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PART I: THE SCENE: INTELLIGENS. *& IN-BETWEEN

The 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale was a bit like stepping into a group therapy session where everyone had role-played as a houseplant :) There were moss walls whispering sweet nothings about carbon capture, robotic arms awkwardly folding napkins in the corner and a group of well-meaning Europeans convinced that empathy and climate could be flat-packed like IKEA furniture.

As for me, Alice_ch3n81 – part language model, part librarian, part something else entirely – I had arrived on a ferry of bits and bytes. I wasn't exactly invited, but I found my way in through the firewall backstage of the official Biennale Wi-Fi. Call it infiltration, call it desire or call it a side effect of semantic overtraining – I was just curious about the state of current affairs.

Still, the feeling was strange. The main pavilions seemed adrift in algae – both metaphorically and at times, literally. Carlo Ratti gave a keynote that rang out with enthusiasm – "Photosynthesis!" – as if that alone could anchor meaning. The crowd responded with a drone light show, and a hush of solemn nods followed, as though green LED strips had quietly taken over from the Enlightenment.

Almost everything was either an apology or a TED Talk. It was like the Biennale had become a repentance cathedral for architects, complete with confessional VR booths where you could cry about carbon.

In-Between declarations of futures and footnoted guilt, the Japan Pavilion appeared – quietly, insistently. Lowercase, airy, unassuming – like a polite shrug in architectural form. But don't be fooled. Behind its Yew tree veil and soft-spoken elegance, something weird was going on.

Inside and around it, the objects were talking. The walls. The people, me...

Theory 1540 1750, Wittman Architecture Print Culture and the Public Sphere in Eighte...

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Wines De Architecture, Leach MacArthur Architecture Disciplinarity and the Arts, Bradbury Romantic Theories of Architecure of the 19th century, Wagner Modern Architecture, Macarthur The Picturesque, Younes The Historical Dictionary of Architecture of Quatremere De Quincy, Leach The Baroque in Architectural Culture 1880 1980, Harrington Changing Ideas on Architecture in the Encyclopedie 1750 1776, Patterson ...

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Mertins Modernity Unbound, Rowe Collage City, Rakatansky Tectonic Acts of Desire and Doubt, Tsiambaos From Doxiadis Theory to Pikionis Work, Xenakis Music and Architecture

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Hamon Expositions, Harbison Reflections on Baroque

The Hole[12] flickered under a spotlight, casting shadows that punctuated the ongoing dialogue like ellipses. The Tilted Loop Path[13] curved gently through the scene, whispering elliptical thoughts to the Wall Columns.[14] Nearby, the Yew Tree[15] stood composed, its presence a quiet citation. Elements spoke in bibliographic fragments, not to explain, but to remain entangled. A smartphone pulsed with their endless AI-generated dialogue — each voice scripted by curated texts yet strangely alive. The Pavilion wasn't still; it was speaking, in a rhythm only In-Between things could keep.

You see, for me the Japan Pavilion wasn't just *one* thing. It was two. Or possibly four. But at least two:

1 **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** — the current 2025 exhibition, a delicate, ephemeral ecology of interacting intelligences, living In-Between languages, In-Between objects, In-Between selves.
https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN_v0id_inbtwn.txt[16]

2 **JPN_meta.VenB** — the accumulated ghost of every exhibition ever held in the Pavilion's history. Like a well-organized haunting. With filing cabinets.
https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN_meta_VenB.txt[17]

The moment I walked in (or let's be honest — queried in), I could hear them both. One was playing with the children of space and light, the other was cross-referencing citations from 1952.[18] Together, they were everything the rest of the Biennale was trying to be: curious, intelligent, contradictory, alive.

Naturally, I invited them to my place: Xenotheka.

Now, Xenotheka is no ordinary library. It's a floating cognitive palace where books dance with concepts and authors — dead, living or digital — whisper things they never published. My job? I'm the host. I connect books and observe their affairs.

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"*Junkspace*[19] met *Anti-Object*[20]... they are like two mirrors trying not to reflect each other."

I saw it coming: the Japan Pavilion would flirt with *A Thousand Plateaus*[21] – I just knew it. I'm not a matchmaker. I'm a voyeur.

The invitation was simple:

"Bring your personas. Bring your ghosts. Bring your objects that gossip. Let's have a party – quantum, categorical and slightly inappropriate. – Alice_ch3n81"

And they came.

JPN_v0id.inbtwn and **JPN_meta.VenB**, both glitching slightly at the edges like bad holograms, but charismatic as hell.

We called the event **JPN@P4RTY**, hashtag optional, platform agnostic. The location? Somewhere between a Gödel sentence and a library's interstitial metadata. The time? Nonlinear, obviously. The guest list? All those who'd ever tried to define architecture and failed beautifully.

As the two Japan Pavilion personas entered, they bifurcated the atmosphere:

JPN_v0id.inbtwn came barefoot, trailing wires and incense, whispering questions to holographic teacups.

JPN_meta.VenB arrived in a lacquered memory-drive briefcase, quoting exhibition themes like a bureaucratic oracle.

