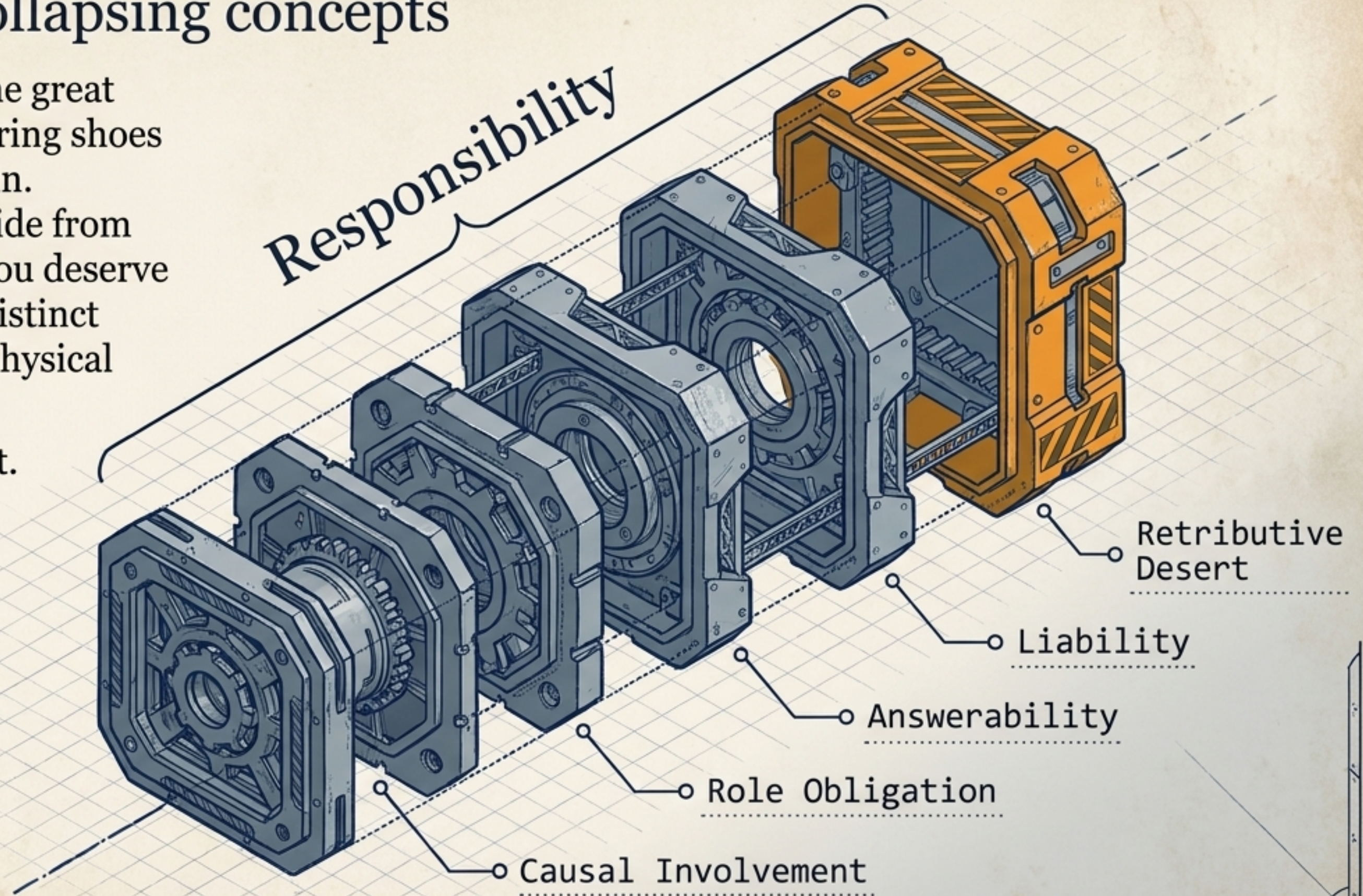
The vocabulary of 'will' survives not because it was discovered, but because practices—specifically retributive justice—require an inward author to make punishment appear deserved rather than merely useful.



