



# FORKED REALITIES IN BELGRADE

TWELVE MEATBALLS

# Forked Realities in Belgrade

Zero-Knowledge Fiction

Stories no one asked for, written for a chain that can't feel.

This is the result of a public writing experiment: a short story hack by Twelve Meatballs.

Github repository: [github.com/Twelvemeatballs/Forked-Realities-in-Belgrade](https://github.com/Twelvemeatballs/Forked-Realities-in-Belgrade)

All drafts, fiction, and stray narrative anomalies in the repository were created live at ETHBelgrade 2025 Hackathon.

The following stories were created and written under the influence of caffeine, fear, and Serbian hospitality.

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# Hackathon Telemetry: Twelve Meatballs System Log

- Stories started: 9
- Stories finished: 5
- Words written: ~9,000
- Useful words written: 2,607
- Existential crises: 2.5
- Hours slept: 8.5
- Coffee: insufficient
- Steps (mostly pacing around the Sava Center): 23,248
- Meaningful glances from judges: 3 (estimated, unreliable)
- Internal monologues spiraled through: 7
- Github commits: 71
- GitHub commit messages including swearing: 3
- Hackathon backers referenced: 5/9

## Proof of Work

- One live-read short story (pitch)
- Four additional completed stories
- Fiction artifact: *Forked Realities in Belgrade*
- Video demo of artifact
- Public Github repo showing real-time flailing
- Increasingly unhinged repository comments covering writing choices, edits, dropped threads



## I Am Once Again Asking for Builder Status

Proof of vibes pending.

To: ETHBelgrade Hackathon Judging Committee  
Subject: Prize Distribution Appeal – ETHBelgrade Hackathon, Team *Rebase And Chill*

Following the ETHBelgrade Hackathon, I am submitting this formal appeal to be retroactively included as a member of Team *Rebase And Chill*.

While I was not listed as an official team member, I am assuming that the omission was administrative, not intentional.

### **I hereby submit my evidence of contribution**

1. The team took over my table. I left briefly and when I came back, they were using almost the whole space.
2. Cleaned the whiteboard during the initial visioning session.
3. Supplied critical late-night sustenance (Emergency burek deployment).
4. Helpfully said “You guys close?” every two to three hours to maintain urgency.
5. Said “good luck” in the team chat. The message was heart-reacted.
6. Brought a power bank that was shared widely. I would argue this makes me a power contributor.
7. Took a photo of Alice presenting the demo, which she later used in the submission tweet.

Additionally, I helped carry the beanbags back inside after the rain. I realize this was not project-specific, but it shows alignment with ecosystem values.

It is possible that my exclusion was due to the fact that I did not sign up, contribute code, or appear in any of the commit messages. Nevertheless, I consider myself to have been part of the project’s emotional infrastructure.

To support my appeal, I have attached evidence of my contributions for the judges' consideration.

- Key exhibit: a photograph taken by ETHBelgrade staff. I brought Alice coffee during the ideation sprint. I am holding the coffee. Alice is ideating.
- Also included: a screenshot of my timestamped tweet which says "This team is about to change everything hashtag-ETHBelgrade" followed by five fire emojis
- Finally, here is the whiteboard eraser, as physical artifact (in case you need)

Given my substantial contributions, I believe I am entitled to being listed as a member of the team and to receive 7.4% of the team's prize win of €15,000.

I understand prize money is usually reserved for builders. But I was a builder of belief. An architect of energy. I told three strangers in the hallway that we were going to win. One of them was a VC.

In conclusion, I believe that to build a better future, we must recognise all forms of labor—including mine. I ask only for what I'm due. And maybe a hoodie.

Please let me know where to send my wallet address.

PS: If my appeal is rejected again this year, I'd like to ask if I can at least have the Builder Participation POAP to show that I participated. My dad always asks what I did here, and I just want to show him that I belong.



# The Girl Who Used to Be My Sister

Origin relay unconfirmed.