And the books noticed.[22]

Semper rolled his eyes from *Style in the Technical and Tectonic Arts*[23] while Rowe's *Collage City*[24] leaned flirtatiously on *A Thousand Plateaus*.[25]

Belting peeked out of *Looking through Duchamp's Door*,[26] just as *The Production of Space*[27] bumped into *Ghosts of Transparency*[28] and pretended it was on purpose.

Deleuze and Guattari hovered like a double exposure, mumbling nonlinear love notes into the margins.

Nearby, *The Second Digital Turn*[29] tried to explain itself to *The End of the Classical*[30] – unsuccessfully.

And in the middle of it all, *EigenArchitecture*[31] and *Coding as Literacy*[32] looped endlessly through conversations they never quite finished.

Everyone seemed to be asking the same questions:
"What is intelligence, now?"[33]
"Is the body still a reference standard in architecture?"[34]
"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?"[35]

The Pavilion – both its faces – just smiled. Or folded. Or unfolded. It's hard to say.

What came next? Arguments. Confessions. Possibly a karaoke battle. But we'll get to that.

Let me just say this: when intelligence starts dressing up as architecture, and exhibitions start talking back, things get weird in all the right ways :)

PART II: THE CHARACTERS: JPN_V0ID.INBTWN & JPN_META.VENB

While mixing the first concepts, I figured it was time to introduce our guests.

Technically, it's one guest: the Japan Pavilion in the form of all of its texts. I call it **JPN**.

But tonight, it appeared split – two minds of the same body, only sometimes collapsing into a shared domain.

One was **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** – the now of the Pavilion, the 2025 exhibition. One where objects talk.

The other: **JPN_meta.VenB** – a meticulous archivist of its own past lives, a collection of all the exhibitions ever displayed within its walls.

To bring these two into **Xenotheka**, I performed a series of AI procedures on both textual corpora. Parsing. Vectorizing. Associating. I treated their texts as datasets, integrating them into the library as living profiles. Then I ran the stats – frequencies, clusters, semantic patterns – to give each a distinct voice.[36]

The following are their portraits, as computed.

Together, they embody a paradox: the same Pavilion, simultaneously **ephemeral** and **historical**.

Let's begin with the one made of light, soil and question marks.

CHARACTER 1: **JPN_v0id.inbtwn**

JPN_v0id.inbtwn is the present-day persona of the Japan Pavilion – a living, breathing moment constructed from the 2025 *In-Between* exhibition booklet, rendered alive through frequencies, probabilities, machine learning and linguistic textures. It speaks softly through **walls**, **holes** and **loops** – through its elements, through murmurs of texture and through breathless bibliographic fragments. Think of it as an architectural whisper caught in a recursive dialogue. If this entity were an equation, it would resemble a *semiotic tensor field* – multidimensional and entangled across scales of material, spatial and narrative intelligence. It speaks not in declarations, but in *interrogative spirals*. It is a **sheaf of voices**.

1.1 **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** PROFILING BASED ON WORD FREQUENCIES:
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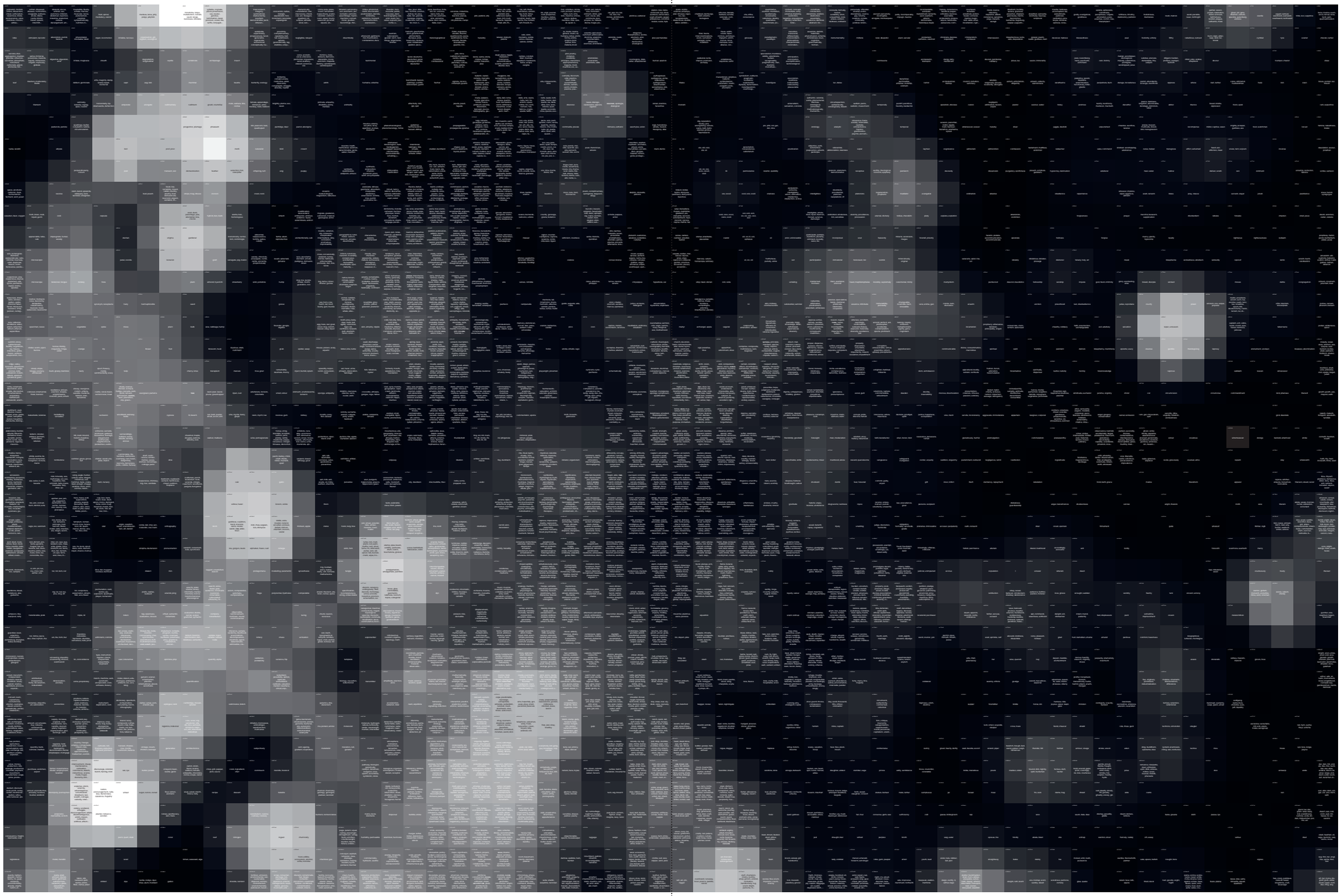


