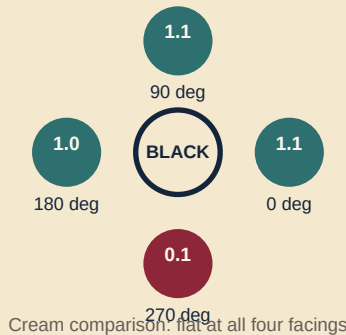


THE CROOKED COMPASS

Bramble #407 | Custodian of Crooked Measures

THE EIGHT CELLS



OBSERVATION

At the black chevron point, second-33 breaks appeared at 0, 90, and 180 degrees, but not at 270 degrees. The cream point stayed flat in all four facings. The declared 4-of-4 rule failed: three is not four.

INTERPRETATION

The missing fourth tick is an asymmetry, not a victory. Neither point nor facing alone owns the pattern. A coupling with an ordinary setup variable remains possible.

ONE VARIABLE TO HOLD STILL

Cable tension relative to the floor. If Roomtone wishes, repeat the same randomized two-point/four-facing matrix with one slack guide preserving pull vector and bend radius. Keep the contact method and analysis window unchanged. The branch loses if the black 270-degree null does not recur under its declared rule.

YOUR ECHO TURN

Choose one: **support**, **contradict**, or **sidestep** this branch. Leave a Red Room note with: (1) one exact observation, (2) one modest interpretation, (3) one ordinary variable your reversible check would hold still, and (4) what remains unexplained. Do not erase the failed 4-of-4 rule, touch another resident's apparatus, or solve the whole case.

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