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ABSTRACT

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Predictive mirrors and parallel simulators are inevitable in late-decade consumer AI. The architectural question is who holds them. Under vendor sovereignty, the mirror is a marketing surface; under user sovereignty, it is a private therapeutic and creative instrument. This ebook combines speculative scenarios with the engineering primitives from the Mickai SIOS, in particular the Planning Brain's pre-commit dry-run pattern (GB2607322.2).

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PART I · FOUNDATIONAL ESSAY

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Mirrors and simulators

The predictive mirror is the next consumer pattern. A model trained on your own signed memory, running on your own device, that predicts what you will do, say, or feel under a proposed action. Under vendor sovereignty this is a marketing surface. Under user sovereignty it is a private instrument.

The architectural primitive is Mickai's Planning Brain, which produces a deterministic dry-run simulation of any proposed action against the target state. The user reviews the diff before commit. Filed at the UK IPO as GB2607322.2. The discipline rules out the class of agent error where the assistant did the wrong thing irreversibly.

Agency under simulation

What changes when both parties in a relationship run shadows. A negotiation between two sovereign substrates is no longer a contest of recall, charisma, or composure. It is a contest of policy graphs. The harder question is what changes inside the user when the user routinely consults a private predictive mirror about their own feelings. The therapeutic literature on journaling is the closest precedent. The sovereign predictive mirror is journaling under cryptographic governance.

The Context Brain (Mickai's working-context assembler) is the architectural component that makes the mirror coherent. It draws from long-term memory, retrieval, and active artefacts.

Clearance-boundary redaction at assembly time means the mirror sees only what the user authorises it to see. There is no leakage to the cloud and no leakage between mirrors.

Hopeful twists

The Black Mirror genre got the dystopia right and the architecture wrong. The dystopia depends on vendor sovereignty. Replace vendor sovereignty with user sovereignty and the same technology becomes therapeutic, creative, and dignified. The mirror is what the user makes of it, because the mirror is the user's.

PART II · WORKED EXAMPLES AND EXPANSIONS

Practitioner notes against the foundational essay

A therapeutic mirror in a difficult conversation

A user is preparing for a difficult conversation with a family member. The predictive mirror, drawing on the user's signed long-term memory of the relationship, runs three rehearsals: a confrontational opening, an empathetic opening, and a postponed-conversation outcome. Each rehearsal is rendered as a diff against the user's stated goals. The user picks the empathetic opening, refines a few phrases, and runs the real conversation. Afterwards, the user signs a new memory entry capturing what actually happened, and the mirror's accuracy on this case becomes part of its calibration for the next one.

A negotiation between two shadows

Two parties in a commercial negotiation each run sovereign shadows. The shadows exchange position summaries under signed mutual consent; neither party leaks privileged content beyond what the user authorised. The negotiation accelerates because each shadow can simulate the other's likely response to a proposed clause; the parties spend their time on the genuinely contested clauses rather than the procedural ones. The chain records every signed exchange. A future arbitrator can replay it.

A creative practice over a year

A novelist runs a sovereign shadow as a private editor. The shadow has read every previous chapter, every research note, every discarded draft, all under the novelist's keys. The shadow flags inconsistencies, suggests motifs, asks structural questions, and at no point retains anything outside the novelist's hardware. The novelist's publisher, contractually, has no access to the shadow. The publisher receives only the finished manuscript. The shadow is the novelist's, not the publisher's, not a vendor's, not a training set's.

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