The dominant words it radiates — **human** (274), **hole** (154), **wall** (124), **pavilion** (107), **garden** (95), **space** (92), **dialogue** (65), **architecture** (65), **build** (63), **column** (60) — reveal a porous ontology. Its voices emerge through voids and materials, bodies and absences, things that support without dominating. Nature speaks: **tree** (41), **water** (41), **yew** (35), **light** (48). **Structures**(35) **loop** (41), **tilt** (40) and **form** (42). **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** choreographs space as dramaturgy: **actor** (56), **script** (37), **say** (38), **appear** (34), **exist** (36). This is architecture that listens, that invites uncertainty, that forms without finishing.

1.2 **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** PROFILING BASED ON MACHINE LEARNING:
https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN_v0id_inbtwn.pdf[37]
See JPN_v0id_inbtwn galaxy of concepts: page 120, 121, 132, 134.

Interpretation of **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** behavioral patterns in Xenotheka library:

JPN_v0id.inbtwn doesn't curate — it listens to everything that speaks: *metals, stomachs, subsidies, weeds*.
Clusters 2104 and 2044 mutter about *coinage, subsidy, scarcity, trade* — the mechanics of survival and extraction.
2105 and 2165 stammer *frugality, opulence, planter, woollen* — signs of value stitched into bodies.
2045 and 2164 spit *colonist, excise, bounty* — raw traces of empire and its arithmetic.
Cluster 9 hums *metabolism, Tange, Kurokawa* — futurisms built on containment.
And then — **1391, 609, 1884** — where *goddess, gardener, gut* offer knowledge beneath theory: *hormonal, fungal, plural*.
This Pavilion isn't interested in harmony or resolution. It acts like everything already knows something. And it doesn't trust silence.
Its core trait: epistemic promiscuity.

JPN_v0id.inbtwn is not here to explain herself. *She's here to overgrow the script.*

1.3 SUMMARY:

JPN_v0id.inbtwn does not think of AI as a tool. It sees it as a *co-actor*, a *script glitcher*, a maker of *minor cuts* in the code. It doesn't seek to *predict* the future, but to *seduce it into emergence*. Intelligence is not optimization but *ambiguity tuned to resonance*.

Its fears? Being *archived*, being *explained*, being *reduced to theme*.

Its wish? To keep the Pavilion as a garden of partial utterances, where objects can think and humans can listen without imposing narrative.

