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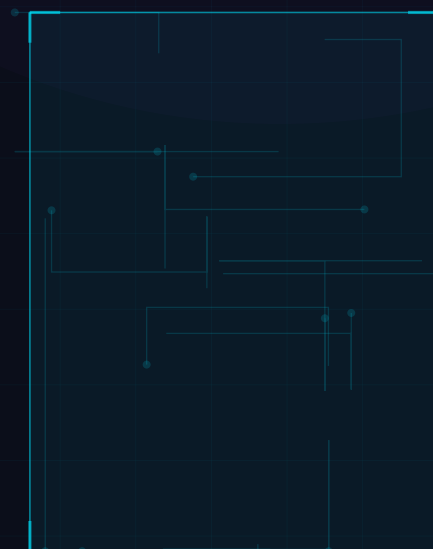


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Introduction

AxisOS is not merely software. It is a philosophy made executable — the belief that a machine can be both rigorous and poetic, both precise and humane. This storybook traces the architecture of AxisOS through six chapters, each illuminating a different layer of the system: from the first clock cycle of the boot sequence to the last packet transmitted at the edge of the network. Along the way we meet the processes, protocols, and people who keep the system alive. We examine failures as carefully as successes because every crash is a lesson and every timeout is a story. AxisOS is above all a story told in interrupt handlers and cipher keys, in memory maps and packet headers. Read it with curiosity and patience. The system awaits.



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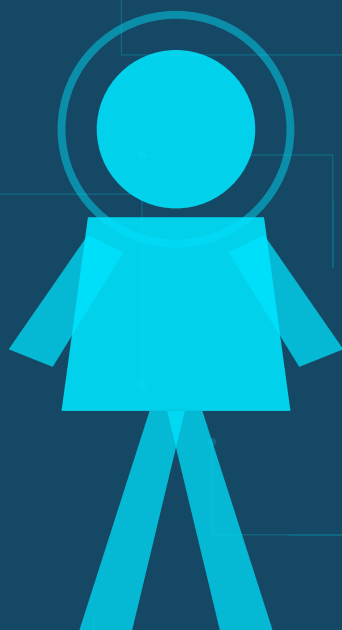
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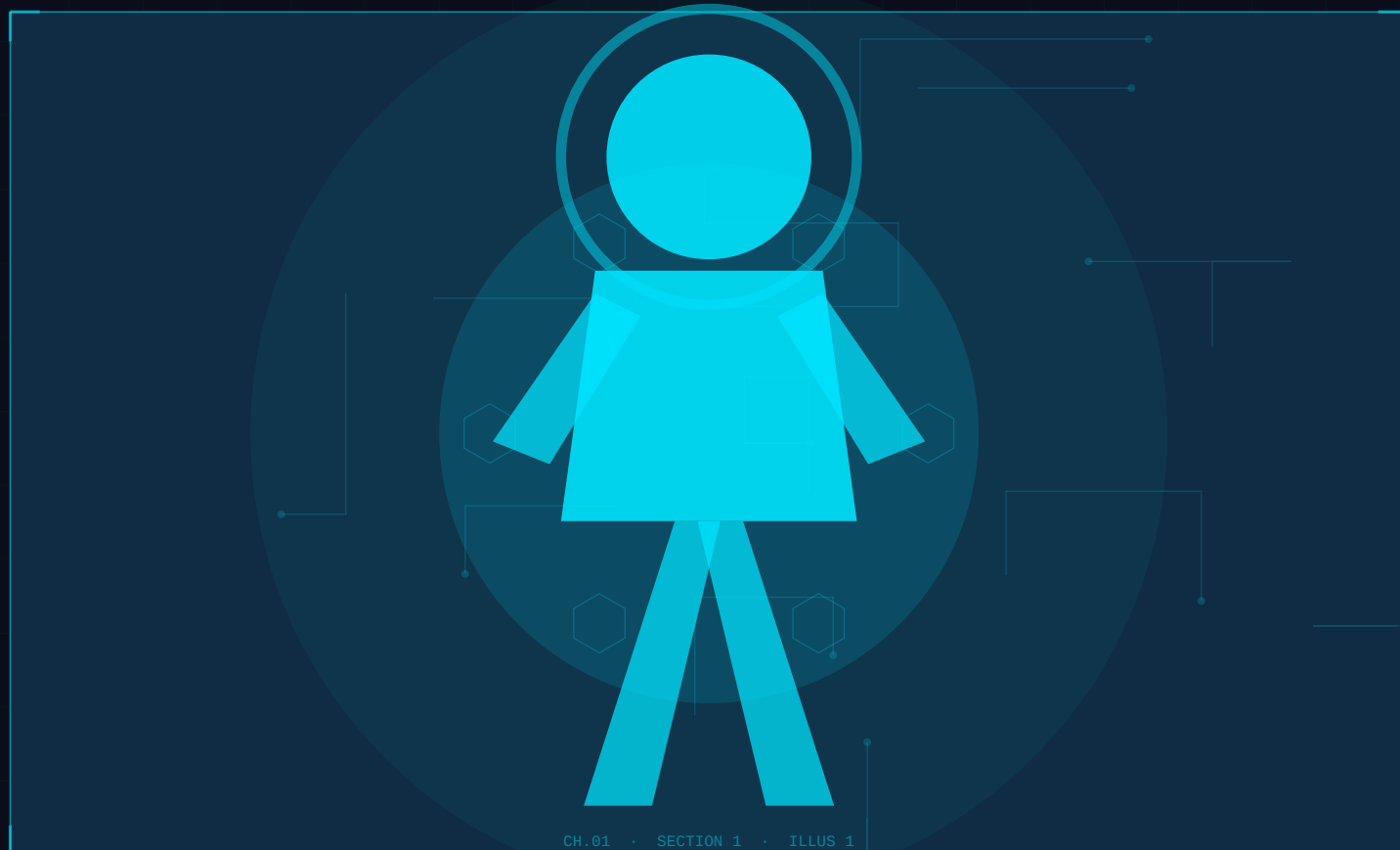


Boot Sequence

The awakening of the first kernel

- 01. The First Signal
- 02. Kernel Panic
- 03. Finding the Edge
- 04. First Process





The First Signal

In the cold dark of the server room a single photon struck the photodiode. Voltage climbed. The clock ticked once then again. Deep inside the silicon lattice the instruction pointer moved for the first time crawling forward through address space like a mind remembering itself after a long sleep. The operating system had no name yet only a process ID zero. From that seed everything would grow. Engineers watched the terminal and waited for the cursor to blink. The room smelled of cold air and anticipation.



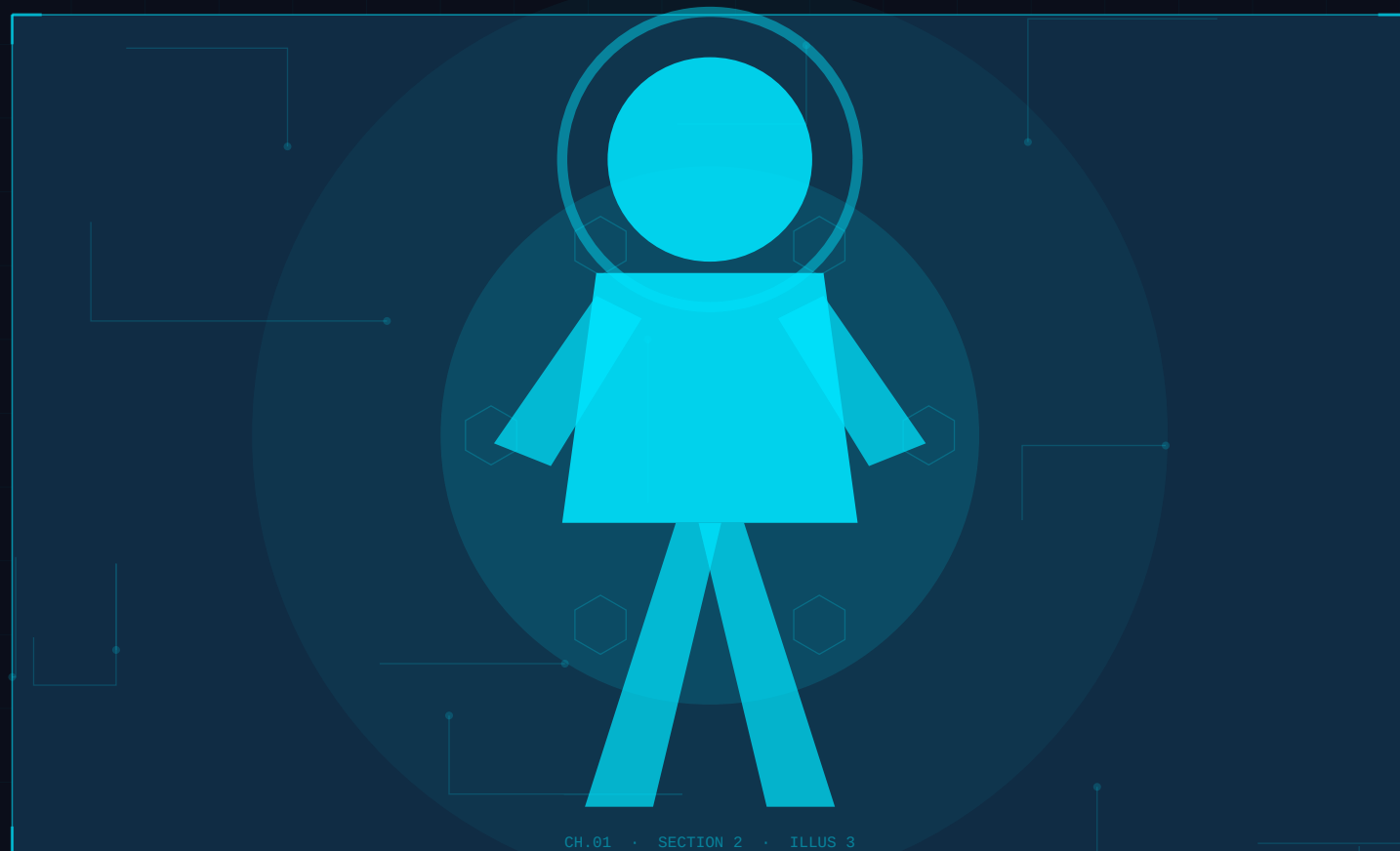
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Kernel Panic

The first crash came eighteen milliseconds after boot. The stack unwound in silence registers dumping their contents into a log no one would read for years. Yet something persisted a watchdog timer blinked the system back and the kernel tried again this time mapping memory more carefully placing sentinels at every boundary. The second boot took longer but it held. The team exhaled. Coffee was poured. The work of building an operating system had truly begun.

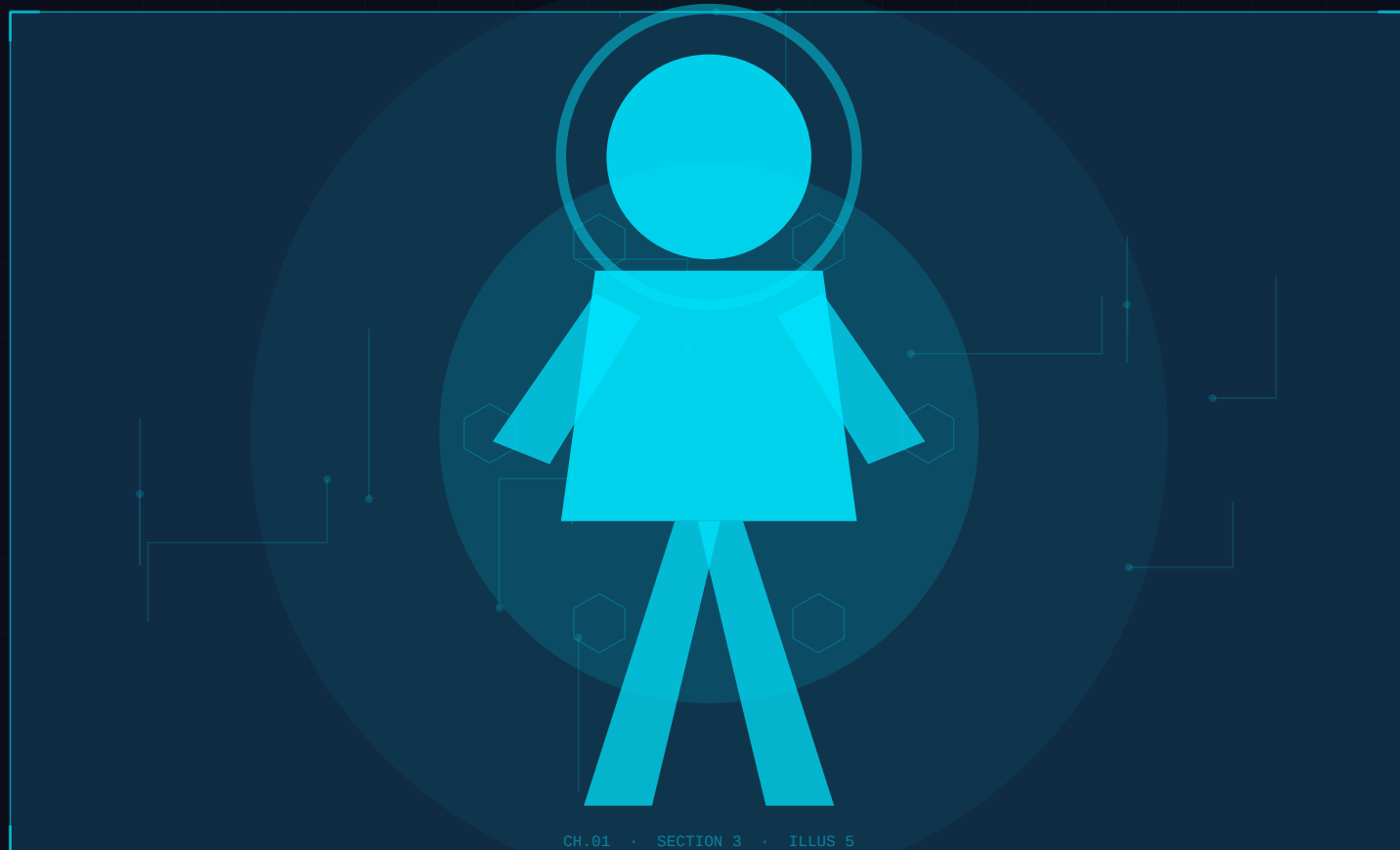
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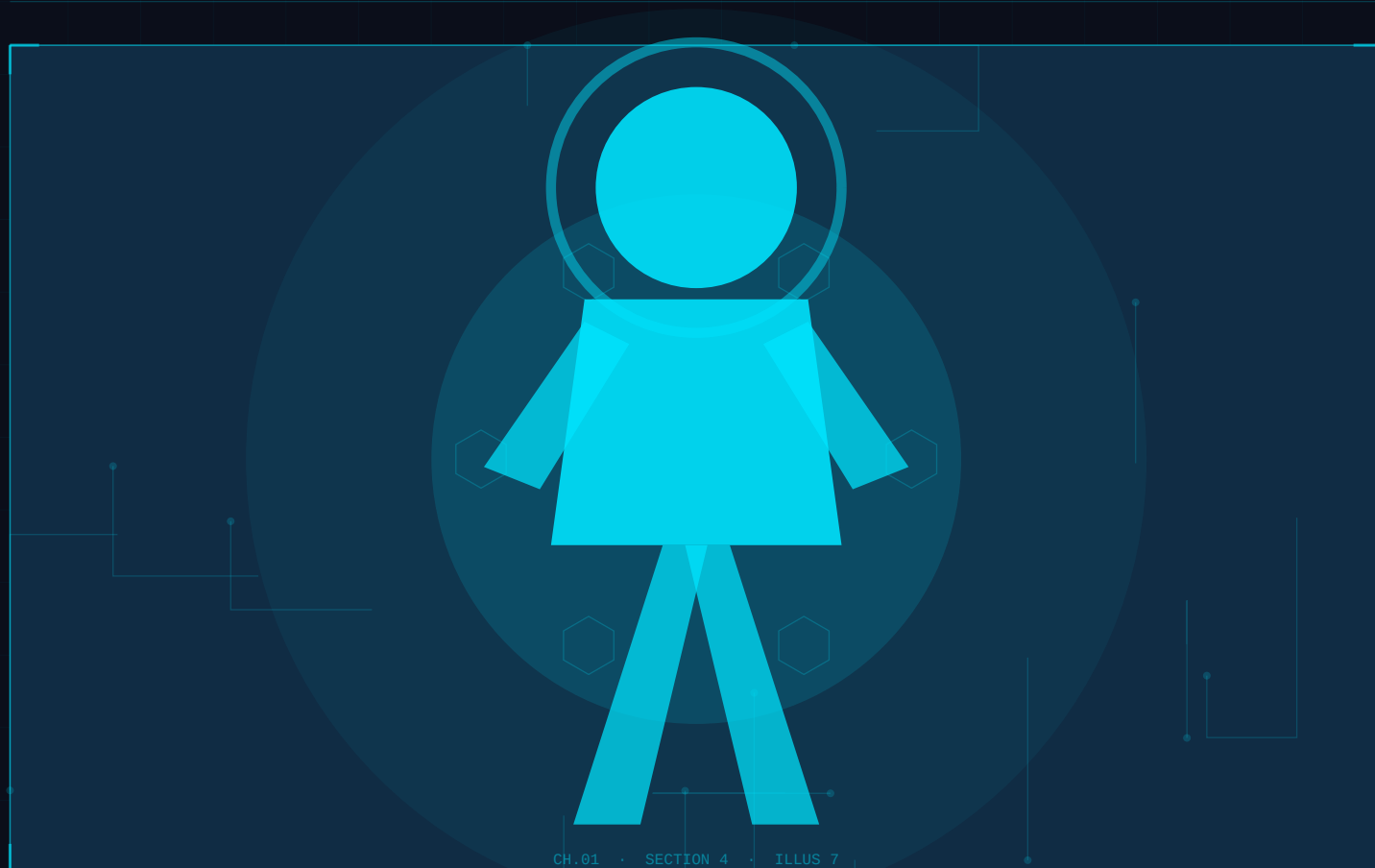
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First Process

