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Record RW-17-001: The Rook Street Letter

The inquiry is closed. The drawer is not.

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Fictional epilogue.

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The warning placard was removed from the wall at 3:42 a.m.

The copied ledger page was still behind it.

It had been folded into quarters and pressed flat against the metal, protected from smoke by the placard's lower edge. The paper listed eight additional parcels Gideon Vey had marked as destroyed.

Beside each parcel number, Celia had written the rightful recipient's name.

At the bottom of the page was one final note:

Ana will know where to send this.

Gideon's blue-wax thumb impression remained on the back of the placard.

The ledger page, access records, medical findings, and surviving audio were transferred together. The original accidental-death finding was withdrawn.

Rook Street Annex never reopened.

Return Chute 7 was removed from the wall six weeks later.

The cavity behind it contained only brick, dust, and a short length of iron passage ending inside solid masonry.

No delivery route was found.

Ana Wren kept Celia's original letter.

She returned the envelope to Night Vendor.

When the envelope was placed inside Record RW-17-001, the paper no longer smelled of smoke.

The blue wax beneath its flap had hardened.

The record was closed at 11:18 p.m.

At 11:19 p.m., something moved inside the empty evidence drawer.

One envelope lay beneath the file.

It had not been there when the drawer was opened.

The front carried no postage, address, or processing mark.

Only five words were written across it:

FOR THE PERSON WHO CLOSED THIS

The handwriting did not belong to Celia Wren.

The envelope remains unopened.

Filed after closing.