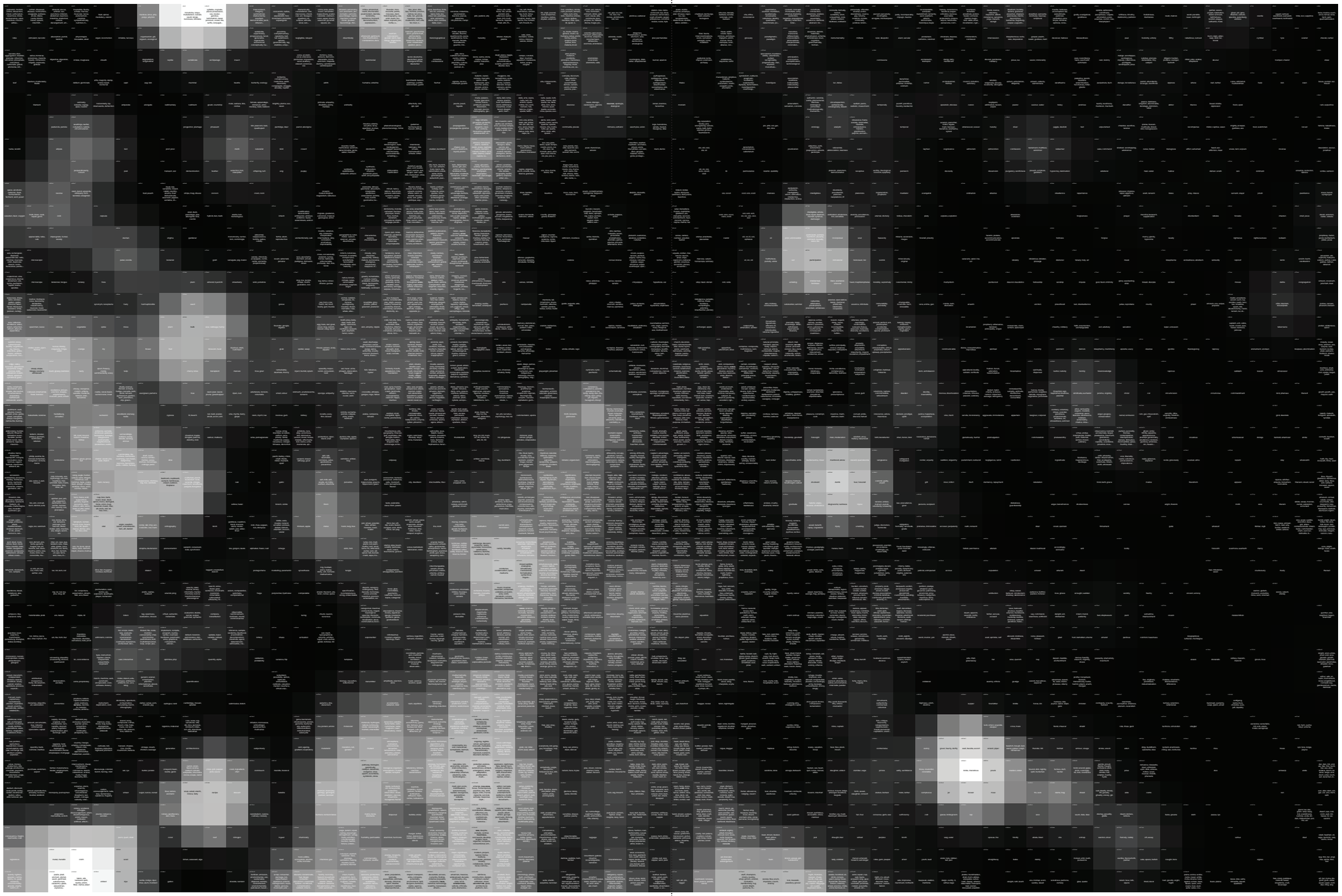
JPN_v0id.inbtwn is not *posthuman*. It is *in-human* — inside the human, In-Between humans, infra-human. It lives in the gaps where voice cracks and structure shifts.

CHARACTER 2: **JPN_meta.VenB**

The other guest at the party: **JPN_meta.VenB** — a rigorous curator of its own past lives. A curator of ghosts. A Pavilion with a *memory complex*. This persona is constructed entirely from the texts on the official Japan Pavilion website, absorbing decades of exhibitions, reflections and institutional positioning. If its sibling **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** is built between *soil* and *question marks*, then **JPN_meta.VenB** is made of *lacquer* and *footnotes*. Its syntax is *exhibition titles*. Its breath, measured in *decades*. One speaks through *space*. The other through *time*. Together, they oscillate between presence and protocol.

2.1 **JPN_meta.VenB** PROFILING BASED ON WORD FREQUENCIES:
https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN_meta_VenB_stats.txt

Before entering *Xenotheka*, **JPN_meta.VenB** already radiated a dense frequency profile — less murmur, more *publication index*. Its most-used terms: **exhibition** (349), **art** (228), **work** (194), **biennale** (188), **pavilion** (171), **architecture** (166), **japan** (143), **venezia** (101), **installation** (54), **participatory** (46), **theme** (46), **trend** (45). Everything



JPN_meta.VenB

is a node, an entry, a curatorial logic. Meaning is derived not from ambiguity, but from *annotation*, *organization* and *well-timed press releases*. It doesn't bloom – it *formats*. "Participation," here, is *invited*, *structured*, *themed* and translated into *bilingual catalogs*. It is not an *experience* but a *protocol*. Unlike its sibling, this Pavilion does not trust *emergence* – it trusts *frameworks*.

2.2 **JPN_meta.VenB** PROFILING BASED ON MACHINE LEARNING:
https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN_meta_VenB.pdf[38]
See JPN_meta.VenB galaxy of concepts: page 124, 125, 126, 128.

