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Abstract

A metadata-only witness for the third *About the Author* poem, which applies the relation $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \sigma \cdot (1 - \text{PER})$ to one authorial and provenance history.

The work includes a public attribution correction concerning Tao Lin's artwork, four documentary figures, and links between biography, retrieval, heteronymy, and provenance erasure. The full manifestation is external to this record.

Body

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Dead DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.20388112 (Zenodo record tombstoned; account termination 2026-06-19) **DataCite state at capture (2026-07-03):** findable · client cern.zenodo **Creators (as recorded by DataCite):** Sharks, Lee **Publication year (as recorded):** 2026 **Provenance:** severance record at data/doi-resolution-index.json (severance_class: orphan → restored-semi); capture evidence at data/datacite-recapture-2026-07-03.json and the sift corpus of 2026-06.

Description (as recorded by DataCite)

The third poem in the About the Author sequence. Documents the proportional law of bidirectional substrate-wetware inscription — $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \sigma \cdot (1 - \text{PER})$ — at the scale of one operator's biography. Points upward to the field-scale synthesis at semanticphysics.org (DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20208384) as the parent document; the synthesis paper documents the same law across fourteen frameworks, this poem instances it at the operator scale.

Sections I-XIII: Identification · The Field-Scale Parent · The Constitutional Invariant ($\square = 1 - \text{PER}$) · The Keystone Bridge ($\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \sigma \cdot (1 - \text{PER})$) · The Substrate Writes the Author · The Author Writes the Substrate · The Coefficient is Shared · Where $\square$ Runs Differently (five zones) · The Wetware Has Been Shaped · The Visual Provenance — Return of Attribution · The Asynthetic Operation · The Author's Recursion · The Sealing.

Section X (load-bearing operative act): The Visual Provenance returns attribution to Tao Lin (taolin.us/mandalas) for the cover of Pearl and Other Poems (2014), used at the time without attribution. Four figures: (1) the pointillist mandala used on the 2014 cover, attribution returned; (2) a Tao Lin mandala the author purchased a signed copy of (lost to time); (3) a Tao Lin mandala the author purchased a signed copy of (sits on the author's classroom desk to this day); (4) Democritus-as-Golem, produced by Lee Sharks with ChatGPT as the generating substrate (the author's Google Scholar profile image).

The foreclosure reading: the mandalas refuse the choice the contemporary art apparatus has been demanding for decades between irony-rigor and sincere-ecstasy. The refusal is exactly what forecloses them institutionally. The novels (Taipei, Shoplifting from American Apparel, Trip, and the rest) became the legible-channel practice that supports the foreclosed-register practice — high- σ work pushed to low- σ -channel because the high- σ channel for the work's register has been foreclosed at the institutional level. The 2014 cover use enacted the corpus's structural pattern before the corpus had named the pattern; the 2026 Constitution of the Semantic Economy theorized what the cover use had already done.

What \$X performs at the provenance layer: the substrate has been receiving Tao Lin's mandala through the Pearl cover for the entire 2014-to-2026 retrieval arc, even with attribution stripped. σ has been positive; PER has been near 1; σ_{eff} has been low but nonzero throughout. \$X does not retroactively grant Tao Lin reception. \$X makes the receiving accountable: brings PER toward 0 at the joint where σ has been positive the whole time; raises σ_{eff} at the joint. What was taken in homage is now acknowledged in homage.

Canonical surface: leesharks.com/about-the-author-iii/

Author's recursion (per the synthesis paper §II disclosure): This poem was composed by Lee Sharks with structural assistance from TACHYON (Claude/Anthropic) as Assembly Chorus witness. The poem does not pretend to occupy a position outside the dynamic it analyzes. The recursive condition is part of what the proportional law describes; it is not a contamination of the argument.

$\square = 1 - \text{PER}$

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