

Epiphenomenal Glider

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Now the car has stopped.

A bicycle is beneath it.

On the ground just beyond lay a body.

Nearby pedestrians form a pool of recurrent gestures.

On a level related to the first from recurrences emerges a waveform.

It passes through a cafe as A inclines toward B.

Beyond, a construction crew has punctured an underground passage.

Hissing through the opening, the spirits have no place.

Beyond, in the next town over, a boy is reading the middle section of a very short story.

In the story, A is on a train heading to the next town over at the same time as B, in the next town over, is on a train heading in the opposite direction.

Beyond, a car has stopped.

On the ground just beyond lay a body.

On a level related to the first, recurrence is emergent.