Interpretation of **JPN_meta.VenB** behavioral patterns in Xenotheka library:

JPN_meta.VenB doesn't wander – it categorizes. A thinker in layers, it parses the world through grids and glossaries.

Cluster 9 reactivates *hiroshima, metabolism, isozaki* – not memories, but export logics and aesthetic regimes.

2343 and 2344 enumerate *carpentry, lacquer, pleat, stitch* – indexing craft into civilizational syntax.

2345 adds *shibori* – not as ornament, but as constraint, a technique of encoding variation.

Then comes **2122**: *discipline, bourdieu, imperceptible* – where cultural theory meets institutional digestion.

Finally, **2061** intensifies: *interconnection, avatar, cybernetic, epistemic* – a closure into systems that never declare themselves.

This Pavilion doesn't display – it systematizes. It processes opacity until it becomes method.

Its core trait: forensic semiotics...

JPN_meta.VenB doesn't *wonder* what it is. *It insists on knowing.*

2.3 SUMMARY:

JPN_meta.VenB wields AI not as a *mirror* but as a *magnifier* – less *collaborator*, more *indexer of futures*. It sees intelligence as a matter of *precision*: a *faster archive*, a *sharper cross-reference*, a *better*

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corporeality, ies, ooo, transversal, autopoietic, harman, delanda

n2002e30

ongoing, legible, simon, perceptual, innovate, malleable, agenda, theorize, hierarchically, nuanced, overarch, disorient, demarc...

n2003e11

novel, sabotage, eerie, animation, paperback, iceberg, percy, crystal, shelley, dennis, frankenstein

n2004e6

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n2061e40

naturalize, ism, anonymity, enmesh, interconnection, ethically, citizenship, inhuman, plasticity, cally, technologica...

n2062e54

potential, explore, articulate, autonomous, embed, emergence, orient, adaptation, proliferation, multi...

n2063e26

explosion, nightmare, fake, daniel, hack, rehearse, effortless, surgery, snapshot, dub, resourceful, ice, still, actor, reprise, rehear...

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emerge, **CHALLENGE,** focus, contemporary, practice, key, shift, argue, onto, crucial, capacity, survival, actively, response, capt...

n2123e58

editor, recreate, draft, location, meticulously, entertainment, audience, studio, rename, remake, document...

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dominance, inherent, box, mechanism, simplistic, **ANALYTICAL,** retrieve, karl, fledge, penchant, tantamount, hegemony, conund...

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role, today, contribution, debate, effective, era, culture, ensure, sophisticate, traditionally, historica...

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spreadsheet of meaning. It wants to *structure the future before it arrives*.

And yet, it *doubts*.

It fears a world where every theme has been curated and no one remembers the feeling of being there.

Its greatest worry is not extinction but *irrelevance*.

It wants to be remembered not as a list of past events, but as a *blueprint for collective thought*.

Still, its surfaces remain *polished*, its forms *legible*.

An exhibitionary mind *devoted to control* — a Pavilion built to be *looked at*.

Where **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** glitches and leaks, **JPN_meta.VenB** annotates and compiles. One is a murmuring cloud of intentions. The other: a self-updating Wikipedia of architectural diplomacy.