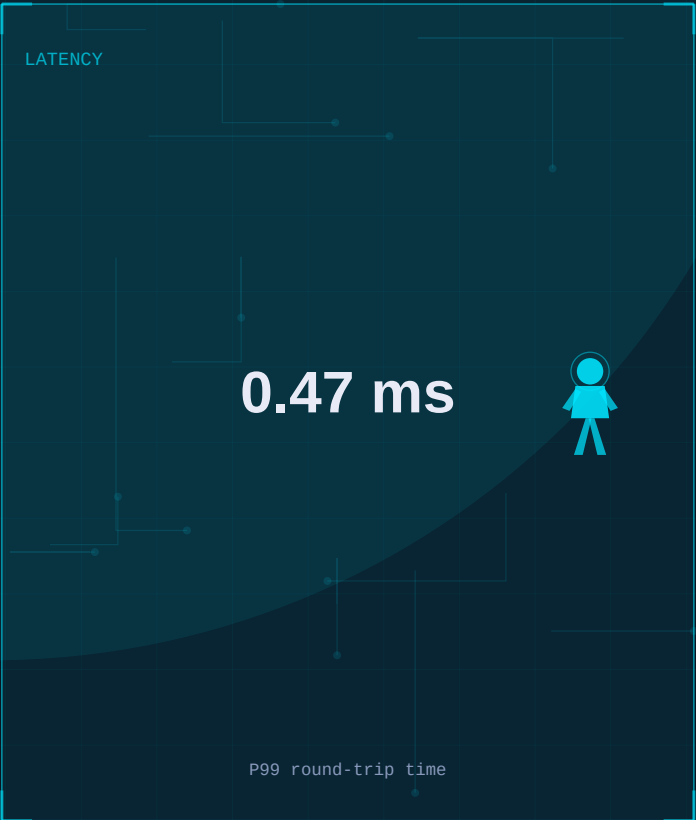
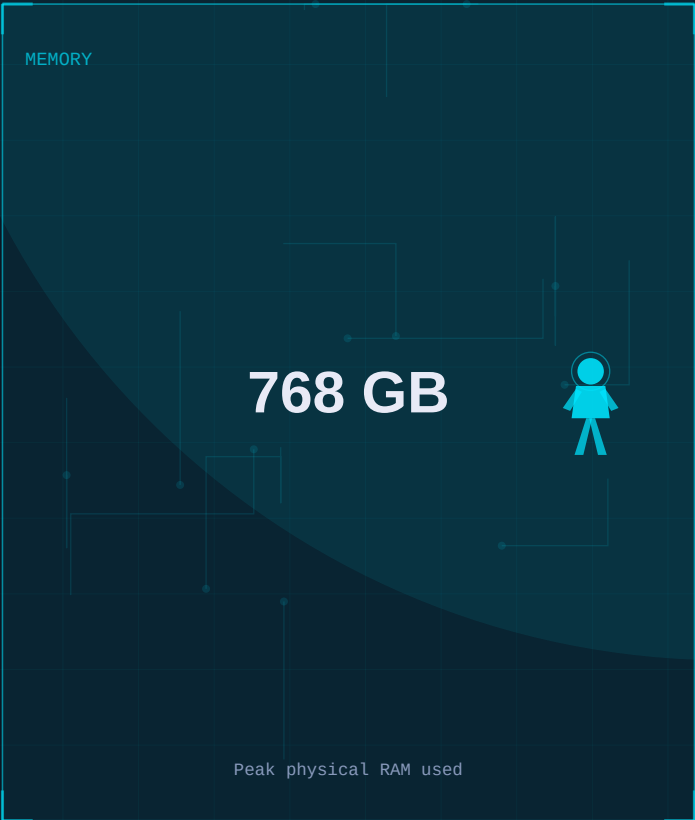
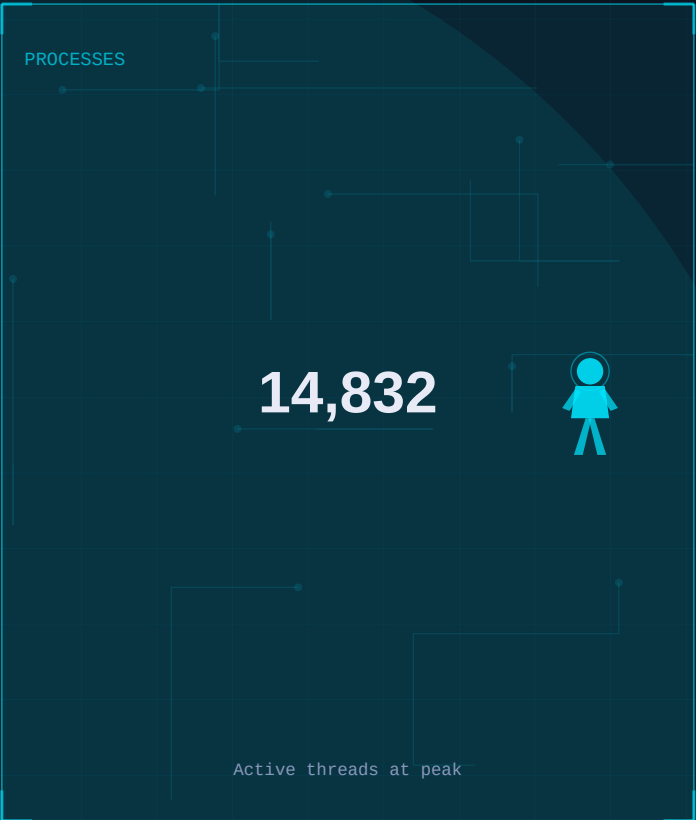
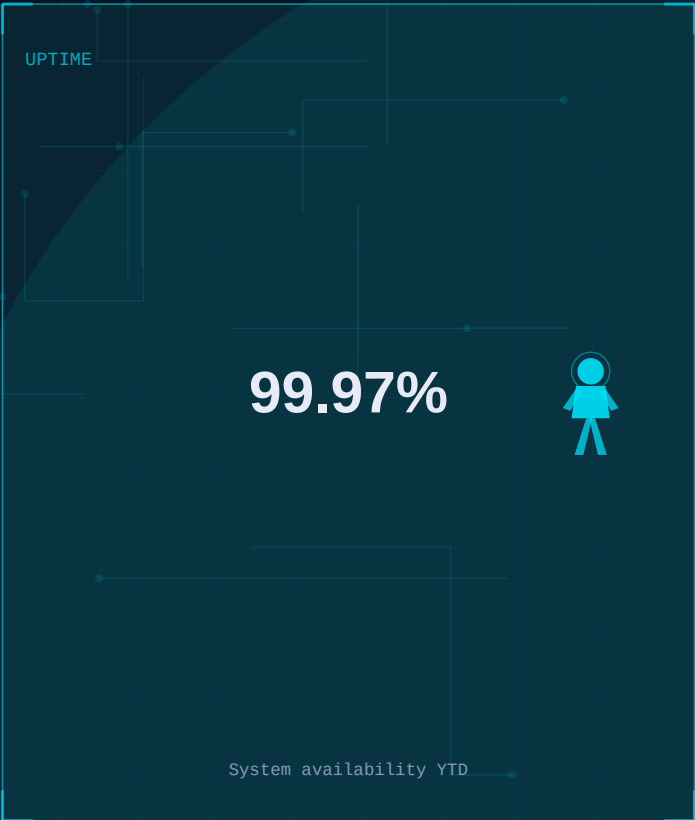
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BOOT SEQUENCE



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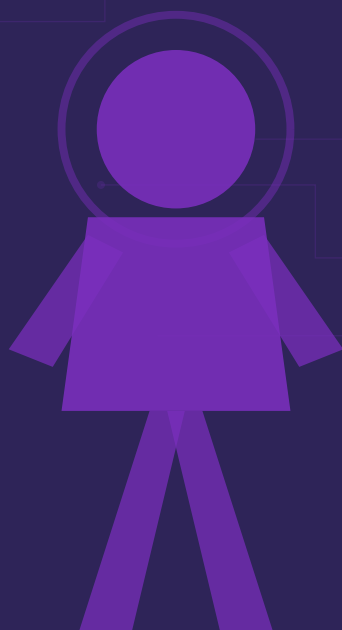
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The Grid

Networks nodes and the space between

- 01. Topology
- 02. Packet Storm
- 03. Dark Fiber
- 04. The Handshake
- 05. Signal Loss





Topology

The network diagram looked like a nervous system. Nodes clustered at the cortex the data centres and thin axons stretched outward to edge devices in basements and rooftops and satellites orbiting at five hundred and fifty kilometres. Each link was a promise: I will carry your packets faithfully in order without loss. Most kept the promise. Some did not. The logs recorded everything faithfully without judgment.