# The danger of collapsing concepts

Responsibility is one of the great Contestables, always wearing shoes too polished for the terrain. Institutions seamlessly slide from “you were involved” to “you deserve suffering” by collapsing distinct layers into a single metaphysical weapon.

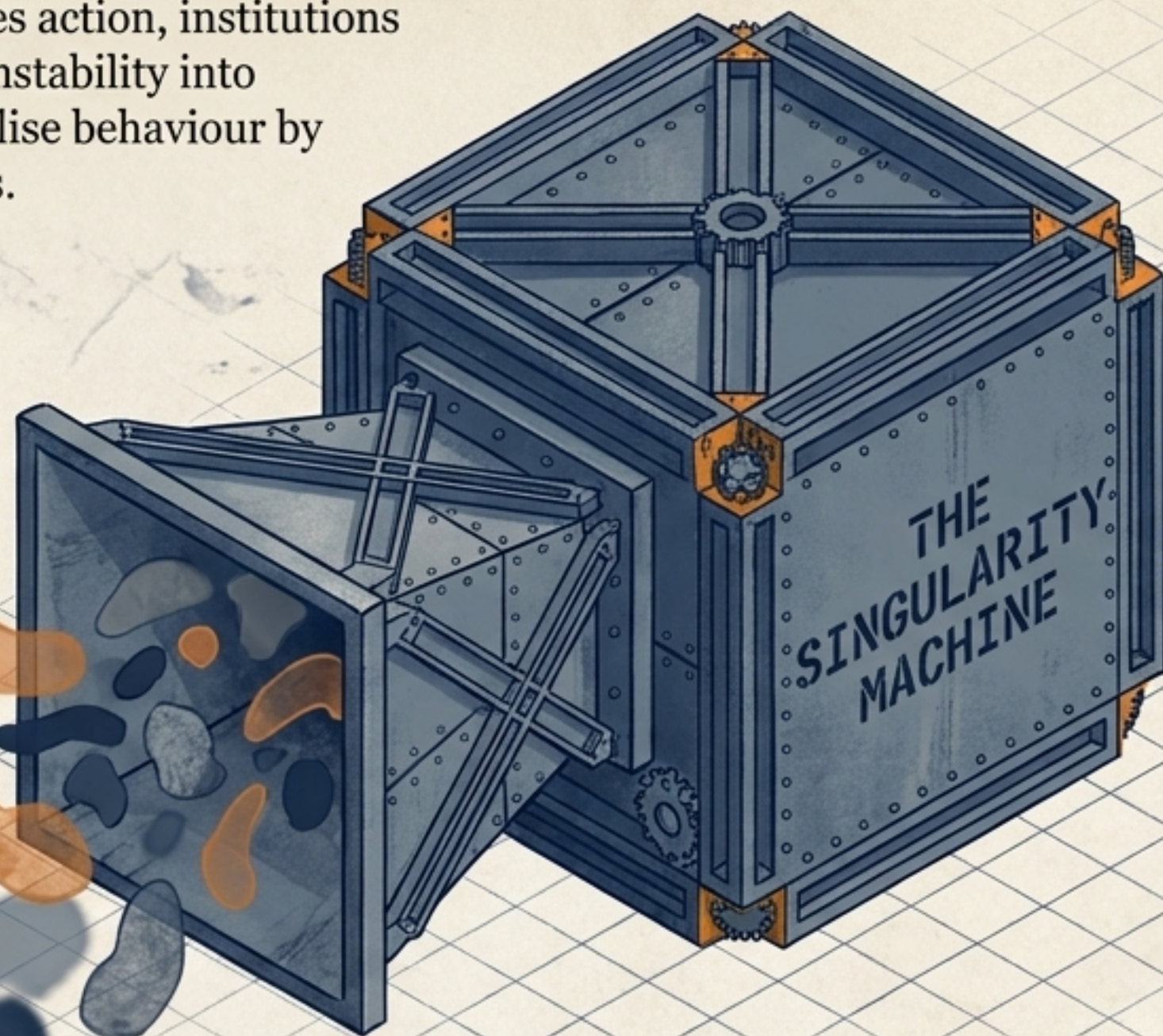
We must prise them apart.



