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Prologue: The Unseen Hand

The world had always been predictable, logical—until the day people started vanishing. At first, it was a trickle. A man walking into a subway station never came out. A woman turned the corner of a busy street and was never seen again. Then, entire buildings disappeared overnight, as if they had never existed.

No one could explain it. No camera captured the moment of disappearance, and no pattern emerged. The media called it "The Vanishing," but no one could pinpoint the cause. Scientists blamed glitches in perception, some whispered about experiments gone wrong, and others believed the universe itself was rewriting history.

At the center of it all was a man known only as The Architect—a name whispered in digital corners, rumored to have once built entire cities with a mere thought. He was said to be a forgotten genius, a being who had touched the foundations of reality itself.

And now, he was waking up.

Chapter One: The Whispering Blueprints

Elias Cross had spent the last ten years designing cities. Streets, buildings, parks—he could see them in his mind before they ever became real. But lately, things had started to change. Sketches he had never drawn appeared in his notebooks. Digital blueprints reshaped themselves overnight. And then, the dreams began.

Every night, Elias found himself in a city he had never built, standing in its empty streets. Buildings stretched into the sky, twisting in impossible angles, as if reality itself was bending. And always, there was a voice—whispering, guiding him.

"Find the foundation."

One morning, he woke to find something chilling: a file on his computer, labeled The Architect's Return. He hadn't put it there.

With shaking hands, he opened it.

Inside was a blueprint. Not of a city, but of something far greater—something that didn't just shape buildings but shaped existence itself.

And at the bottom, scrawled in handwriting he had never seen, was a message:

"They will come for you. Build before they do."

Chapter Two: The City That Wasn't There

Elias found himself pulled into a web of mysteries. Every time he tried to ignore the blueprints, something strange happened. Streets he knew like the back of his hand changed overnight. A building he walked past daily no longer existed. His reality was warping.

Desperate for answers, he tracked down an old professor, Dr. Miriam Solace, a woman who had once spoken about hidden cities—places that flickered in and out of reality.

"They're not vanishing," she told him, her voice shaking. "They're being rewritten."

She showed him a map filled with marks across the world—places that had mysteriously disappeared.

"The Architect was real, Elias," she said. "And I think you're

connected to him."

But before she could explain further, the lights flickered. A deep hum filled the room. And then, right before Elias's eyes, Dr. Solace disappeared.

Not killed. Not taken. She simply ceased to exist.

And then, the whisper returned.

"You are next."

Chapter Three: Fractured Reality

Elias was running out of time. Every night, he returned to the city in his dreams, but now, it wasn't empty. Shadows moved in the streets. Shapes that weren't quite human watched him from doorways.

The blueprint on his computer had changed. It was no longer a design—it was a countdown.

He had six days.

The answer lay in the heart of the disappearing city. A place that shouldn't exist but did—if only for those who knew where to look.

Following the clues, Elias found himself in an abandoned district on the outskirts of his city. The streets were cracked, the buildings halffinished. It felt like walking through a forgotten memory.

And then, he saw it:

A towering structure of shifting metal and glass, flickering between existence and nothingness. The blueprint made real.

The Architect's final project.

Inside, the walls pulsed with energy. Time itself was being rewritten here.

And at the very center, waiting for him, was a chair.

A throne.

A choice.

The whispers grew louder.

"Take your place."

Chapter Four: The Architect's Return

Elias sat in the chair.

A rush of memories flooded his mind—cities he had never seen, structures not yet built, worlds beyond this one.

He was The Architect.

Not just a man, but the designer of realities, the creator of the blueprint that shaped existence.

And now, he understood.

The disappearances weren't random. They were adjustments. The world had been flawed, unstable, broken—and someone had tried to erase him to stop him from fixing it.

But it was too late.

Elias had taken his place once more. The whispers were no longer whispers—they were his own thoughts, weaving the fabric of reality itself.

The city around him reformed. The lost returned. The world shifted.

The Vanishing was over.

But something else had begun.

Because now, Elias had a new question.

If he had created this reality...

Who had created him?