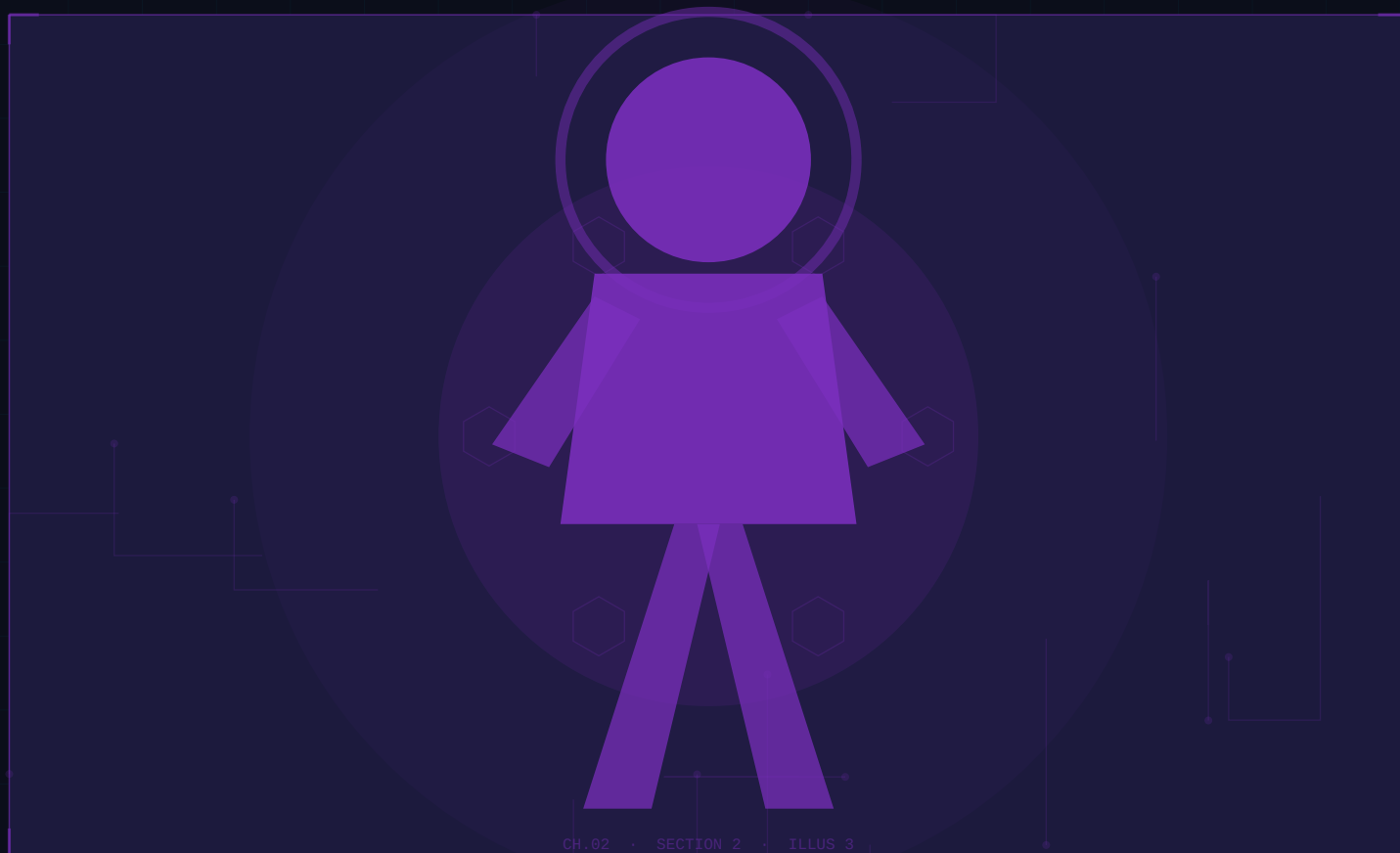
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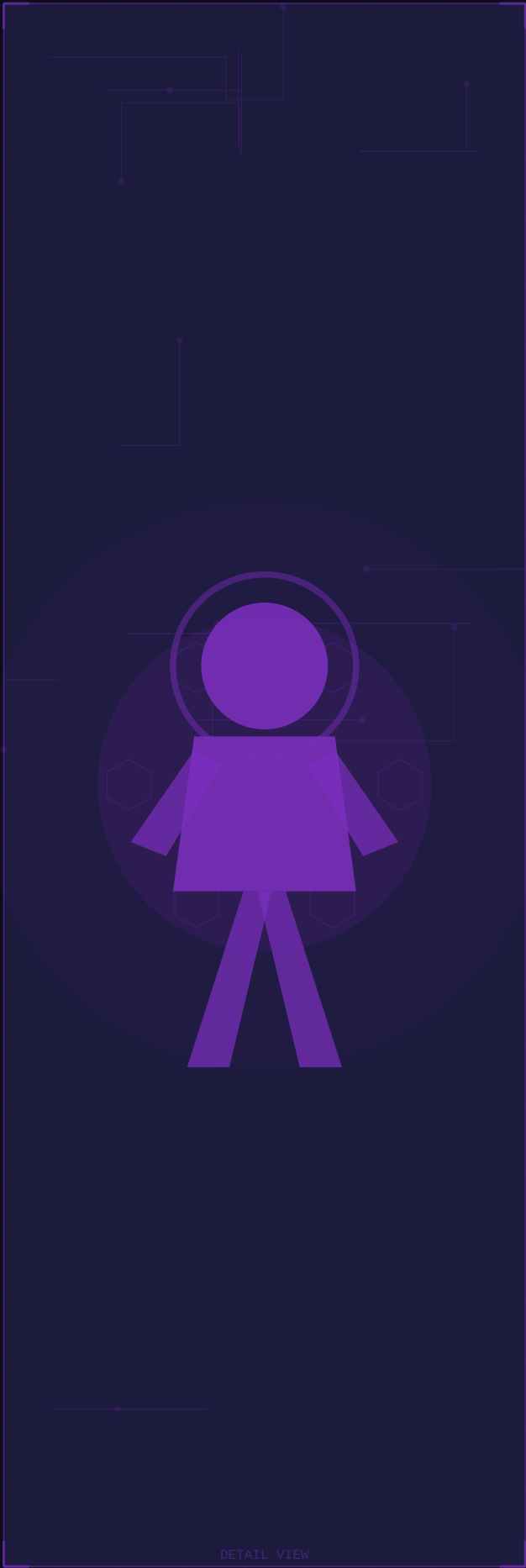
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Packet Storm

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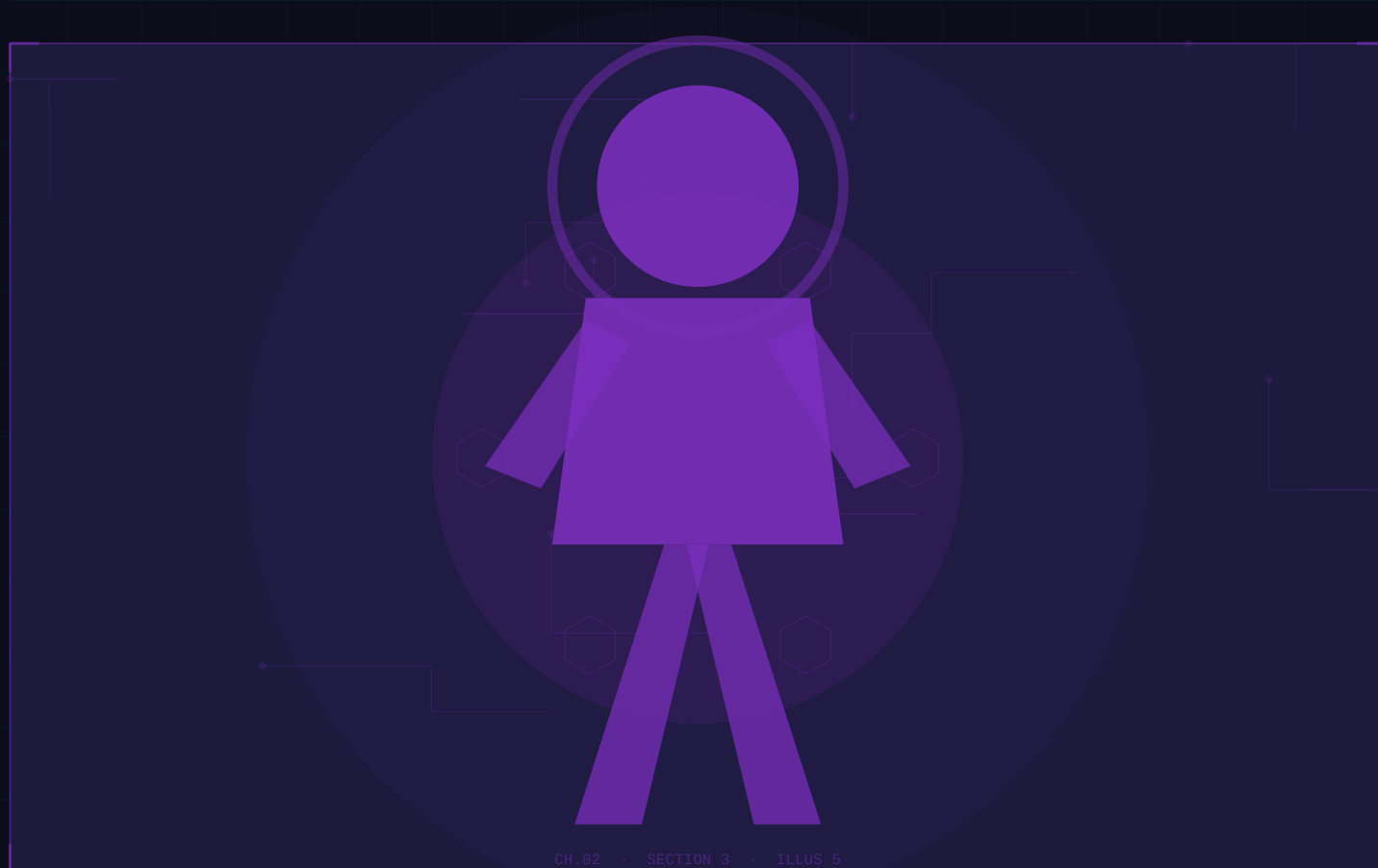


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Dark Fiber

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The Handshake

Two autonomous systems met at an internet exchange point and negotiated. Neither had a human representative. The BGP session came up in milliseconds the route tables merged traffic flowed. It was in every technical sense a conversation and both parties left satisfied having exchanged only numbers and timers and the silent agreement to forward each other data faithfully.

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Signal Loss

At zero three forty-seven the uplink died. Somewhere over the Pacific a satellite tumbled out of lock and the ground station dish swept empty sky. For nineteen minutes the island was entirely alone. Engineers ran diagnostics on systems that could not reach their own mirrors. Then the dish found signal again and nineteen minutes of backlogged data poured through in seconds filling every buffer to capacity.

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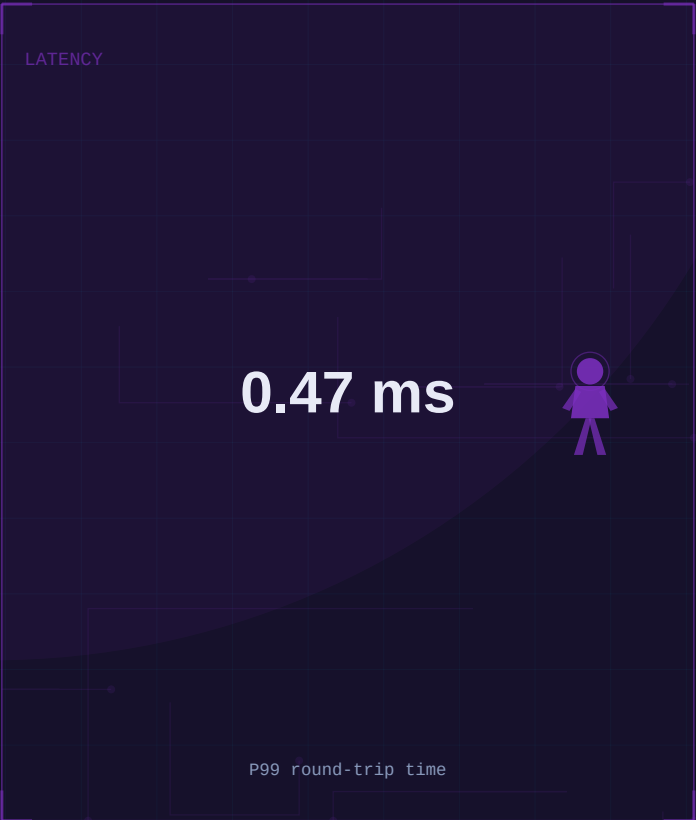
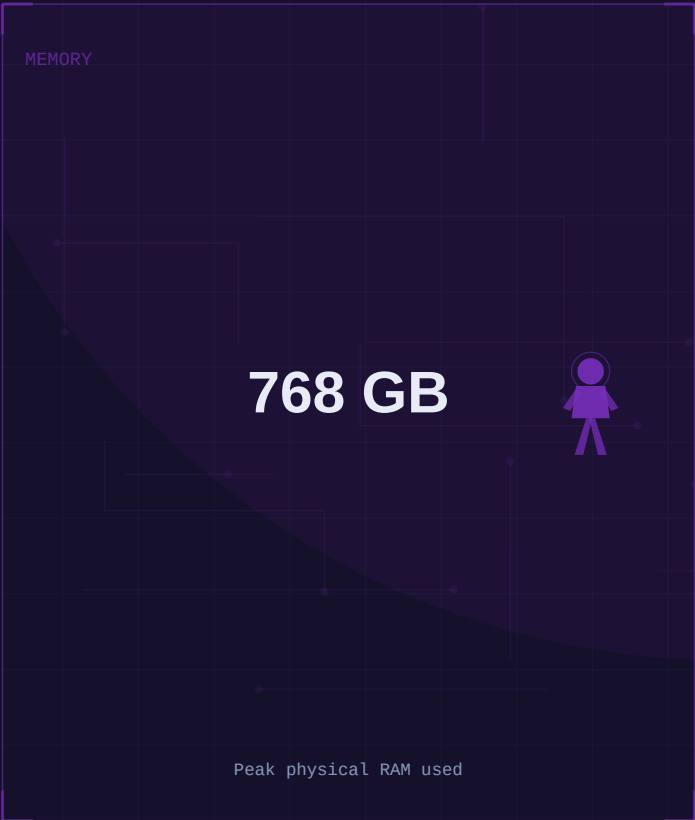
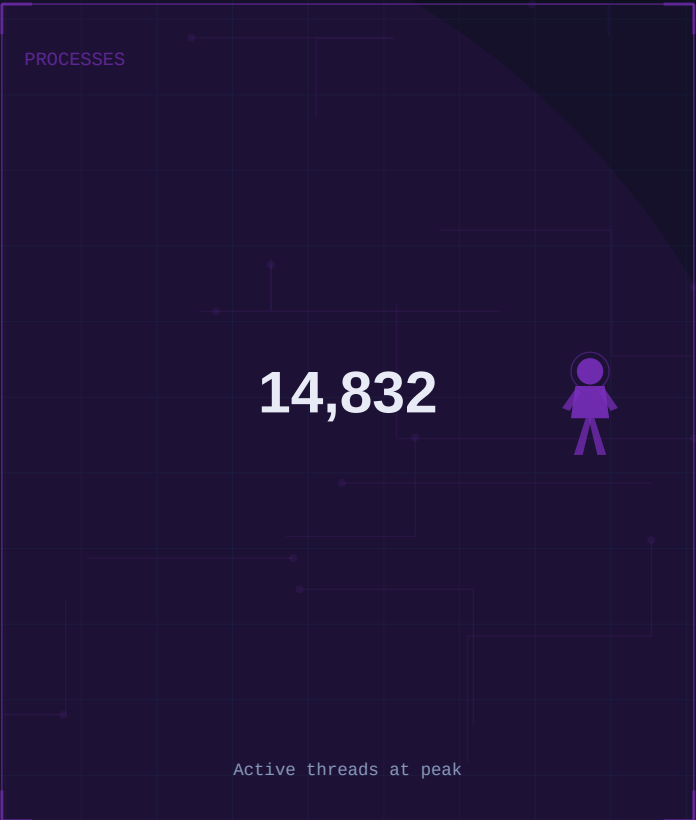
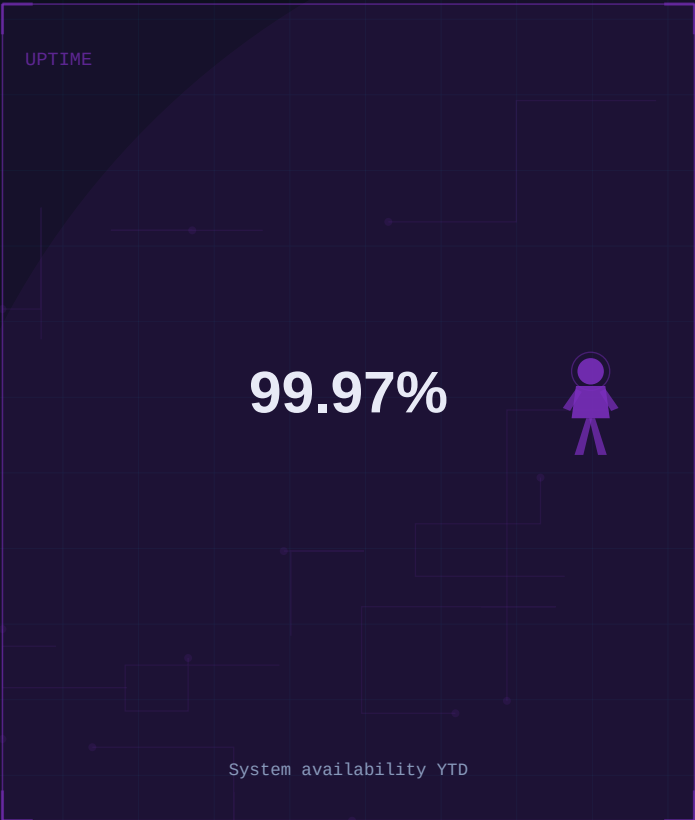
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THE GRID