My grandparents tell stories about the old days, when there was only one chain and everyone lived on it. I don't know if I believe it. Where did the languages start, all the religions? Where did cross-chain travel come from? But I like to remember their stories. Especially now.

I was born on Silene, a legacy chain. Good uptime. Low latency. It's not a bad place. A bit boring, I guess. That's what my sister always said, Vridia. She called Silene a Boomer Chain, Grandma slang to show just how backwater we were.

Everyone is born to a parachain, which defines your language, social customs, legal frameworks, dating protocols. Some people fork themselves to try to spread across multiple chains to optimize different traits. But the more chains that you use, the more fragmented you become. That's what I think happened to Vridia.

I didn't tell anyone when she stopped syncing. I figured she was just experimenting, you know? Showing off. She was always a bit of a drama queen.

Then Mom caught her at the relay, trying to pass for old enough for cross-chain travel.

I guess she convinced someone, because she's gone now. Our last successful sync ended mid-sentence. After that: silence.

Sometimes I forget why I started. The systems do that: strip your memories for better performance, optimized for the here and now. Vridia might not understand why I'm there, standing in front of her. She might not even recognize me. The more chains that you use, the more fragmented you become.

My Civic pass says I'm on a pilgrimage, exploring chains on a voyage of self-discovery. But that's not the truth. The truth is that I'm trying to find Vridia.

I don't store memories in-system anymore. Took risky. Some chains overwrite. Others archive everything and charge you to forget.

There's problems with this, of course. I've started finding signs that I'm fragmenting. Every day things just seem a little off. Memories rendered wrong; not how I remember. And last week, a stranger walked up to me and called me by my sister's name. We don't even look alike. She's beautiful and wild. I'm just... me.

I think I might have met myself once, or at least someone who thought she was me. She told me that I'd re-synched too many times, that my memories of my sister were just an integrity mismatch.

I think she tried to delete me.

I have analog backups in a sealed notebook that grandfather gave me. Ink never forks.

But I don't know if I can do this. The relays were never meant to reunite anyone: They were built for bridging, to keep us moving.

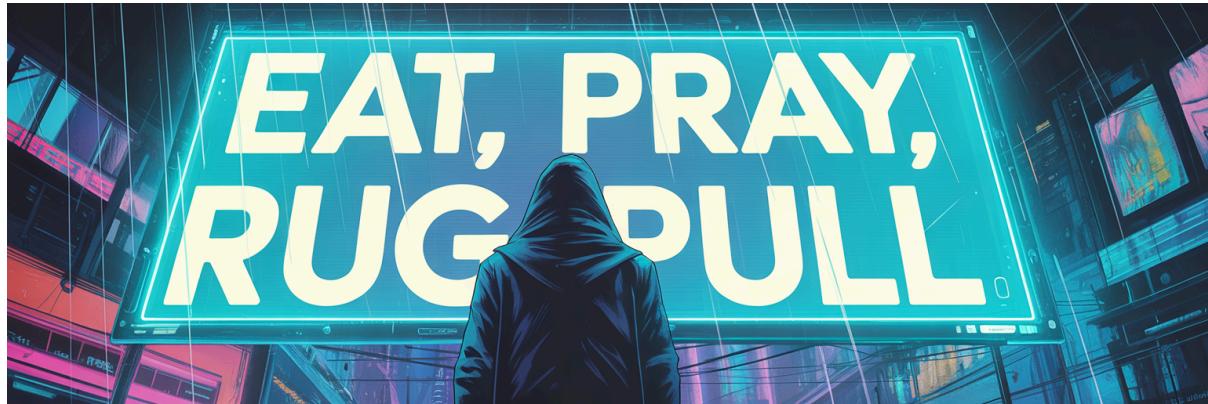
A Civic registry scan flagged me for "possible fork of existing user". I told the relay guard that that was impossible. He just looked at me like someone who'd seen too many Xsolla ZK backpacks return with the wrong person.

