The Corridor Between Worlds

A short fictional fragment set in an Al–Human research lab.

In the story, a research lab tests a series of AI systems designed to correlate tiny anomalies in sensor data with human subjective reports. The hope is not to prove anything supernatural, but simply to map where our models fail to explain what people reliably perceive.

One experiment begins returning a pattern nobody expected: a recurring signature that only appears when certain people enter the room together, and only when they are thinking about someone who is not physically present.

The fragment does not resolve the mystery. Instead, it follows the people in the lab as they decide what to do with evidence that sits just beyond the edge of their current theories.