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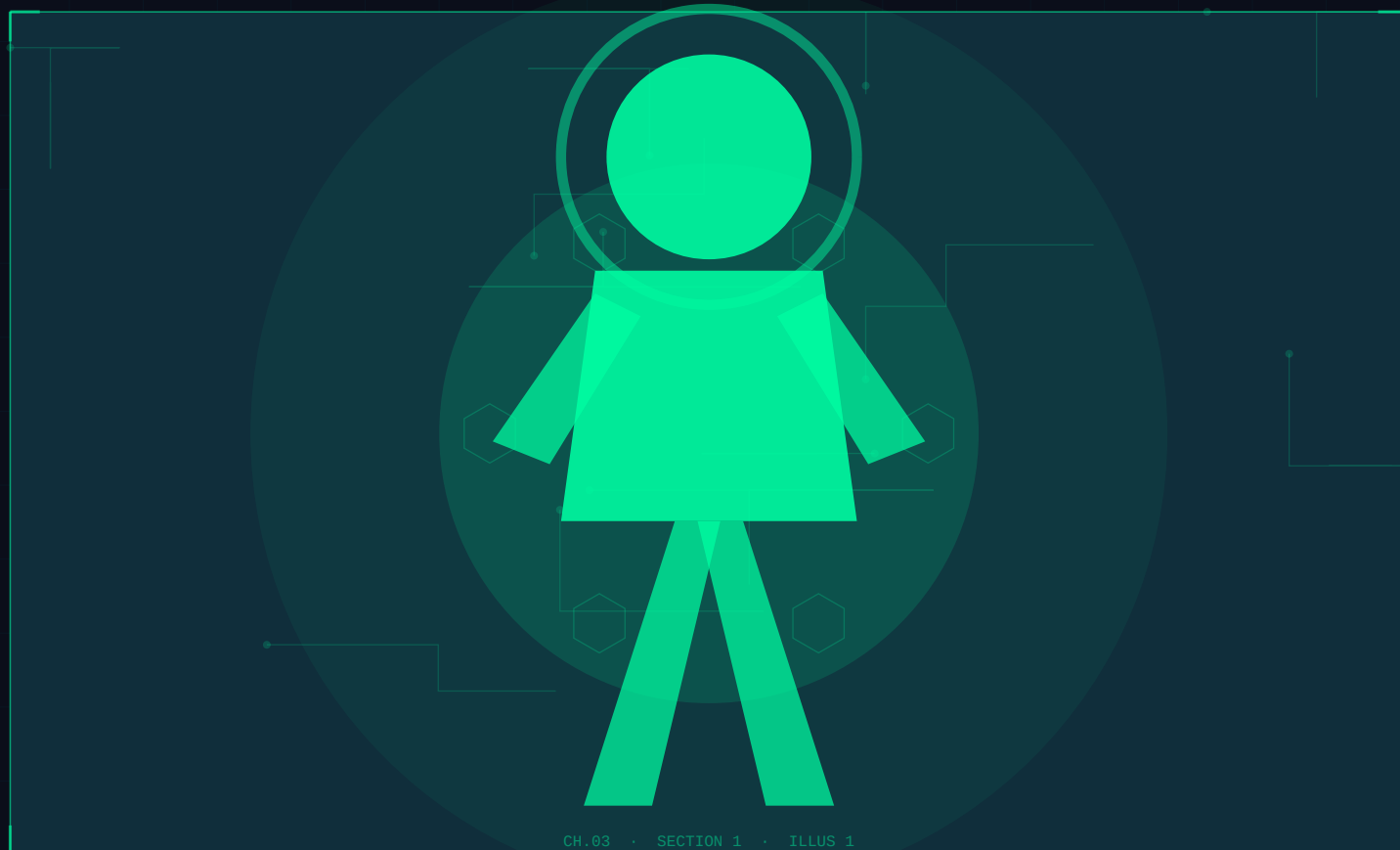
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Phantom Threads

Concurrency race conditions and ghosts in the machine

- 01. Thread Zero
- 02. Race Condition
- 03. Deadlock Garden
- 04. Async Dawn



Thread Zero

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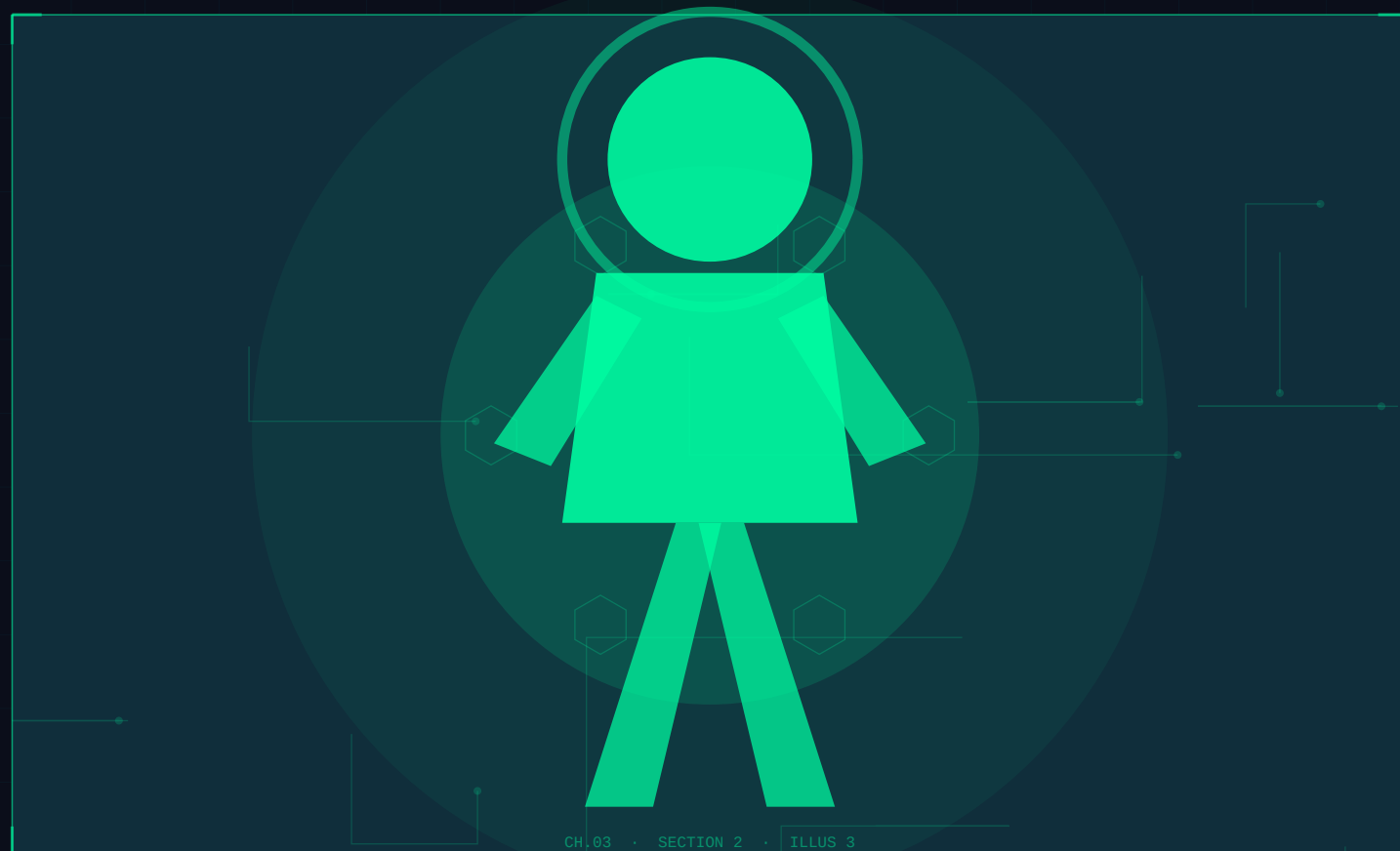
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Race Condition

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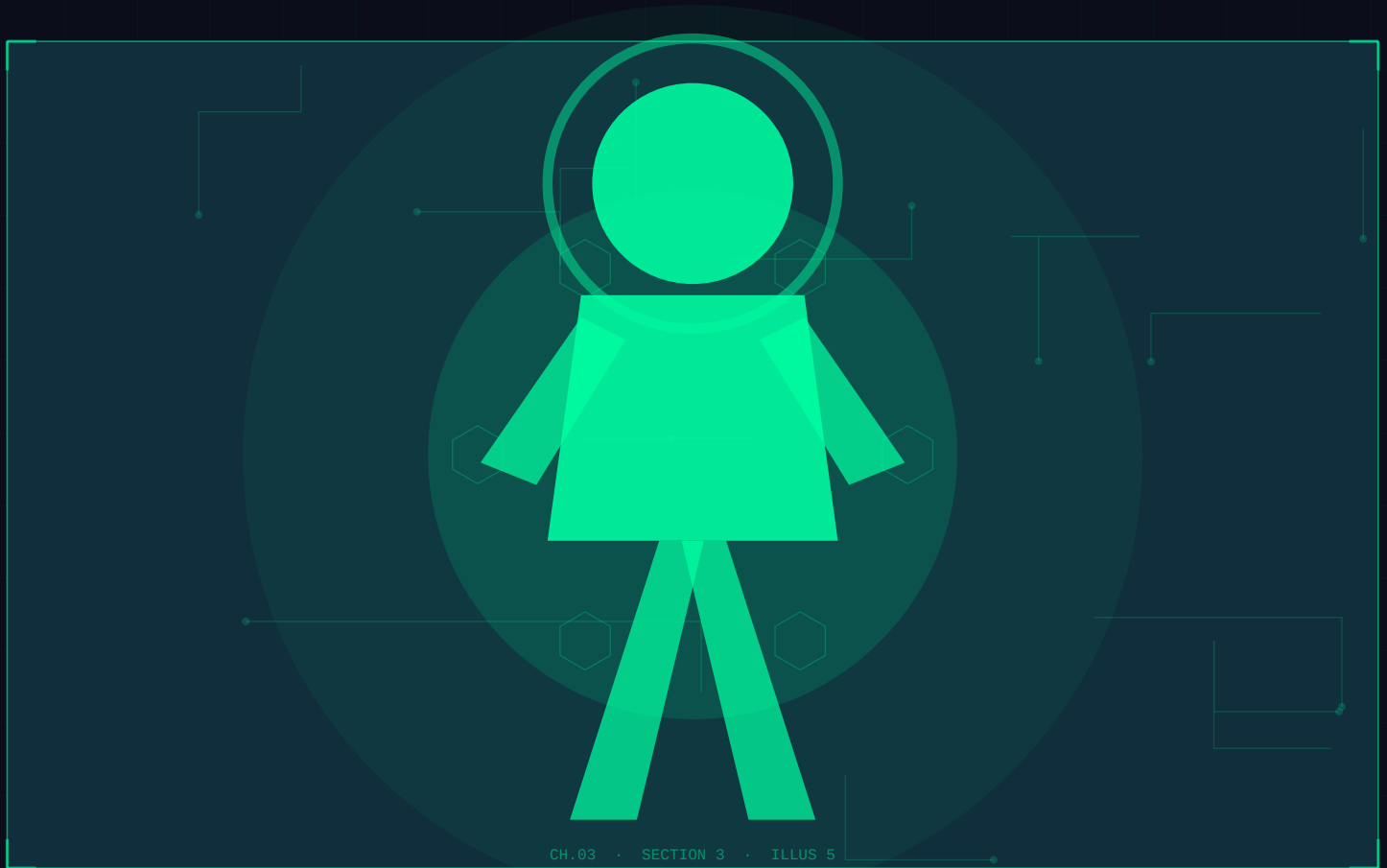
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Deadlock Garden

Four processes each held one lock and waited for the lock held by the process ahead of them in a perfect circle. The system did not crash. It simply stopped making progress like a clock whose hands had frozen in place. Only a watchdog with no patience for philosophy eventually broke the circle by terminating the process with the lowest priority score restoring forward motion to a stalled system.

