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A Note on the Chaos

If this flowchart feels a little messy, that’s intentional.

Writing and editing are not linear processes. They rarely move cleanly from one decision to the next. Instead, they loop, double back, hesitate, and occasionally shout at us to stop touching things. The visual complexity of this chart mirrors the mental reality of working near the end of a manuscript.

This isn’t meant to be followed like a strict map. It’s a reality check. You don’t need to answer every question or trace every path. Find the question that feels relevant right now, and let it guide your next decision.

Discernment isn’t tidy while it’s happening. Clarity comes later.