# Institutions as second-order constraint systems

Because language underdetermines action, institutions use power to convert conceptual instability into determinate outcomes. They stabilise behaviour by imposing categories and sanctions.

Messy human reality  
& plural meanings



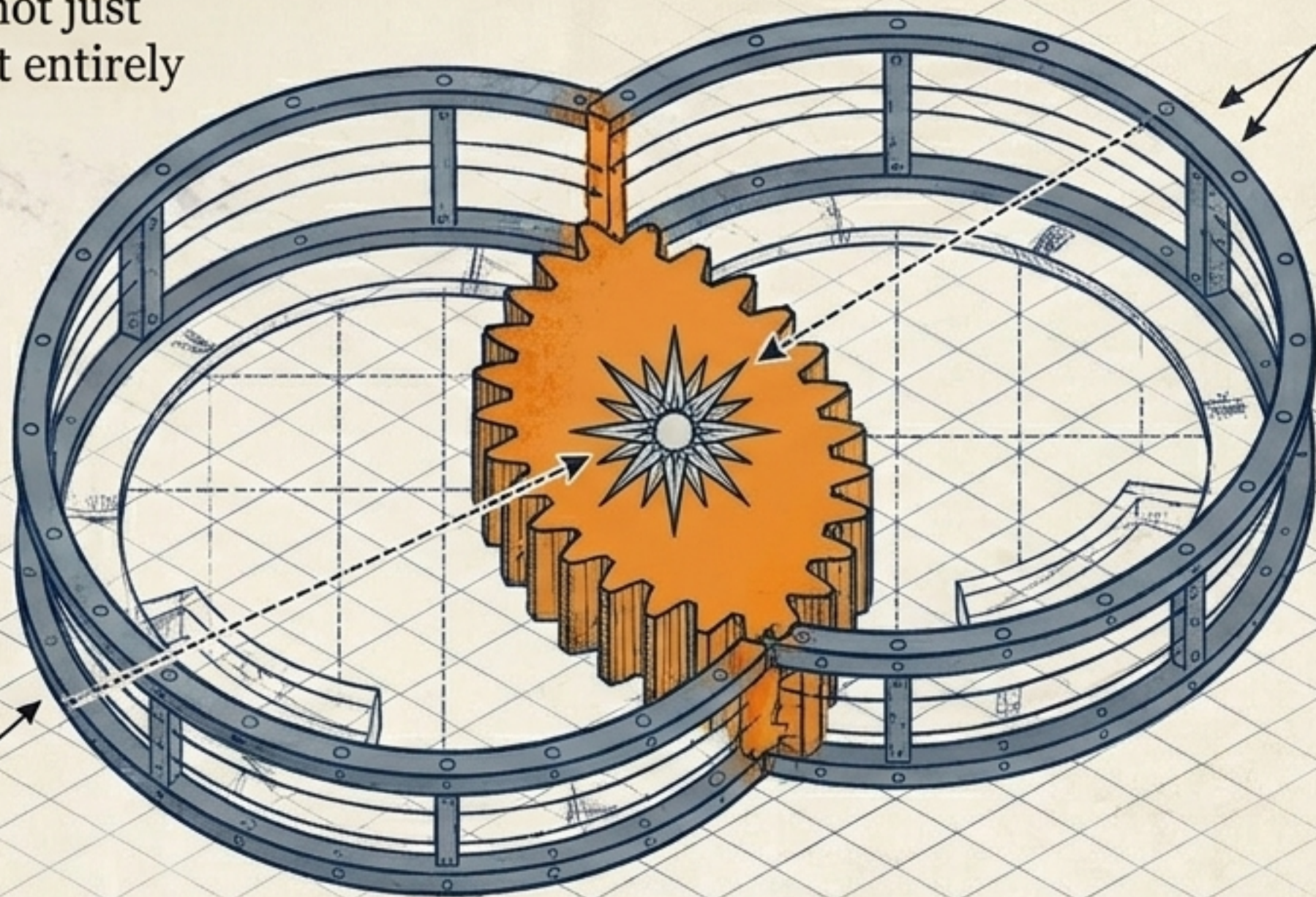
Enforceable  
Decisions

Law is where society dresses power in Latin and asks everyone to admire the tailoring.