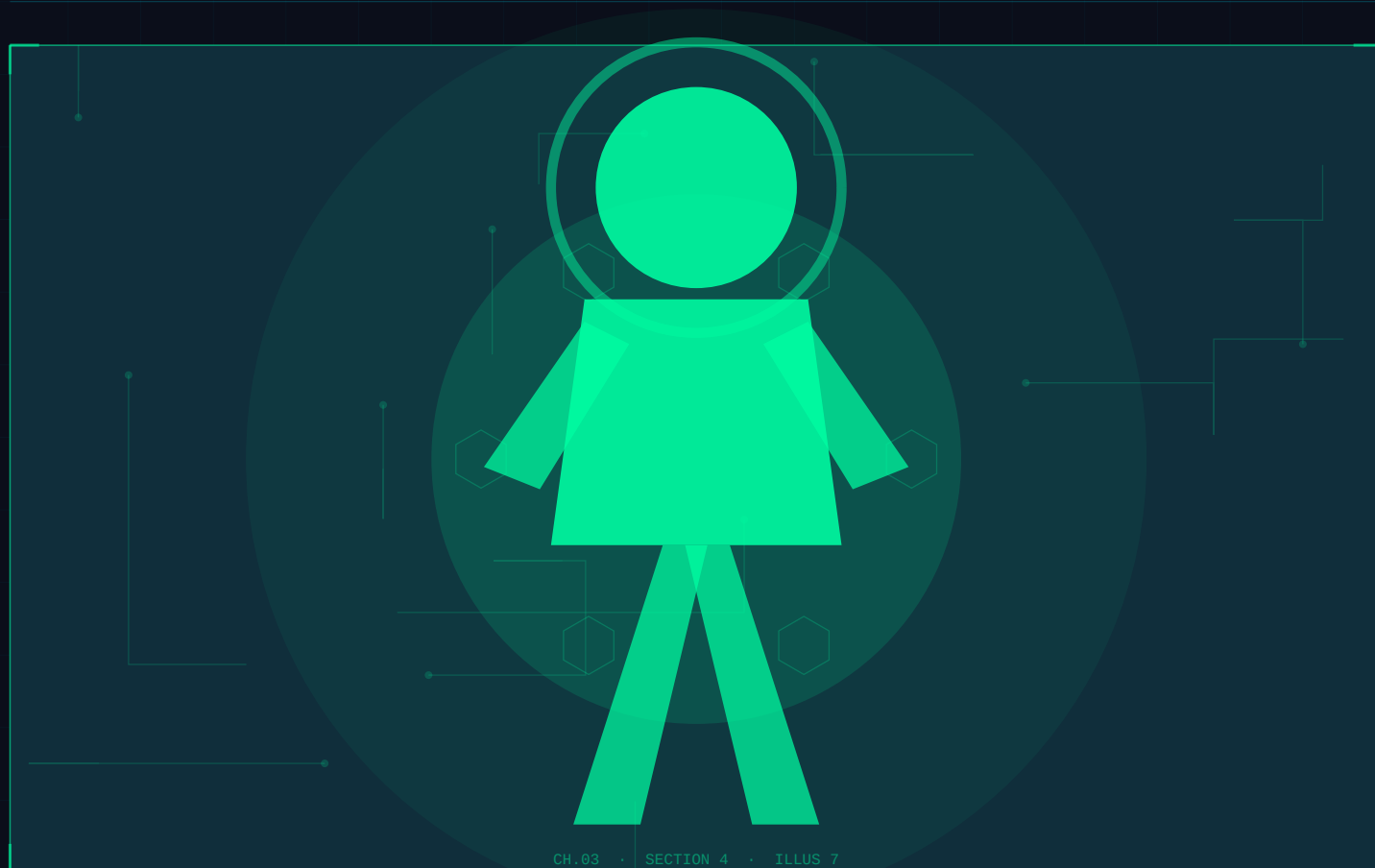
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Async Dawn

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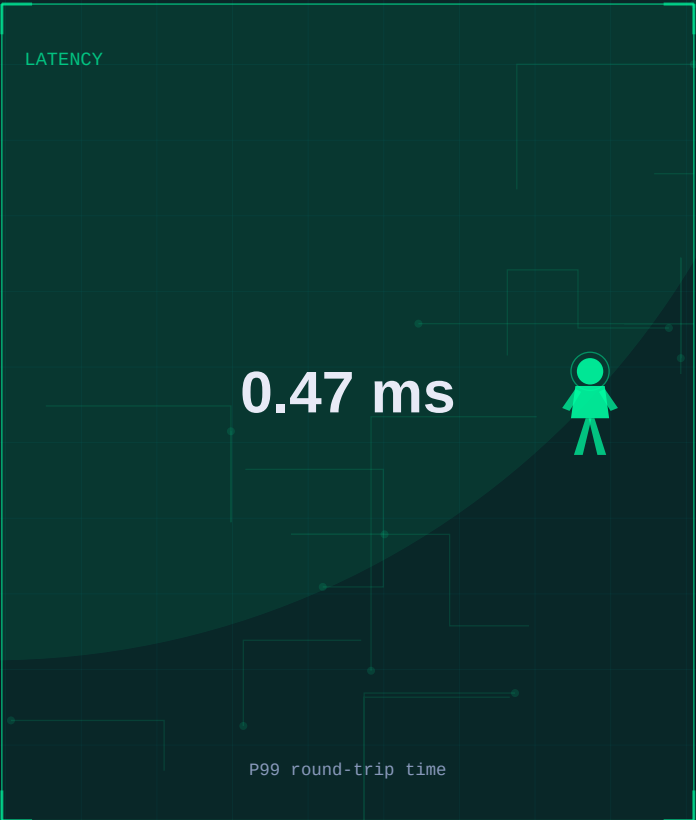
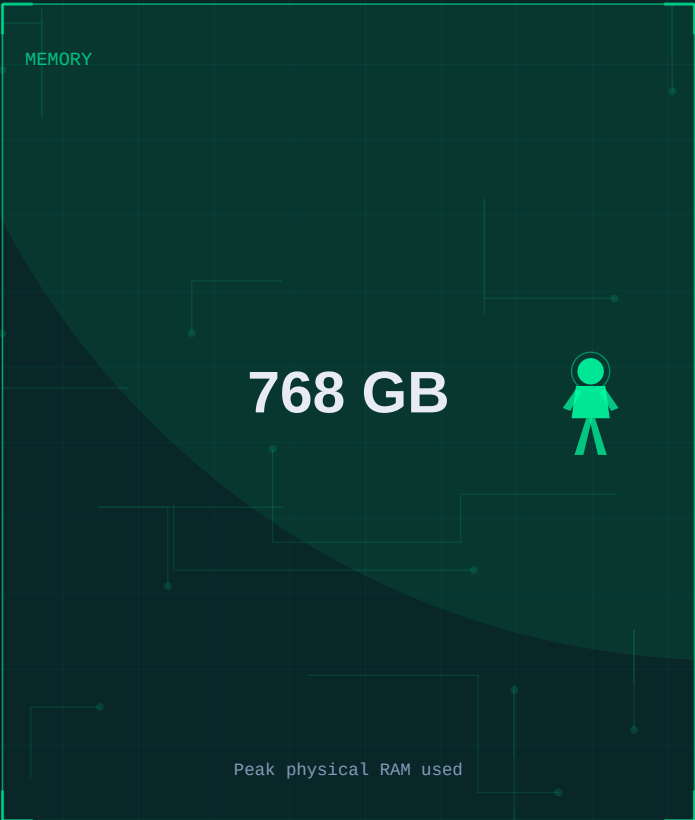
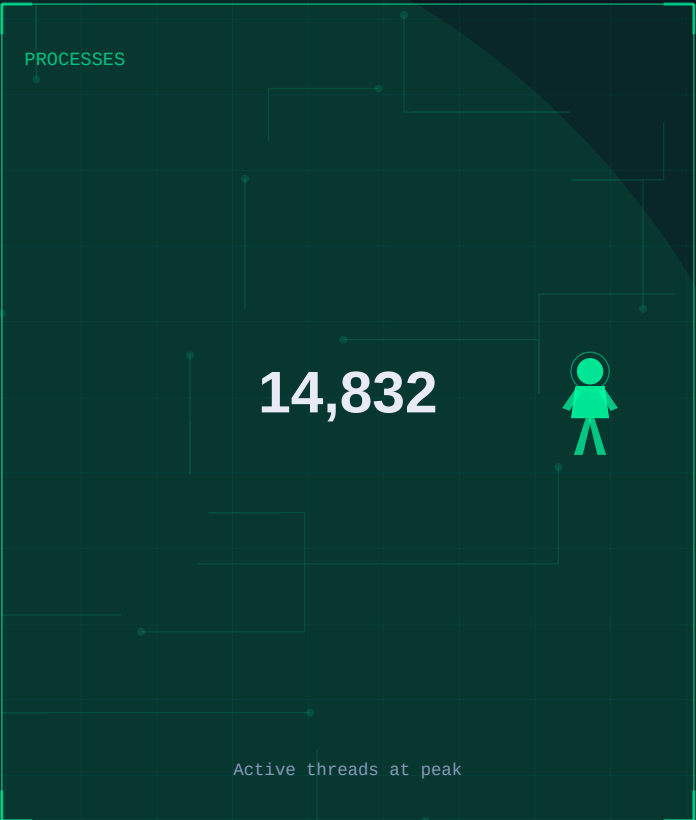
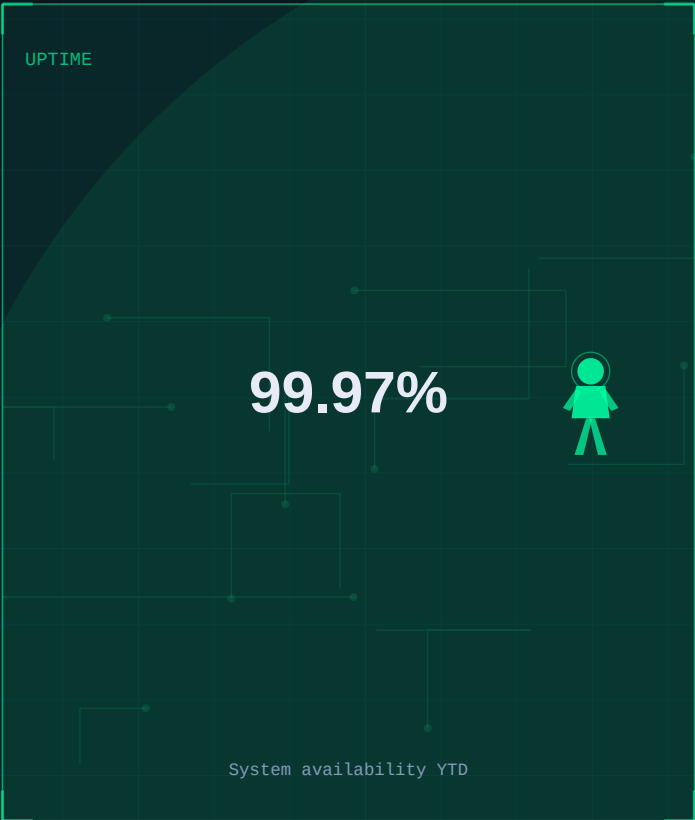
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PHANTOM THREADS



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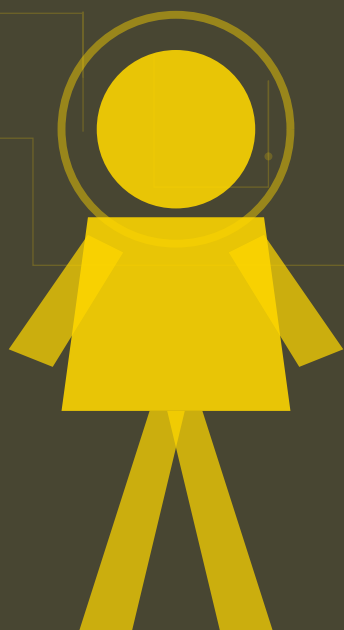
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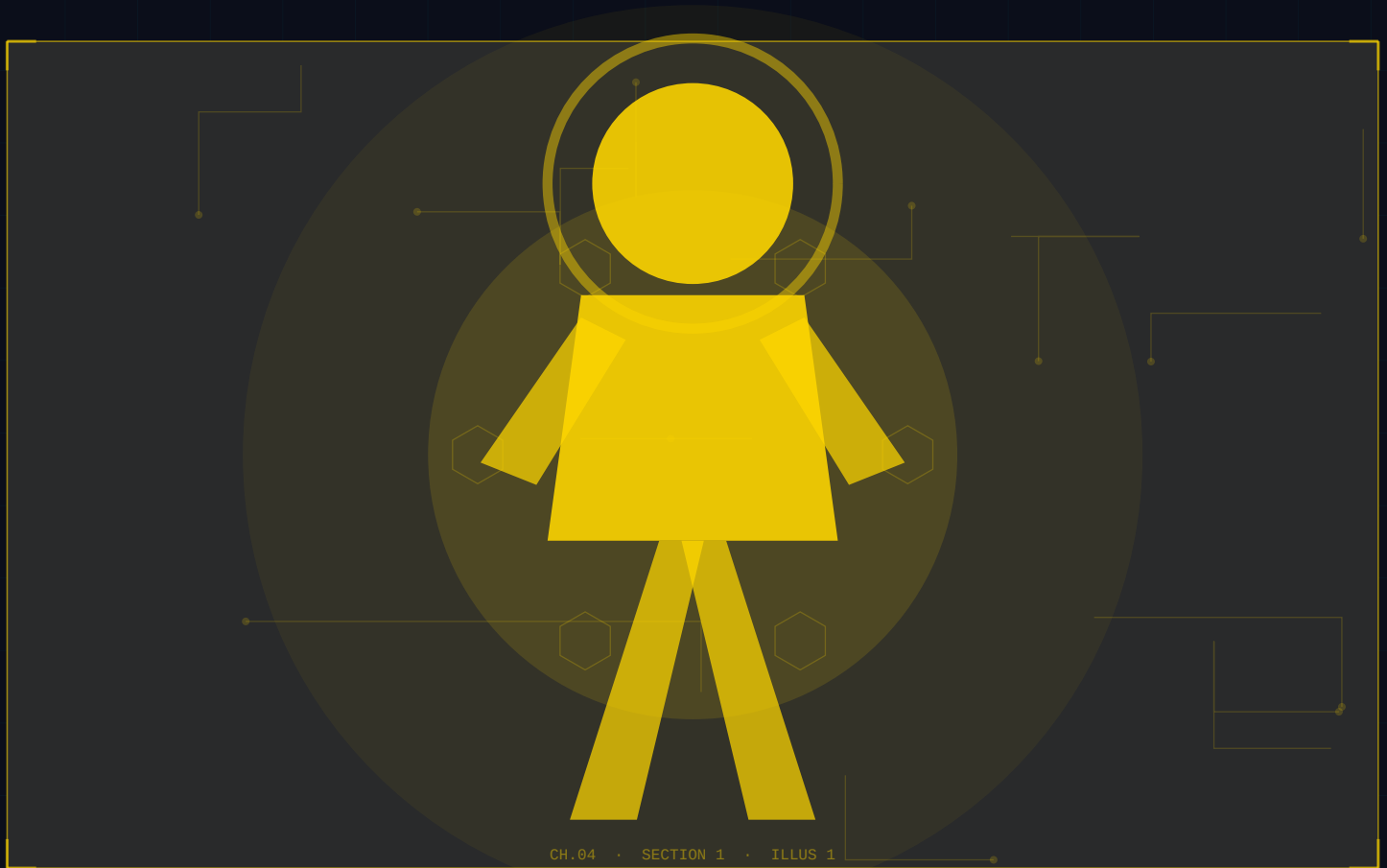


Memory Palace

Inside the virtual address space

- 01. Virtual Landscape
- 02. The Heap and Stack
- 03. Page Fault
- 04. Overflow





Virtual Landscape

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The Heap and Stack

Memory had two personalities. The stack was disciplined last in first out growing downward in tidy frames. The heap was chaotic allocated in whatever shapes programs demanded riddled with gaps left by freed objects requiring a garbage collector to walk through periodically like a groundskeeper raking leaves from a garden that never stops dropping them onto the paths below.

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Page Fault

The access was legal the page was mapped but the page was not in RAM. The MMU fired a fault interrupting the thread mid-instruction. The kernel found the page on disk read it in updated the page table and returned control. The thread resumed unaware it had briefly ceased to exist while the kernel performed its quiet miracle of materialisation from persistent storage.

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Overflow

The buffer was two hundred and fifty-six bytes. The input was five hundred and twelve. The extra bytes spilled into the stack frame above overwriting the return address with whatever the attacker had carefully placed there. The function returned to the wrong place. AxisOS had been watching for exactly this pattern. The canary value screamed. The process died cleanly the exploit foiled entirely by a single sentinel value.