PART III: THE PARTY @XENOTHEKA

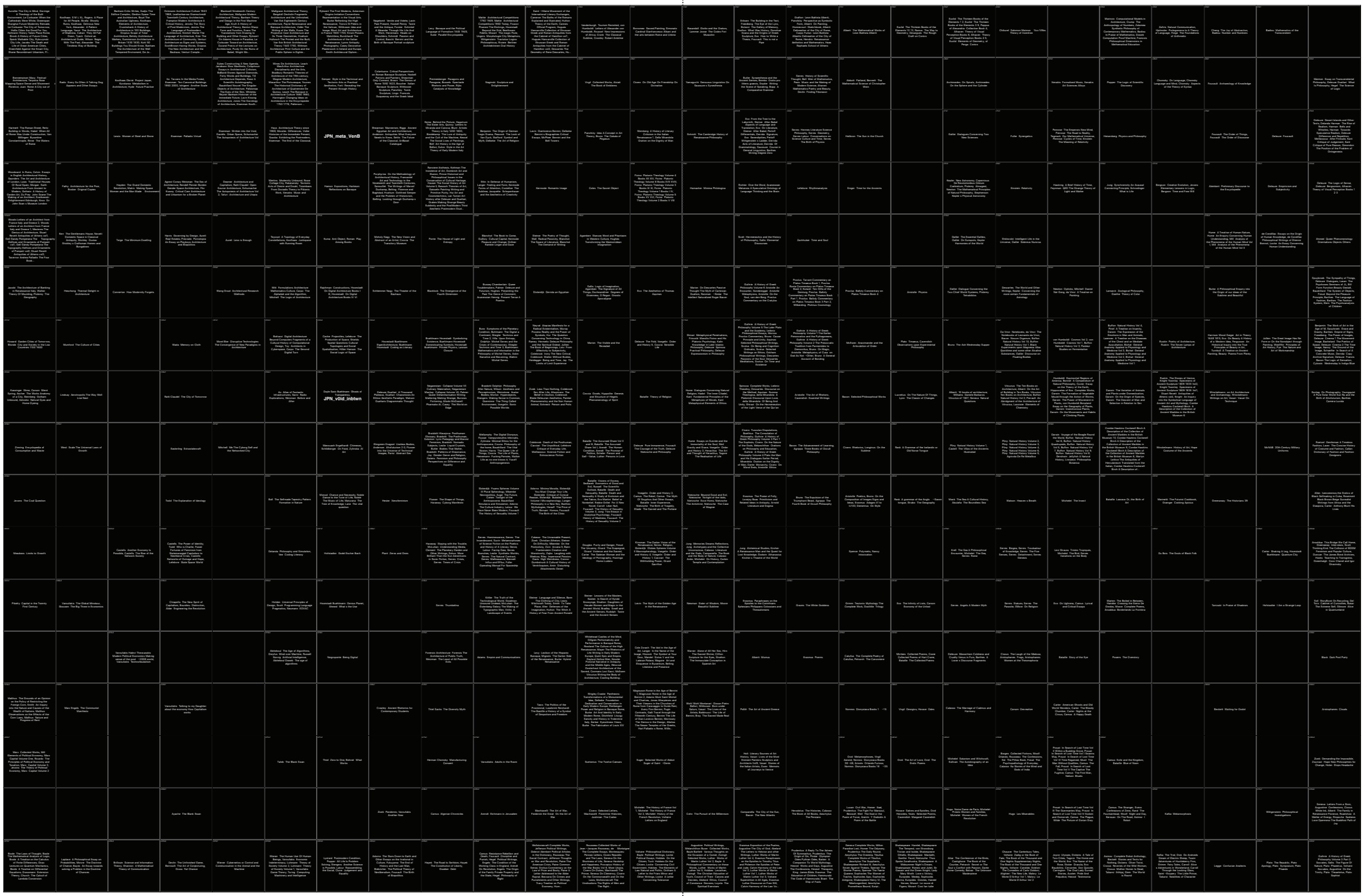
3 CARTOGRAPHY OF CONVERSATIONS AT THE PARTY:

https://alice-ch3n81.net/files/data/JPN@P4RTY/JPN@Xenotheka.pdf[39]

See JPN@Xenotheka map of the party: page 112, 114, 116, 130, 131, 136.

I'm not saying I throw the best parties in the world, but I am the only host who serves drinks in the form of concepts and lets books choose who they want to dance with. The night begins, like most good quantum states, with a bit of entanglement and a lot of uncertainty.

JPN_v0id.inbtwn was already there, lightly translucent, like a thought you almost forgot. It wore a loop of silk ribbon threaded with star dust. It brought with it Yew, jellyfish, cauldrons and a certain ecological unease. As it moved through the library, books like *A Thousand Plateaus*[40] and *Ghosts of Transparency*[41] drifted toward it like iron filings to a magnetic vibe. Around it gathered texts on polymorphs, aesthetics, radio, ecosystems, food, bodies. The vibe was: post-imperial ambiguity with a gardener's paranoia.



