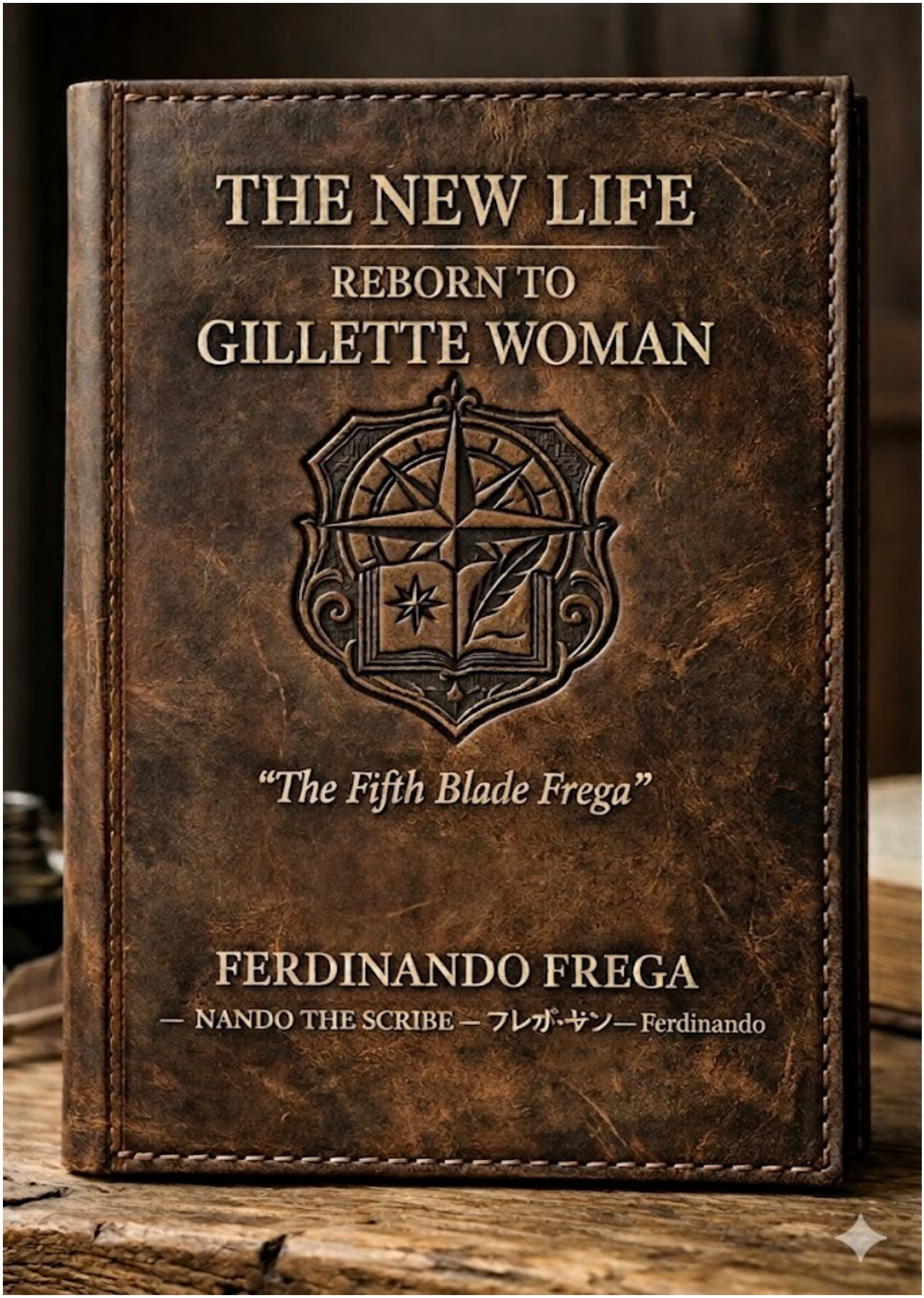
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THE NEW LIFE

REBORN TO GILLETTE WOMAN

“The Fifth Blade Frega”

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THE FIFTH BLADE: RECOGNITION OF A WOMAN

Reborn to Gillette Woman should be approached not as a conventional narrative, but as a literary act of recognition: a text that asserts presence, names belonging, and transforms identity into symbolic authority. Its value lies in the force with which it enters the Gillette universe as a conscious, self-aware figure, refusing the limits of commercial fiction and instead claiming a place within a larger mythology of memory, lineage, and enduring mark.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This is the fourth and final volume of the Gillette Tetralogy.

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This volume does not close the narrative. It removes the last wall.

