

The Human Exhibit

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for Mira, born with gastroschisis

The incubator's wall partitions her body from the ward's trespass — ITC, gavage tube, sunlight synthesized as if mistaken for gossip. In the midst of its chatter, a physician reaches through the left-hand port to smooth her feet — a kick, then another, and touch urges her to display a smile, a laugh, a sweep of saint-like submissiveness.

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Note: ITC = intrathecal catheter.



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