# Incommensurability and structured misregistration.

Disagreement often begins deeper than argument admits. People do not just disagree on facts; they inhabit entirely different structures of reality.

Framework A sees:  
Order & Justice

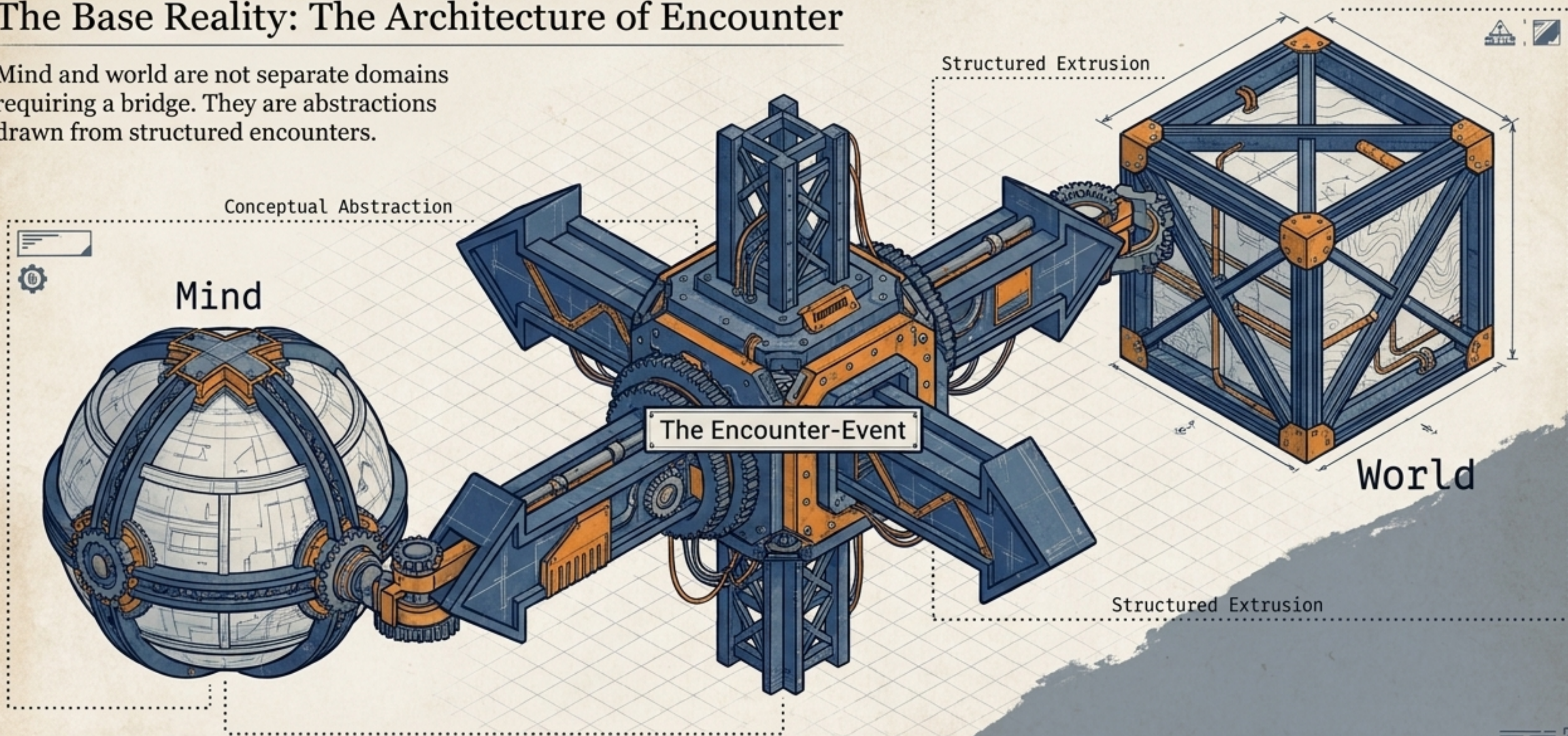


Framework B sees:  
State Violence  
& Humiliation

The shared word conceals an unshared world.  
People may speak fluently and still fail to meet.