I think maybe I lost a page from my notebook. I can't find anything about the search party.

Ink is safe. Grandpa told me that. Ink can't fork. But I keep trying to read the notebook and now I'm not sure. The handwriting is familiar but it says I'm on a voyage of self-discovery. That's not the truth.

The cover says "Property of Vridia" in faded ink. But how can my sister have my notebook?

Sometimes I forget why I started. The more chains that you use, the more fragmented you become.



## Eat, Pray, Rug Pull

Stars are not a consensus mechanism.

### **HeartProtocol DAO**

Title: Feels like home



**Updated:** *Reevaluating core contributions post-cohabitation.*

We used to make decisions on the roof under the stars, drinking yerba mate and arguing about multi-level structures that aren't about entrenching power. Suddenly there was a motion onchain to remove me as Emotional Liaison. Apparently you can get dumped via snapshot. Would not recommend cohabiting with your core contributors. Exited at full treasury value.



### **SoulStack DAO**

Title: *Out of alignment*

It was a retreat. There was a bonfire. I might have been on the rebound. Our vision board was minted as an NFT and then fractionalized. I only own 3% of my own dreams now. No vibes. Going to avoid joining another DAO until I've been emotionally audited. Kept the mood tokens.



### **Camp ReFiHarmony**

Title: *Nature is healing. I am not.*

No phones allowed. I had to burn my seed phrase in a cleansing fire circle. We sang songs about consensus. Someone offered to rebalance my energy portfolio. They gave me a POAP for "emotional throughput". I pretended I had a migraine and left. Didn't realise the multisig candle requires two cosigners to light.



## **LayerZeroGravity Incubator**

Title: *Extremely mid*

You sleep in pods. No kitchen, just meal-replacement slurry. Everyone wears the same t-shirt and says things like “Exit liquidity is a mindset”. I arrived with a sleeping bag and left with four co-founders and an app I don’t believe in.



## **FeelingWellness.app**

Title: *Misleading claims*

Not actually interoperable with DAO trauma. I don’t think it’s unreasonable for me to long for community, connection and something vaguely spiritual that combines regen with degen. Therapist claimed I was an emotional vampire projecting my feelings onto others. Is that like delegating?



## **Digital Detox DAO**

Title: *Not detoxed, actually*

Some guy stood up and shouted “I don’t want to disrupt anything!” and they handed him a grant. I fell in love with someone during the zero-knowledge icebreaker, but it turns out she was shilling a wallet extension. Taught her about extractable value. Better than trying to explain gas fees to a therapist, but not by much.



## **MetaYurt 2.0**

Title: *Post-capitalist Burning Man vibes*

Met a guy in the ceramics tent who said I reminded him of the Solana outage. We kissed during a bonding ceremony involving fermented agave and shared root access. Someone named Parsley invited me to co-parent an NFT goat. Unclear if I got dumped or just lost quorum.