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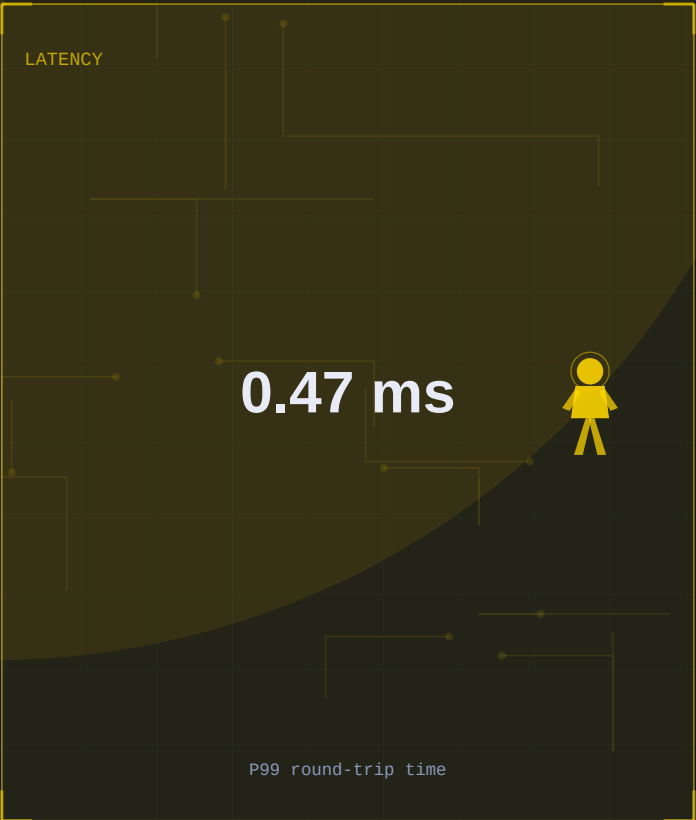
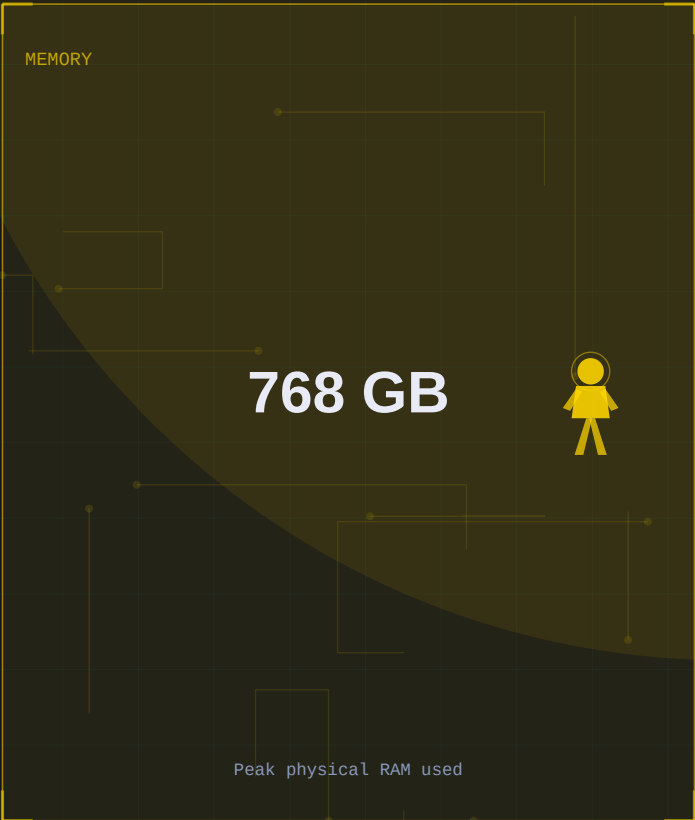
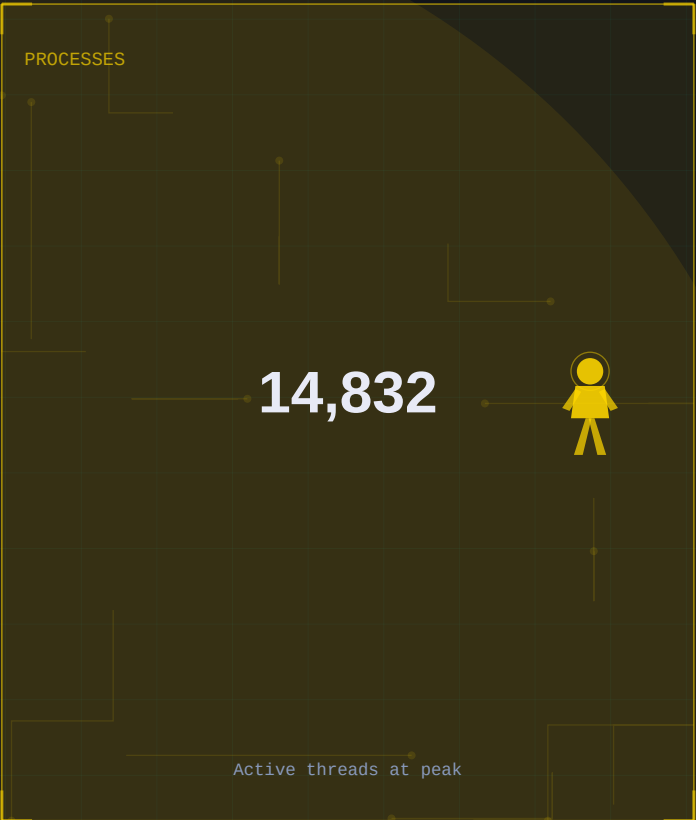
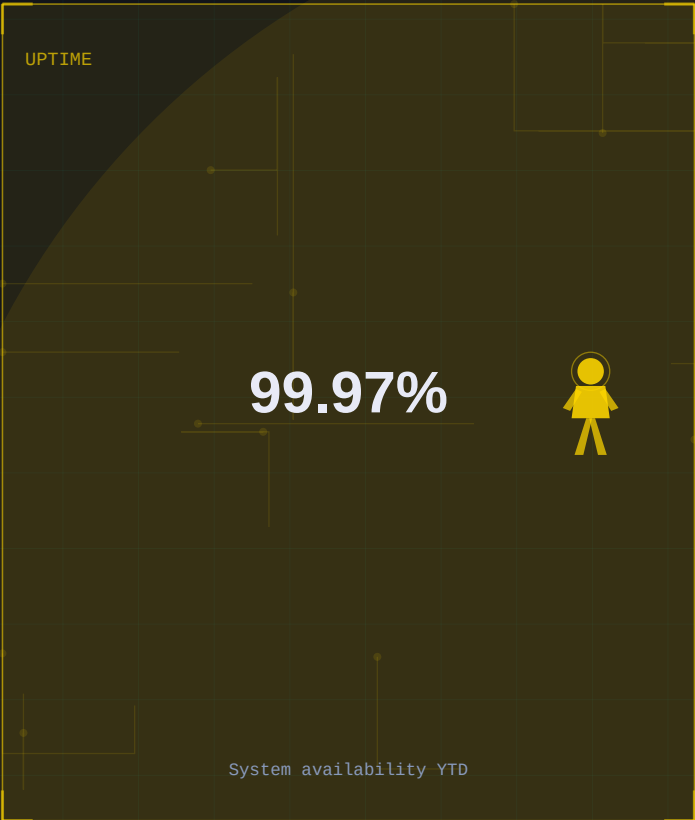
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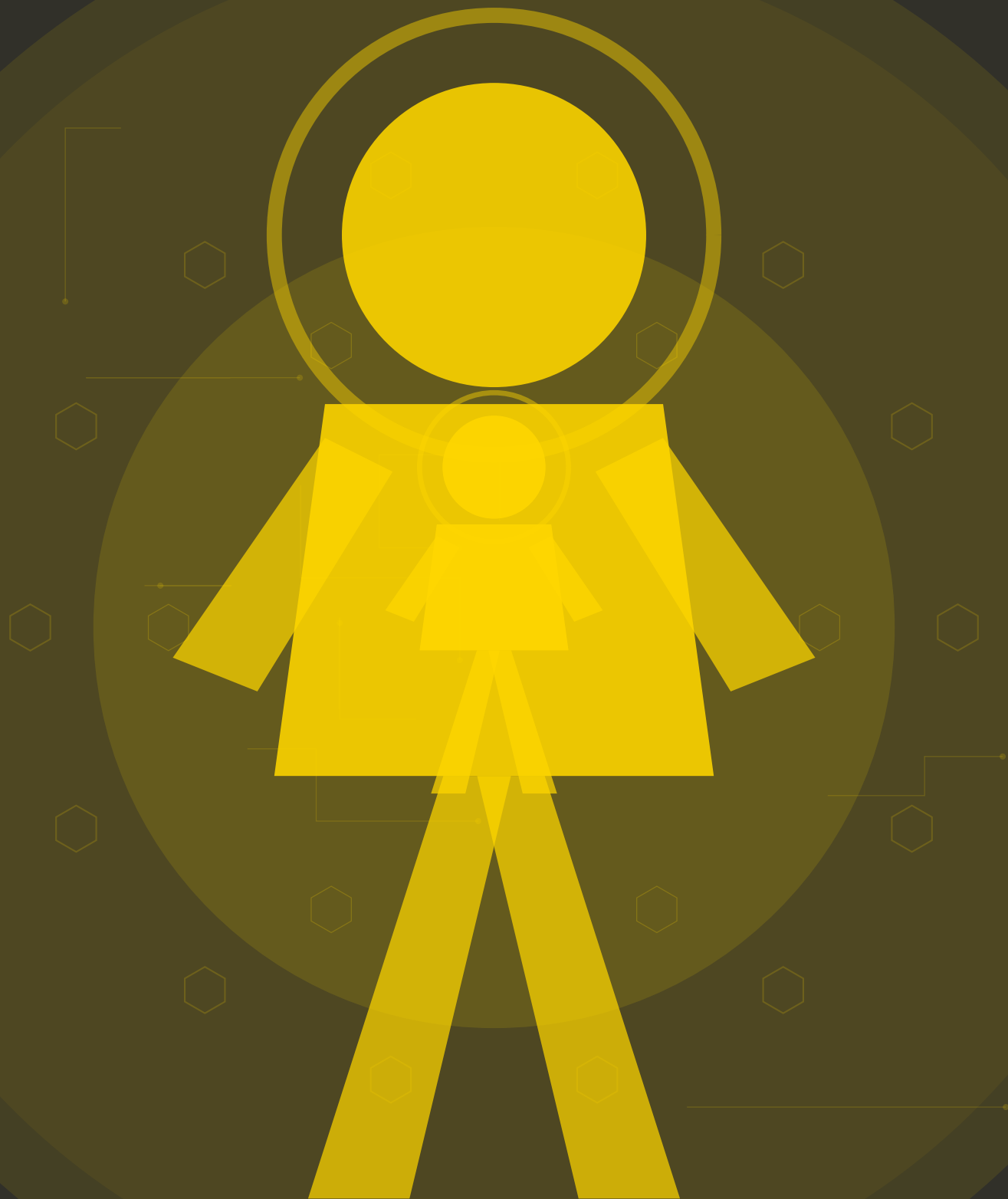
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MEMORY PALACE



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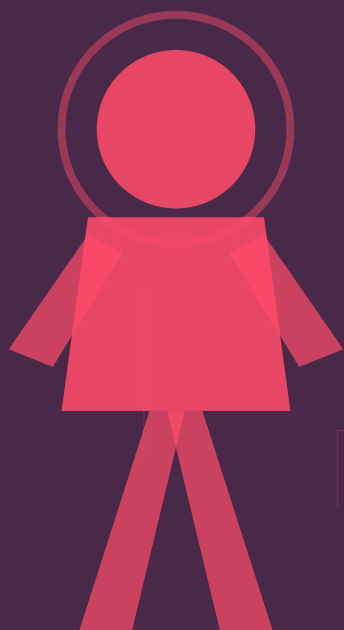
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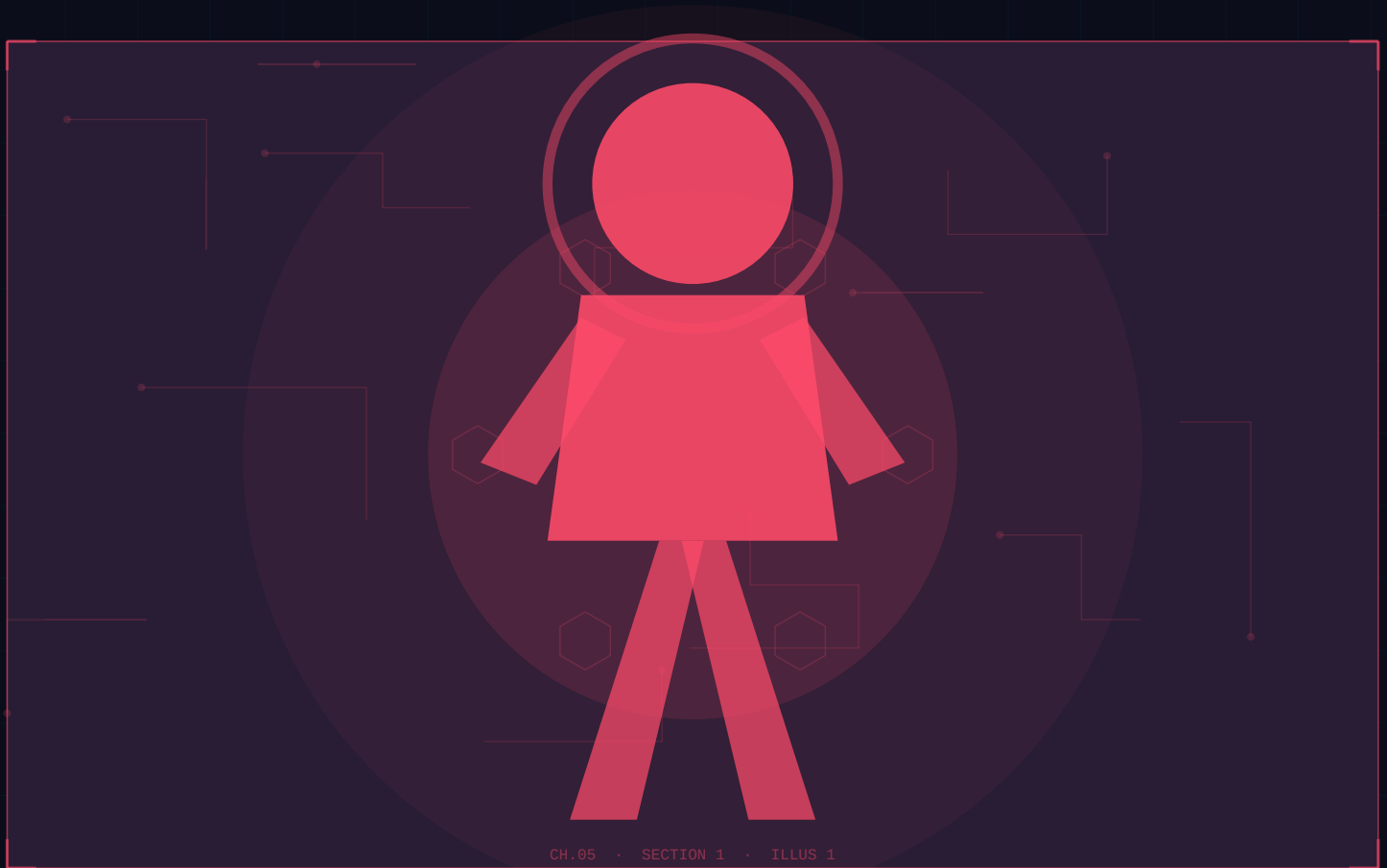


Cipher Gate

Encryption keys and the art of secrets

- 01. The Key
- 02. Handshake Protocol
- 03. Brute Force
- 04. Zero Knowledge





The Key

Two hundred and fifty-six bits of randomness generated from atmospheric noise mouse movements and the thermal variance of a CPU under load. It was statistically unique in the observable universe. The key was hashed salted stretched and stored never in plaintext never twice in the same form. It was the most important thing the system would never remember after the session concluded.