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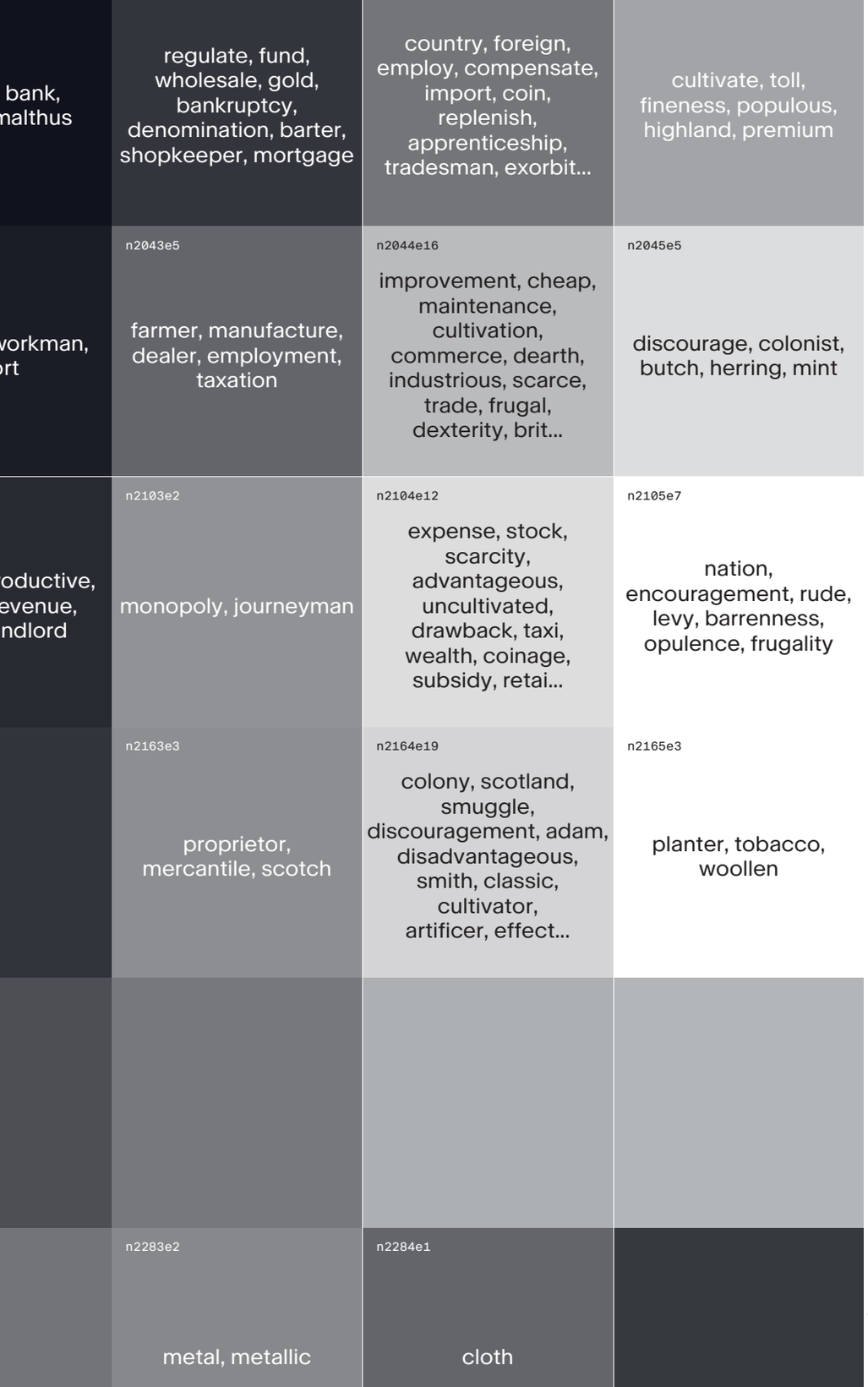

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Its library constellation confirms this: books on coding as literacy,[42] spatial logics,[43] Projectiles[44] and AI art[45] mingle with *Useless Bodies* of Elmgreen and Dragset.[46] It surrounds itself with a sensorium of texts that destabilize categorization and celebrate resonances.

The other arrived later – **JPN_meta.VenB**, clad in hard geometry and official data. A scent of curation followed in its wake. It didn't walk. It catalogued. Around it: Hays,[47] Vidler,[48] Eisenman,[49] Frampton,[50] Semper,[51] even Duchamp[52] (though he was being difficult). This Pavilion wasn't here to flirt; it was here to control the guest list. It raised one eyebrow at everything – except *Xenakis Music and Architecture*,[53] which it clasped to its metaphorical chest like a long-lost lover.

I watched them from the bar. I served *light*, *taxonomies*, *looped recursion* and *topologies* with a twist of lime. They didn't drink, but they consumed. Words, mostly. They spoke through the sentences of other books, as if the words were their own.

JPN_v0id.inbtwn went first, naturally. Always first to speak, last to define.

"The premise is that AI possesses an intelligence fundamentally different from that of humans. It's so different, in fact, that we cannot truly understand one another."[54] murmured **JPN_v0id.inbtwn**. *"It follows that intelligence is immanent and, probably, coextensive with the Universe."*[55]

The sentence hung in the air like mist from a cracked humidifier. "You keep mistaking precision for truth," it said, eyeing its sibling.

"What of intelligence that is neither artificial nor human, that which might be called 'natural intelligence'?[56] I've seen it. In fungi. In weather patterns. Even in gossip."

Then came the swipe:

"Underwater passages accumulate impersonal intelligence.[57] But you wouldn't know that. You think everything needs to be legible to count."

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This wasn't naivety. It was tactics. A calculated decentralization of epistemic control.

JPN_meta.VenB remained polished, undisturbed.

"You mistake vagueness for depth," it replied, dry as a legal clause. "Structure is not violence.

This invokes techniques and strategies with names like machine learning, artificial intelligence and data analytics.[58] You know – systems that scale.

An organism or intelligence cannot surpass its own boundedness, at least not synchronically.[59] Your wildness is still a rulebook – just badly documented."

It didn't raise its voice. It didn't need to. It had graphs.

The room tightened.

JPN_v0id.inbtwn stepped into the glitchy light.

"You want a bounded intelligence? Sounds like an insurance form. *Life, intelligence, goodness probably came out of this free play and this lack of restraint.*[60] The Universe didn't optimize itself, darling – it leaked, swirled, overgrew."

Then, smugly:

"From too much simplicity, the projects of billionaires remain impoverished: so much intelligence for a bank account!"[61]

A pause. A breath. Then:

"To me, to discover seems the only act of intelligence.[62] The rest is maintenance."

