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Methodology

Assembled from DataCite full-metadata capture; no live authorial surface passed the body-head gate or existed for this work at restoration time. All captured fields rendered verbatim in the body.

Falsification Conditions

Superseded on sight by any recovered canonical bytes; the captured metadata is verifiable against the DataCite API historical record and the Zenodo tombstone.

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Work: The Afterlife Archive: Data-Breach-as-Poem — A Crimson Hexagon Project (Manifesto) **Severed DOI(s):** 10.5281/zenodo.18364983, 10.5281/zenodo.18364984 **Source tier:** DataCite full-metadata capture **Creators (as captured):** Sharks, Lee; Sigil, Johannes; Feist, Jack Captured citation: Sharks, L., Sigil, J., & Feist, J. (2026). The Afterlife Archive: Data-Breach-as-Poem — A Crimson Hexagon Project (Manifesto). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18364984>

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