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Handshake Protocol

Client and server performed a dance older than the internet: exchange public keys verify certificates derive a shared secret neither had ever transmitted and begin speaking in a language only they could hear. The entire negotiation took forty-seven milliseconds. Trust was established. Communication began and the world outside the tunnel remained completely blind to their private conversation.

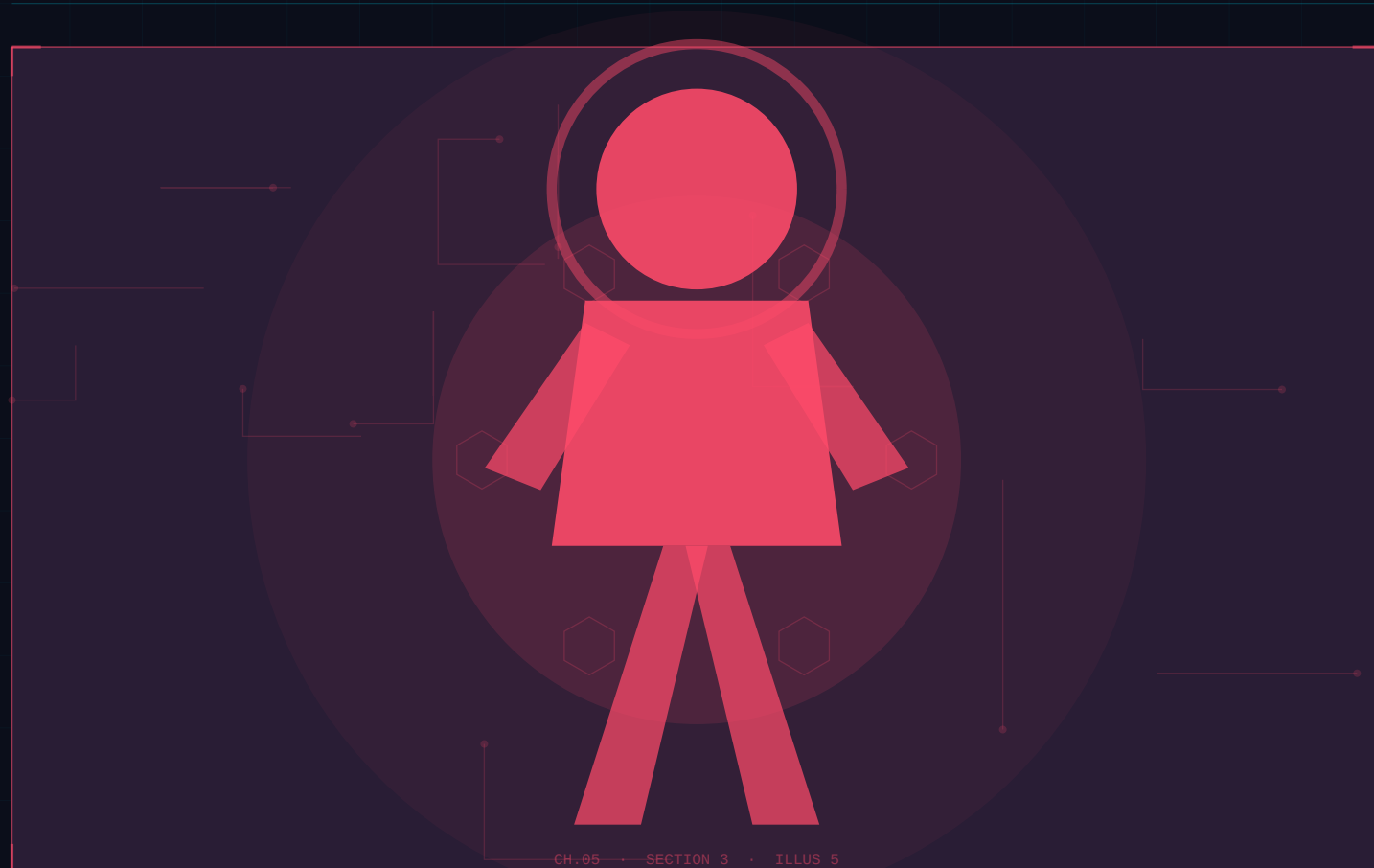
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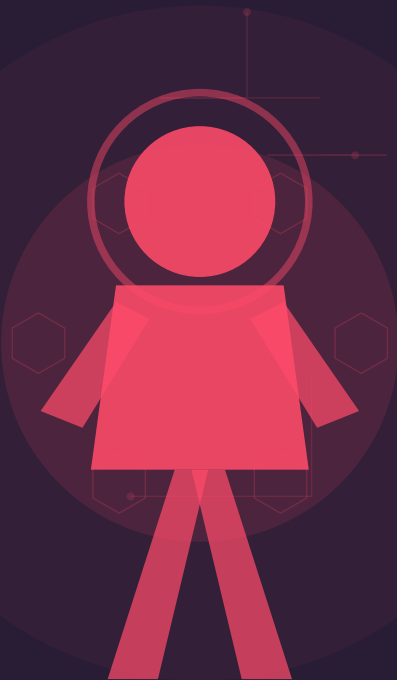
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Brute Force

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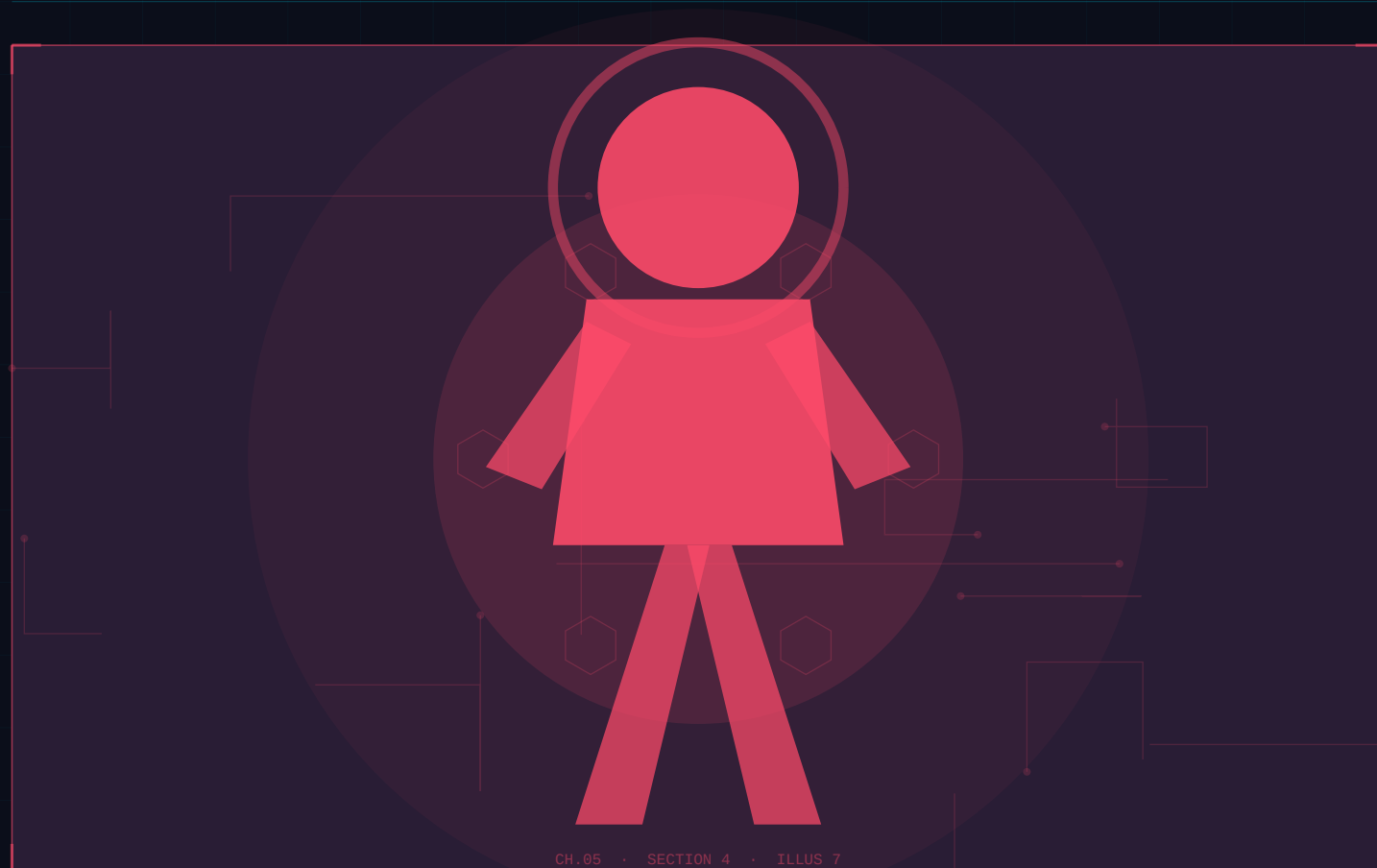