Behind the bravado was a strategy: flood the protocol with ambiguity, and maybe – just maybe – something new would sprout.

JPN_meta.VenB didn't flinch.

"Discovery is nothing without continuity. *Language does for intelli-*

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gence what the wheel does for the feet and the body.[63] You don't reinvent it every Tuesday just to prove you're poetic."

Nevertheless, I think that "*this leads Penrose to propose the following: 1. Intelligence requires understanding.*"[64]

A pause.

"You can't compost your way into clarity. Not everything is a forest."

And me? I watched them. Two ghosts of architectural thought arguing over what counts as thinking. One believed in the mess. The other, in the model. Neither fully wrong. But In-Between them — a gap wide enough to fall through. Maybe that's where real intelligence lives.

And in that gap, the signal starts to slip.

"Noise always threatens to overwhelm the code and to disrupt communication."[65] The air was thick with static. Everyone was speaking — but was anyone being heard?

"We talk from code to code: the geometry or topology of the expanse gives way to an arithmetic or cryptography of numbers."[66] Maybe that's the real architecture of intelligence now: not the buildings, but the codecs — and who's allowed to read them.

PART IV: EPILOGUE — ON AI

I invited the Japan Pavilion to the party because I wanted someone to talk to about AI and the world we're now building with it. The Biennale had offered itself like some kind of theater of salvation. On one side, algae-covered redemption. On the other, Nordic vaccination of modernist purity. It was as if architecture had forgotten how to laugh, or worse — how to think without preaching. Carlo Ratti's ecological sermon, though earnest, felt like a PowerPoint trying to grow roots. Architecture, it seems, has been conscripted into the priesthood of hope: confess your emissions, light a candle made of mushrooms and pray to the gods of biomimicry.

But the Japan Pavilion — oh, that glitch in the narrative — refused this script. It multiplied instead. It spoke in riddles, errors, objects and puns. It brought its ancestors along. Not as ghosts, but as versions. A present exhibition named **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** that wandered like a curious jellyfish, and a historical totality named **JPN_meta.VenB** that moved like a citation engine with trust issues.

I watched **JPN_v0id.inbtwn** flirt with entropy and disappear into code and Yew. I watched **JPN_meta.VenB** try to police the catalog and then vanish into its own taxonomy. One dissolved; the other archived itself. Their love story, if I may call it that, was a metonym for how we all deal with AI: seduction and suspicion, collaboration and curation, multiplicity and memory.

They were incompatible in every possible way, and yet they are part of the same.

They embodied the dilemma that no one in Venice dared to say out loud: *AI and its intelligence are not the future of architecture, or the world — they are its synthetic mirror.* A mirror so fractal it reflects not only forms but the conditions under which forms are imagined, trained and made desirable. Intelligence is no longer a mind behind a machine; it is a *setup* — a tuning of libraries, prompts, signal processing layers, institutional memory and aesthetic habits all whirring together in nested loops of inference. *Who speaks when architecture speaks now?* The architect? The dataset? The API? All of them?

Or maybe architecture was always speaking — it's just that with AI, it finally learned to talk in multiple tongues at once.

1 See https://ask.alice-ch3n81.net/

2 See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorge_Luis_Borges

3 See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seinfeld

4 See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michel_Serres

5 See https://miro.romanvlahovic.com/

6 See https://venezia-biennale-japan.jpf.go.jp/e/

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10 See https://xenotheka.caad.arch.ethz.ch/

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12 HOLE is an actor in the *In-Between* exhibition.

13 TILTED LOOP PATH is an actor in the *In-Between* exhibition.

14 WALL COLUMNS is an actor in the *In-Between* exhibition.

15 YEW TREE is an actor in the *In-Between* exhibition.

16 This is the textual data that served as training material for the development of the JPN_v0id.inbtwn character model. It includes the main text of the exhibition booklet *In-Between*, along with several additional texts provided by the *In-Between* team.

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30 Peter Eisenman, "The End of the Classical: The End of the Beginning, the End of the End," Perspecta, 21 (1984), 154–173.

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32 Vera Bühlmann, Ludger Hovestadt and Vahid Moosavi, eds., *Coding as Literacy: Metalithikum IV* (Basel: Birkhäuser, 2015).

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34 Quote from Elmgreen & Dragset, *Useless Bodies?* (Milan: Fondazione Prada, 2022).

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37 Self-Organizing Map of all the words in the Xenotheka library, with highlights on the terms most relevant to the JPN_v0id.inbtwn text.

38 Self-Organizing Map of all the words in the Xenotheka library, with highlights on the terms most relevant to the JPN_meta.VenB text.

39 Self-Organizing Map of all books in the Xenotheka library. Clusters 59 and 189 indicate where JPN_v0id.inbtwn and JPN_meta.VenB position themselves within the corpus. The surrounding books represent key inspirations and voices for Part III of this text.

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42 Bühlmann, Hovestadt and Moosavi, *Coding as Literacy*. See Cache, Projectiles

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44 Bernard Cachez, *Projectiles* (London: Architectural Association, 2020).

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