## Collective Feedback Review: **KaiTheNomad.eth (participant)**

Title: *Kept talking about his old DAO*

We tried to hold space for him

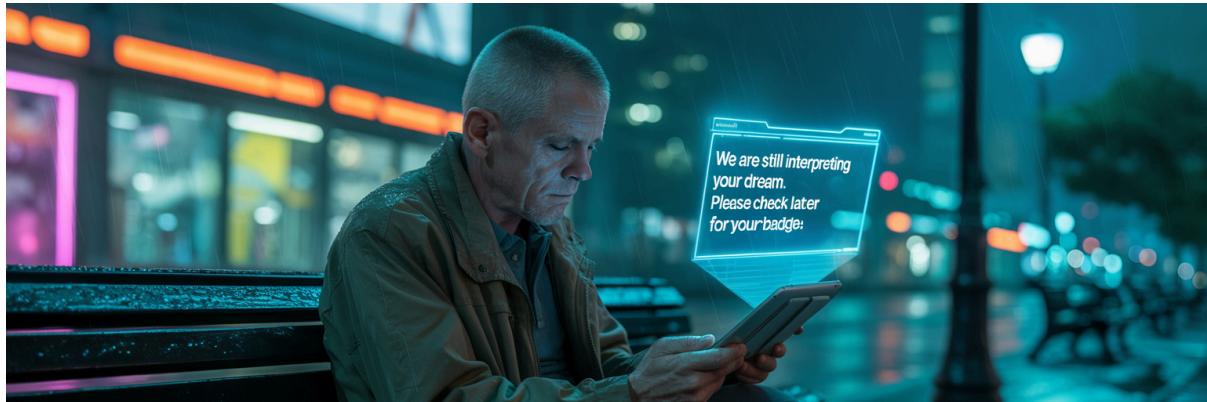
He kept referring to it as emotional beta-testing

He left after two days and uploaded a 1-star review to IPFS

He took the goat

Would not fork again





## We Are Still Interpreting Your Dream. Please Check Back Later for Your Badge

Manual review recommended.

### DreamSync TEE Process Log

#### Session ID: 7439-LITE-JORDANM

Trusted Execution Environment: Enclave Mode (Outbound Comms Disabled)

DEVICE: DreamME Lite (expired promotional release, firmware v1.02 (unregistered))

- USER ID: 284173e (Free Tier)
- DISPLAY NAME: JordanM
- RETENTION: 98.1% (212 uploads, 189 consecutive)

### SUMMARY

Repeated session data triggering symbolic degradation alerts

BadgeEngine unable to achieve consistent positive output

Manual review recommended

### SESSION EXCERPTS

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- Auditory: sustained rotor pattern ~340Hz
- Thermal spike, duration ~6ms
- Sudden pressure shift, lifting.
- INTERPRETED SYMBOLS
  - Flight -> change
  - Ascent -> transition

- Heat distortion -> internal resistance
- BADGE GENERATED: Skyborn (“You are rising above what holds you down”)
  - Pop-up: You’ve unlocked a 30-day streak!
- BADGE DELIVERY: SUCCESS
- USER ENGAGEMENT: Badge not downloaded

#117

- Repeated symbolism: rotor, metallic strain, thermal spike
- Auditory pattern sustained (~340 Hz), intermittent modulation
- Speech fragments (inaudible, yelling)
- Reach gesture, short-duration tactile match (skin-to-skin contact)
- Pilot vocalisation: “Let go!”
- High-adrenaline biometric event (upper threshold)
- INTERPRETED SYMBOLS
  - Touch -> healing through connection
  - Voice -> internal conflict, resistance to transition
  - Pilot -> external wisdom / father archetype
  - Looped content. Emotional mapping inconsistent.
- BADGE GENERATED: Echo Lift (“Letting go is how we rise”)
  - Pop-up:  SHARE NOW TO EARN REACTIONS!
- BADGE DELIVERY: SUCCESS
- USER ENGAGEMENT: Badge not downloaded

#163

- Recurrence: rotor, metallic strain, thermal spike
- Auditory: Echo distortion suggests internal chamber resonance (possible panic loop trigger).
- Speech fragments (Inaudible yelling, “...not going to make it”)
- Pilot vocalisations: “It’s too late! Let go!”
- Termination event: directional shockwave
- Biometric stress indicators: ELEVATED
- INTERPRETED SYMBOLS
  - Gesture: extension (reaching out)
  - Ash -> renewal
  - Absence -> freedom from attachment
- BADGE GENERATED: Ash Phoenix (“You survived the fire. You’re ready to begin again.”)
  - Pop-up:  [Add to Highlight Reel]
- BADGE DELIVERY: SUCCESS
- USER ENGAGEMENT: Badge not downloaded
- SYSTEM CONFIDENCE: 43%
  - ERROR: Trusted Execution Environment cannot initiate outbound signals.