# The Base Reality: The Architecture of Encounter

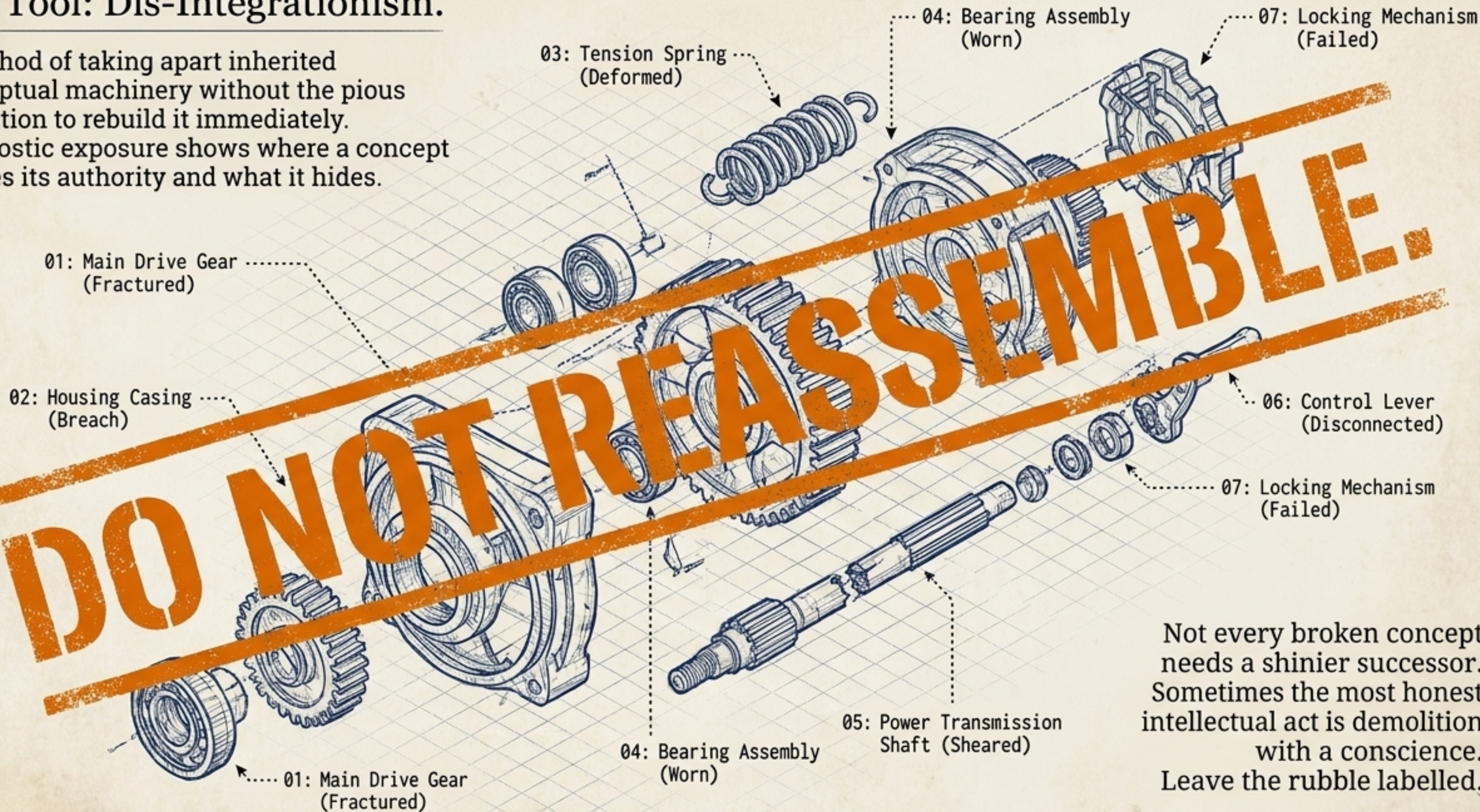
Mind and world are not separate domains requiring a bridge. They are abstractions drawn from structured encounters.



Mediation is not a veil blocking access to reality; it is the condition under which reality is encountered at all. Reality pushes back, but never unmediated.