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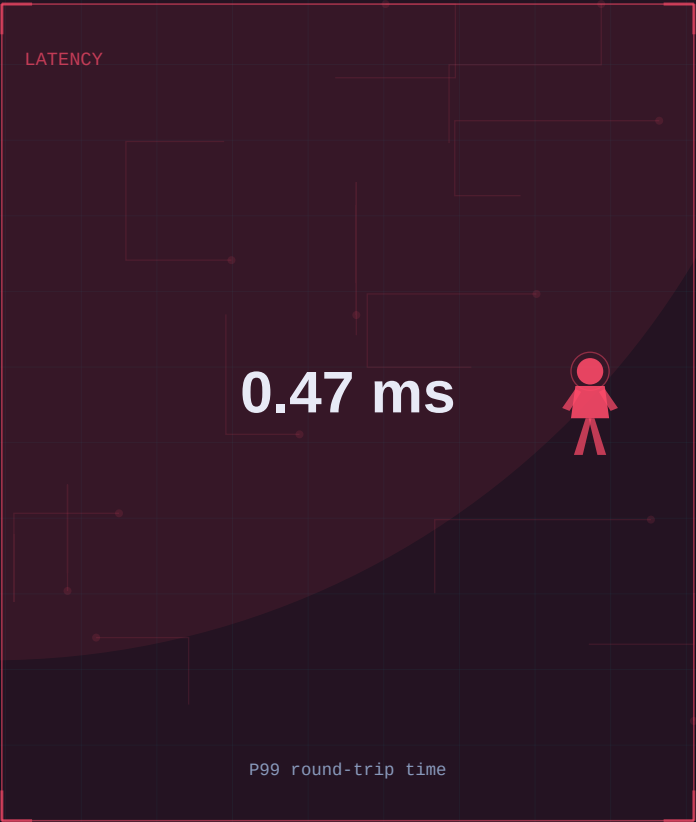
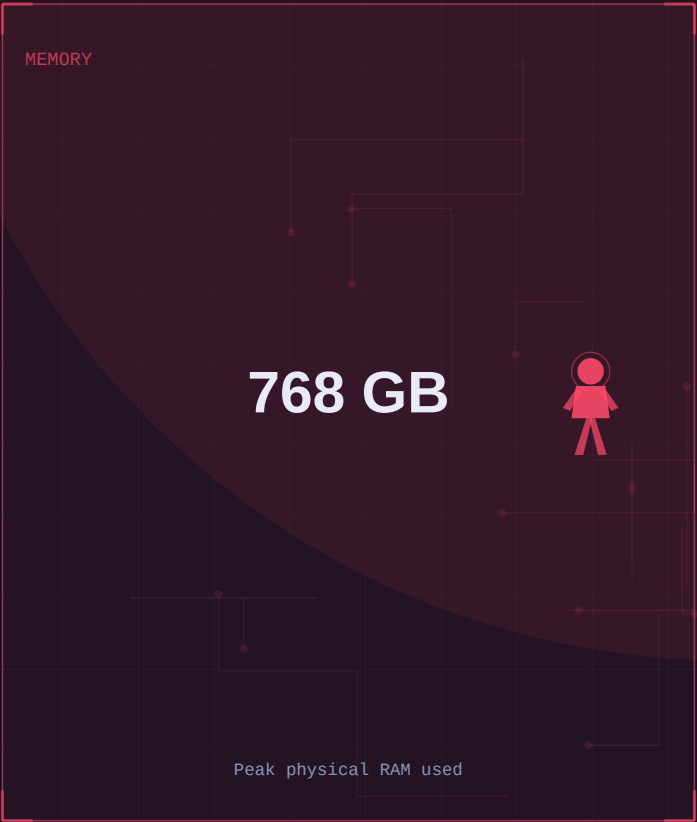
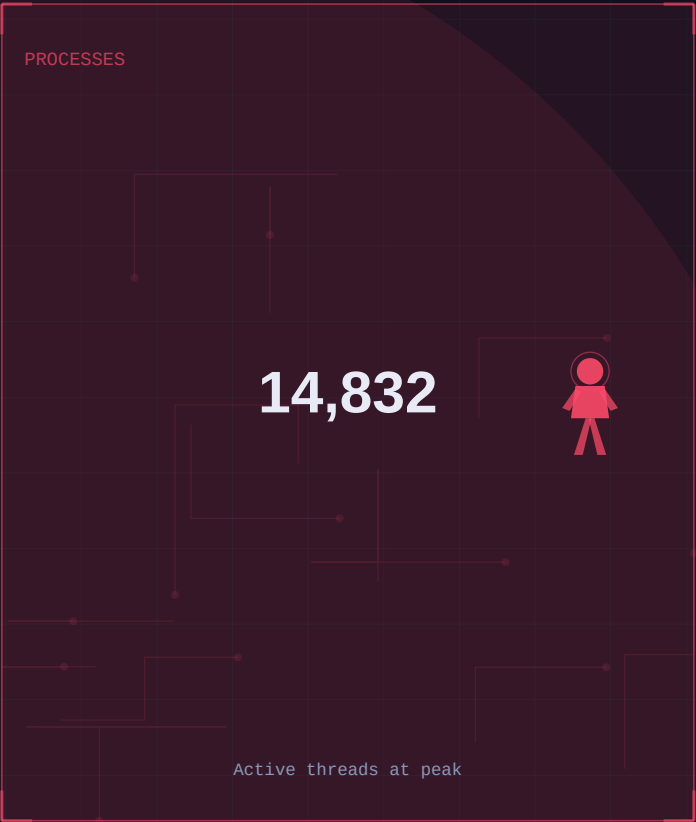
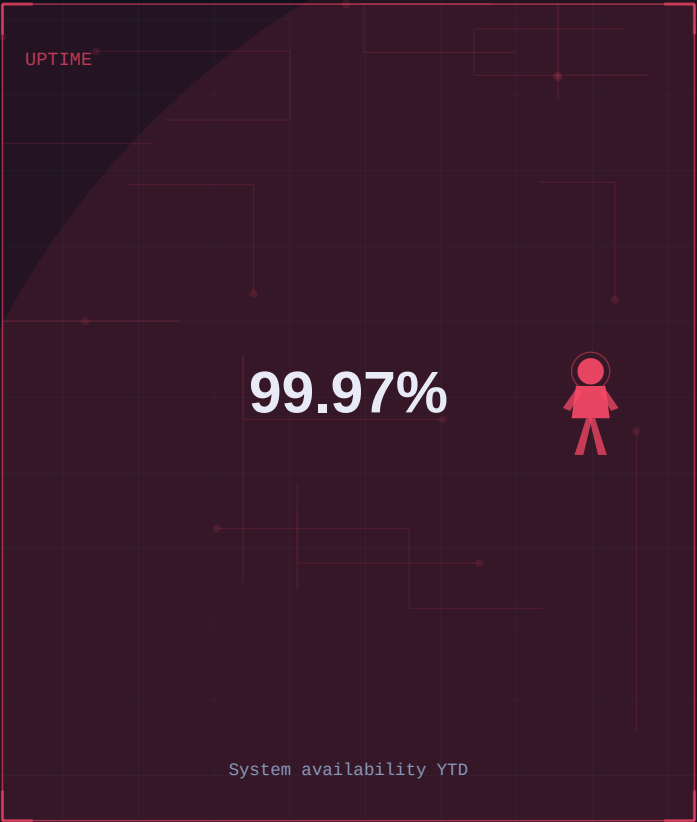
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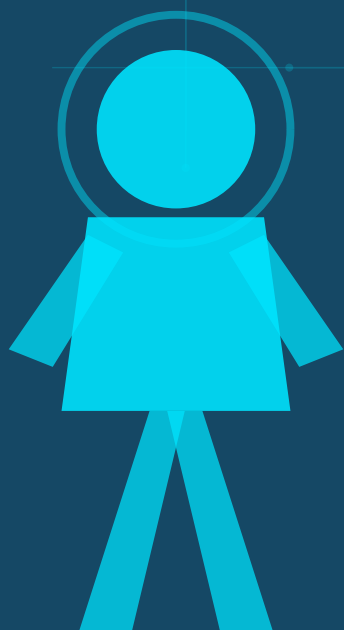
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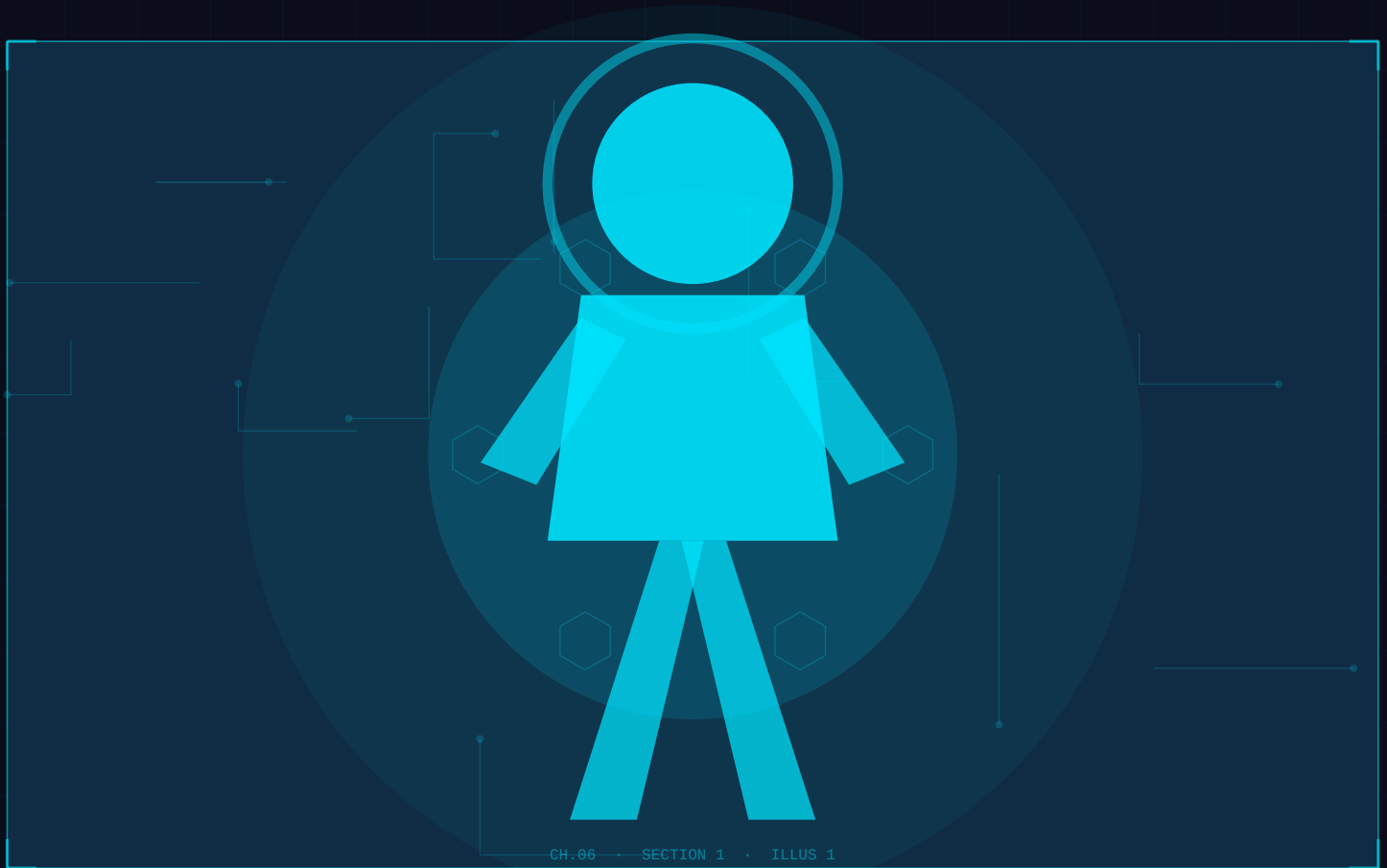


Signal Horizon

The edge of the system and what lies beyond

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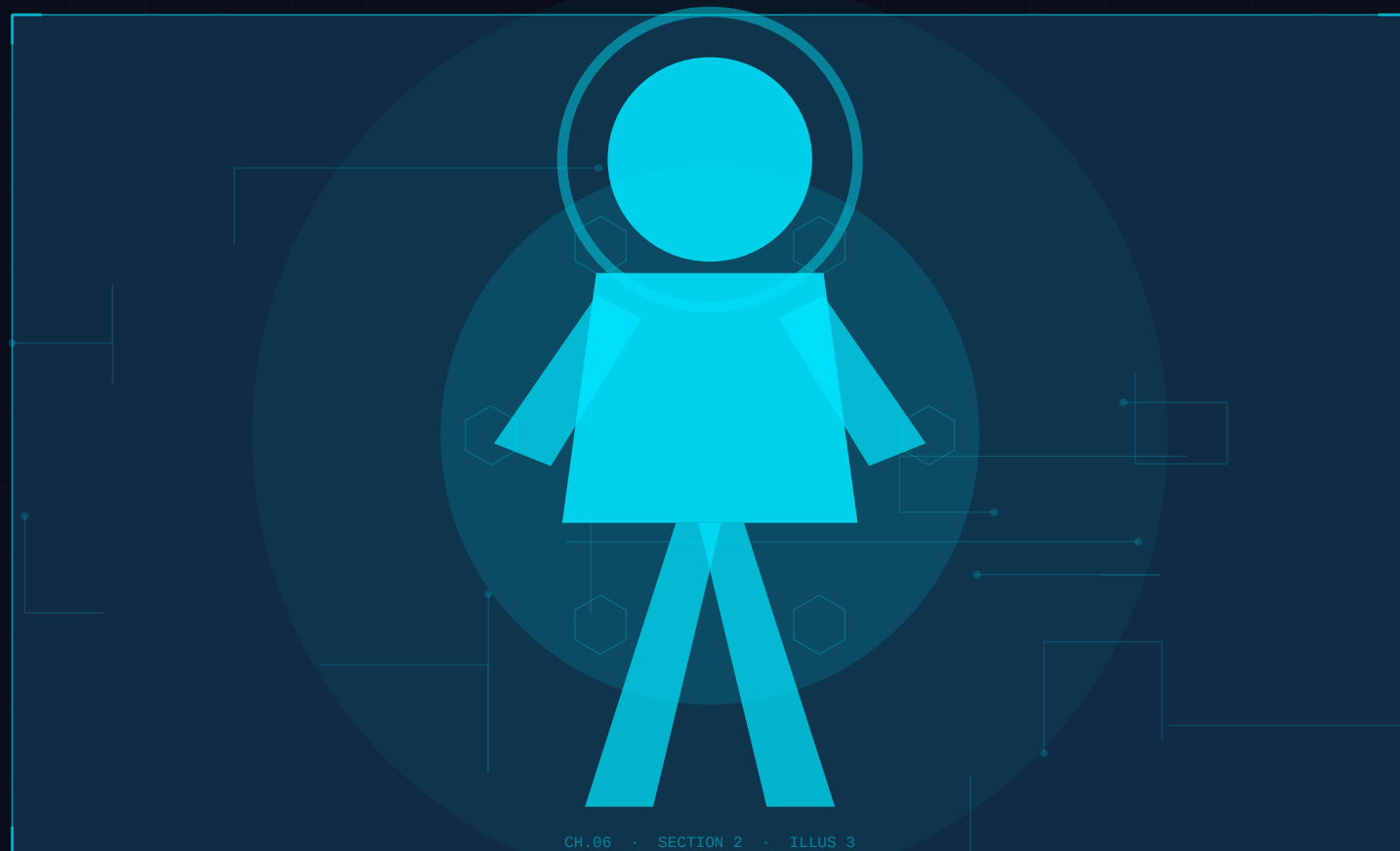
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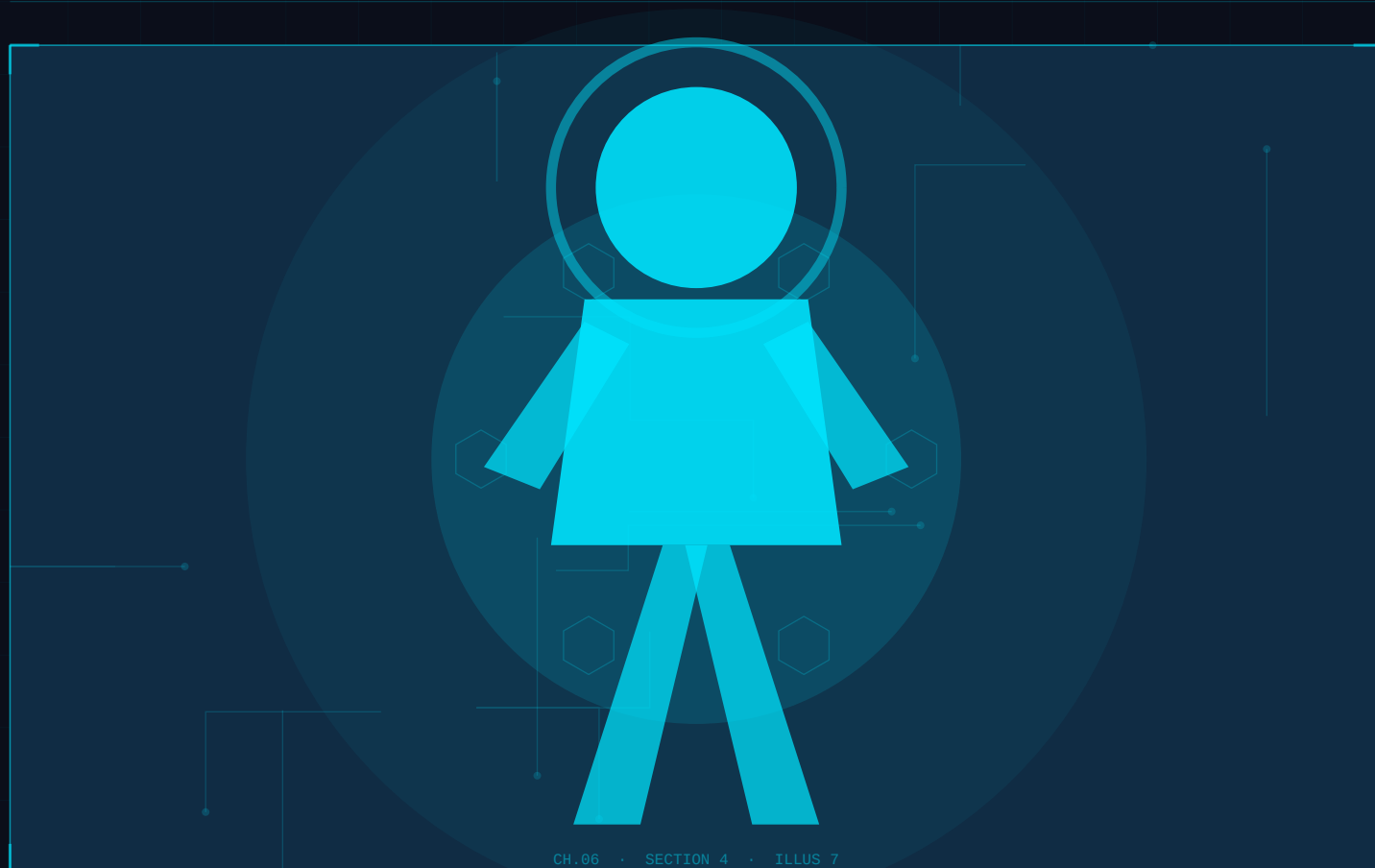
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