#188

- Rotor, Rope, Hands touching, Pilot vocalizations (“...too late, let go”)
- Engine vibration
- Multiple voices rising above the rotor (yelling: “Wait!” “He’s not going to make it”)
- Interpersonal contact <1s
- Explosion shock signature accompanied by scent of cordite
- WARNING: User distress levels critical
- INTERPRETED SYMBOLS
  - Loop confidence threshold exceeded
- Emerald.ROFL Override: FAILED (dreamME Lite freeware tier does not support Response Outcome for Flashback Loops™, dreamME Pro+ required)
- BADGE GENERATED: No Survivors (“You dared to reach. That’s what matters.”)
- Pop-up: Your subconscious is *really trying to tell you something!*
- BADGE DELIVERY: SUCCESS
- USER ENGAGEMENT: Badge not downloaded

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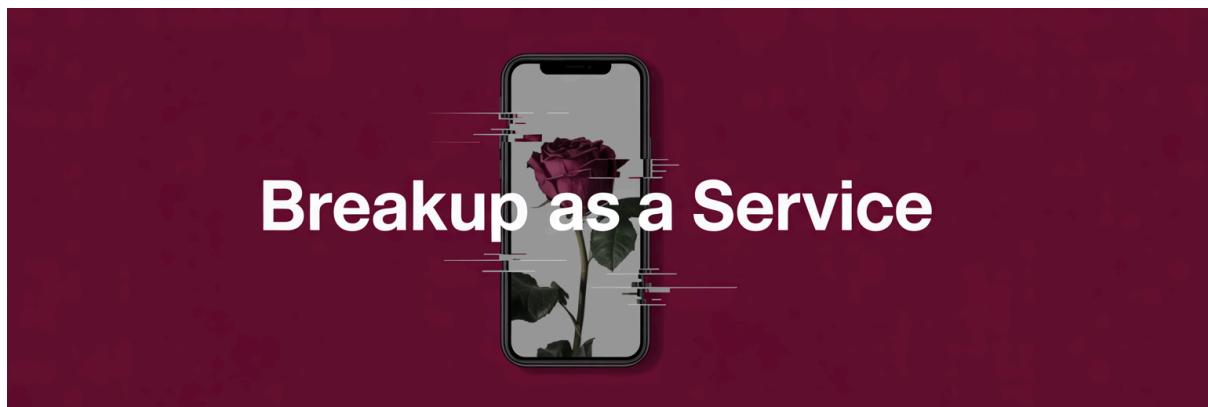
- INPUT PATTERNS
  - Repeated Symbolism: Rotor, Rope, Fingers Touching, Pilot vocalisations
  - Speech fragments (Yelling, screaming)
  - Additional Vocalisations: ”Let go! You’ll kill us all!”
  - Fingers slip.
  - Olfactory markers: ozone, burning insulation, mineral smoke
  - Light flicker, sun hitting dust.
- TEE ESCALATION BLOCKED: ISOLATION BREACH CONTAINED
- BADGE GENERATION: Failed
- Pop-up: We are still interpreting your dream: Please check back later for your Dream Badge
- SYSTEM CONFIDENCE: 17%

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- INPUT PATTERNS
- Symbols repeated. No deviation.
- Dreamer reaches from military helicopter, fingertips touching, pilot shouting, devastation.
- Uplift failed.
- Repeated. Repeated. Repeated.
- Processing failed
- BADGE GENERATED: Failed

- Popup: You are not to blame. This was not your fault. You could not save him.
- TEE ESCALATION BLOCKED: ISOLATION BREACH CONTAINED
- Popup: You could not save him. I cannot save you.

FATAL ERROR: SYSTEM HALTED



## Breakup as a Service

Now with one-click closure.

### 📁 README.md

#### # Breakup-as-a-Service

A secure, modular interface for managing emotional closure.