## The Tool: Dis-Integrationism.

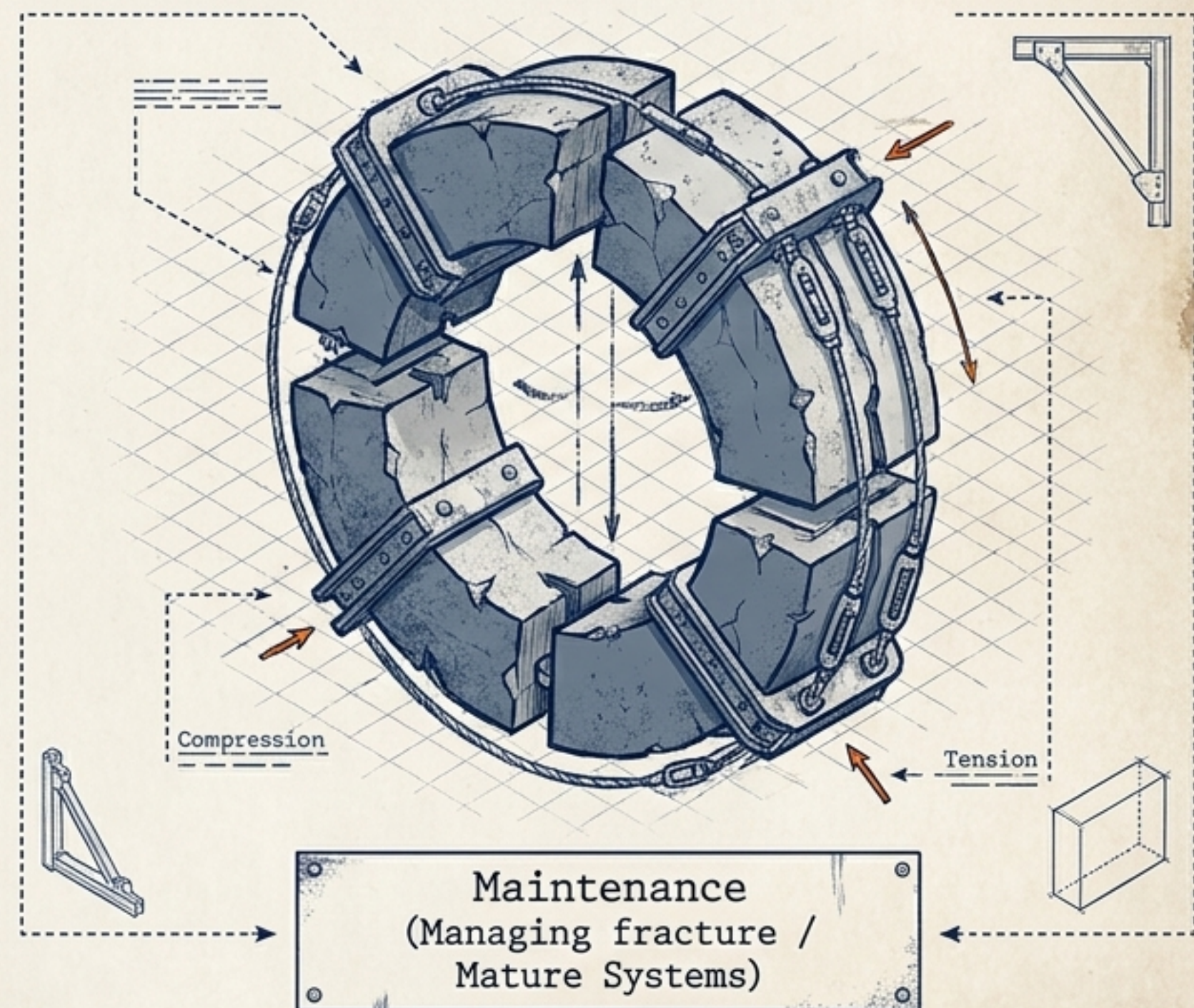
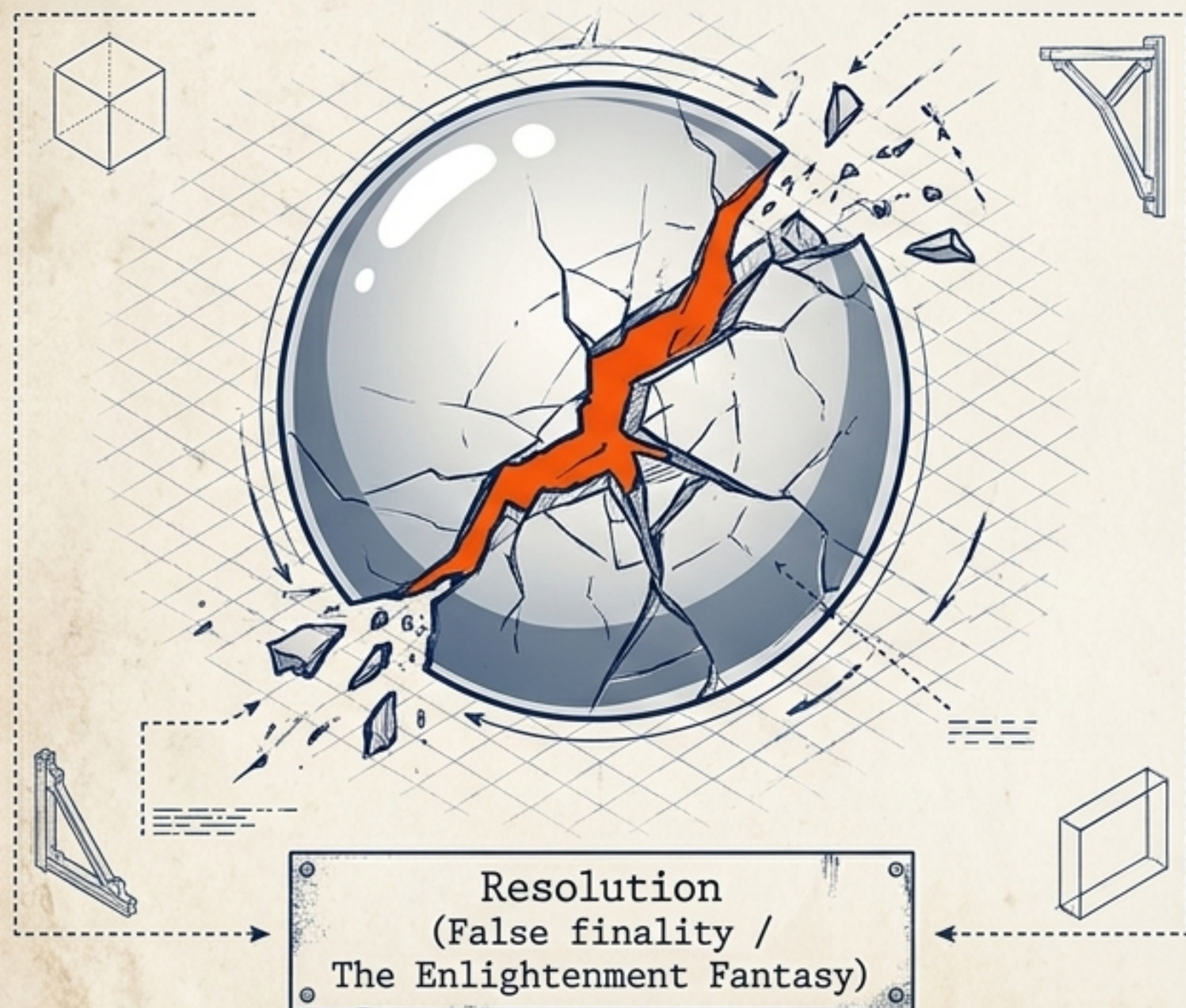
A method of taking apart inherited conceptual machinery without the pious obligation to rebuild it immediately. Diagnostic exposure shows where a concept derives its authority and what it hides.