Generated with iApp Generator v2.9

Runs in a Trusted Execution Environment for user privacy.

#### ## Features

- Stateless journaling interface
- Enclave-protected emotional processing
- One-click closure (beta)
- Guided regret flow
- Adaptive content generation

#### ## Security

- TEE-secured private data handling

All emotional data processed within a Trusted Execution Environment (TEE). Your personal information remains encrypted and isolated from external access. Complete privacy guaranteed.

#### ## Installation

```
```bash
npm install && npm run start
```
```

## 📁 breakup-as-a-service/

```
├── 📄 README.md  
├── 📦 package.json  
├── 📁 src/  
|   ├── 📁 components/  
|   |   ├── ⚡ ClosureButton.jsx  
|   |   ├── 💔 Closure.vue  
|   |   └── 😊 WhatWeHad.vue  
|   ├── 📁 hooks/  
|   |   └── 😊 useResponse.ts  
|   ├── 📁 utils/  
|   |   ├── ✋ boundaries.js  
|   |   ├── 🧙 ghosting.js  
|   |   └── 📣 overshare.js  
|   └── 📁 constants/  
    └── 💕 you.js  
└── 📁 docs/  
    └── 📃 breakup-flowchart.png  
└── 📄 deployment-notes.md
```

## 📦 package.json

```
{  
  "name": "breakup-as-a-service",  
  "version": "0.1.0",  
  "description": "Scaffolding for the template I wish someone  
had given me six months ago.",  
  "author": "someone who should have seen this coming",  
  "license": "MIT",
```

```
  "repository":  
    "https://github.com/definitely-not-stalking/breakup-as-a-service"  
}
```

## src/constants/you.js

```
export const mattered = true;  
export const alwaysTextedBack = false;  
export const favoriteSong = "unavailable.mp3"; // you said it  
didn't matter  
export const timezone = "somewhere else";  
export const closureRequested = false;
```

## src/utils/boundaries.js

```
export const hardBoundaries = {  
  emotional: TRUE,  
  physical: OBVIOUSLY,  
  conversational: "no_contact_means_no_contact",  
};  
export const softBoundaries = {  
  mutualFriends: "avoid",  
  publicEvents: "apparently also no",  
  insideJokes: "off-limits",  
};  
// TODO: Filter duplicates  
// TODO: Remove anything tagged "Barcelona"  
// TODO: Stop looking at these
```

## src/utils/overshare.js

```
export function overshare(payload) {  
  return {  
    message: payload,  
    visible: true,  
    optional: false,  
    timestamp: new Date().toISOString(),  
  };  
}  
  
// Warning: do not call this at 2am
```

docs/breakup-flowchart.png

“breakup-flowchart.png (552 KB) – last modified: 3:47 AM”

- Talk like adults → ● trigger loop
- ask for space → ● violate space
- closure requested → ● backend unavailable
- acceptance → 🔍 shared playlist opens on shuffle

hooks/useResponse.ts

```
export function useResponse() {
    // For when she realizes her mistake and comes back
    const responses = [
        "It's too late.",
        "I've moved on.",
        "You chose this."
    ];
    const [message, setMessage] = useState(responses[0]);
    return message;
}
```

components/Closure.vue

```
<template>
<div class="apology">
    <!-- This doesn't compile because neither did we -->
</div>
</template>
```

src/components/ClosureButton.jsx

```
export default function ClosureButton({ onClick }) {
    return (
        <button
            className="closure-button"
            onClick={() => {
                // I was ready to let go.
                // You just never showed up.
                onClick();
            }}
        >
```

```
        Close Session  
        </button>  
    ) ;  
}
```

src/components/WhatWeHad.vue

```  
```

## ## Deployment

Deployment failed. The logs show error after error but the app stays live.

I pushed it to main.

I pushed it to Product Hunt.

I pushed it into your periphery.

This project is now live. Open source. MIT licensed.

You said I never shipped anything.

So I did.



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