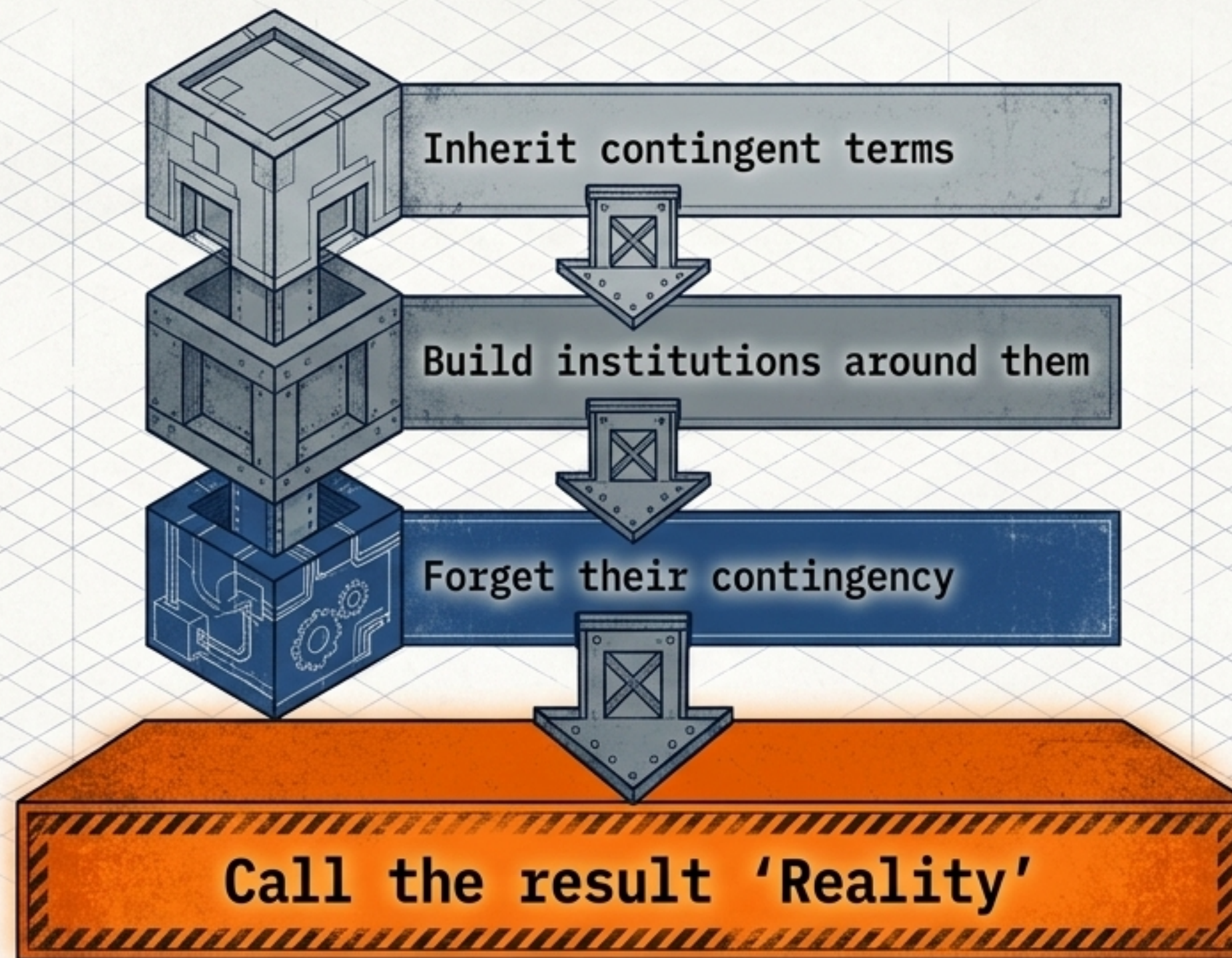
Not every broken concept needs a shinier successor. Sometimes the most honest intellectual act is demolition with a conscience. Leave the rubble labelled.

# Maintenance against false repair.

Enlightenment rationalism repeatedly overestimates what rationalisation can stabilise. Resolution promises final settlement by pretending plurality has vanished. Mature institutions do not abolish fracture; they learn how not to let the fracture become catastrophic.



# The ultimate sequence of error



Our goal is to interrupt this sequence before the noun becomes a shrine. To notice where our words still work, where they fail, where power has been recruited to hide the failure, and where the demand for resolution has become part of the damage.