BEFORE THE FIRST CUT

Most people spend their lives trying to be accepted by systems they did not build.
Corporate systems. Editorial systems. Social systems. Family systems.

They adapt.
They negotiate. They wait for recognition.

I never had that patience.

My life was shaped by three blades.

The first belonged to a man who turned a discarded idea into one of the most recognizable names in modern history: **King Camp Gillette.**

The second belonged to my father — forty years inside The Gillette Company — who taught me that discipline does not shout; it calibrates.

The third is invisible.
It belongs to me. It cuts through industries, identities, countries, failures, success, writing, silence — and systems that still do not know where to place me.

This book is not a celebration of success.
It is not a memoir. It is not a business manual. It is not literature seeking approval.

It is the record of what happens when a man stops asking where he belongs and starts building structures that force reality to acknowledge him.

Some names sell products.
Some names disappear. Some names leave marks long after the hand is gone.

This is the story of three blades.
And why was one name never enough.

INTRO

What does a woman do when she is born? Observe.

First her. Then the place. Then the people.

She is born curious and enters the world by reading minds and deciphering emotions. Her nature is **cognitive:** she does not react, she interprets. She does not ask what **she takes.**

And in that silent superiority men fear and suffer it.

Because only they really know: a woman is unpredictable.

And they — all of them — are children of one woman.

PREMISE

These are the first signs of a complex being who needs no words: facts and movements are enough for her, and with two drops of perfume, along with her being a woman, the entire world capitulates.

- **Birth as a strategic act**
- **Woman as an operating system**
- **The genetic advantage**
- **Woman as the first civilization**

- **The female voice that does not ask permission.**

This book does not imitate women's language. It exposes their logic.

Sharp cuts. Sudden insights. Truths that do not seek consensus.

But believe me: it was not easy.

It was like being a woman.

Happy reading.

GIORGIA THE AMERICAN

I was born on May 10, 2058, in a neighborhood in Queens, New York, United States of America. The jazz music confirmed it, the air was clear, the people and their language attested to it, but I didn't know exactly what I was supposed to do; I consciously felt I was inside a body, a new container, the details of which I didn't know, and even glancing at the label of my Pampers diapers, I saw the word "Girl" and the color pink.

I immediately reached down to touch my little penis, my friend who had accompanied me for 93 years in my previous life, but I found nothing, just a void, or at least that's how it appeared at first, and I looked for something else underneath, but everything was empty, only the vacuum remained.

I was looking for someone in the room I knew, another ugly woman was lying next to me, I wondered who she was, I really hoped it was not my mother, only to realize it was just a neighbor.

But why was she lying in bed next to me?

And where were my parents? Who were they?

I wanted to see my mother, but she was not there.

My father, no indication.

I was looking for my smartphone, I hadn't managed to bring it with me, here we were starting from scratch, we had to rebuild, a bit like I had done in my previous life but now I had a different perspective, a new motivation, a challenge as a woman among women, I would have to fight among my peers and no longer among men.

A woman dressed in white came in, a nurse, who immediately opened my diaper, and I instinctively reached out to stop her, wondering what she wanted, what I was looking for. She noticed my reaction and commented to the other woman, saying: have you seen how this newborn reacts? She almost seems like an adult, attentive and alert, but she only has a few hours to live.

He abruptly threw me a bottle of milk, but I wanted a breast, the one that had always accompanied me in the past, Mother Nature's self-service, but this bottle is branded Walmart low cost, and I jumped into the crib: damn they're already saving money.

The light went out and I knew it was time to rest, but I had not spoken to any AI, nor had I turned off my desk, but I was home and that mattered more than anything.

THE FAMILY

It was the last time I saw my father.

The morning, he left, he did not make noise. No suitcase dragged across the floor, no doors opened twice, no voice calling for Margaret. He moved through the apartment the way men move when they have already decided something and do not want to be talked out of it.

Margaret was in the kitchen. I was in my crib near the window.

He came to me last.

He stood at the door of the room for a long time — longer than necessary, longer than comfortable — and looked at me the way a man looks at something he is not sure he deserves. Not with pride. Not with guilt. With that silence that belongs only to people who know they are leaving and have no good explanation for it.

He had spent ten years on a warehouse floor at Gillette. Ten years of counting inventory, moving pallets, learning a system from the inside out, from the bottom, where no one takes notes and no one remembers your name unless something goes wrong. He had never complained about it. Not once, as far as I could tell from the few things Margaret would say in the years that followed.

And now they were sending him to Melbourne to run the Australian operations of the largest coordination company on earth.

From a Gillette warehouse to an Amazon boardroom.

I thought that was not a career. That is proof.

He came closer, leaned over the crib, and looked at me without speaking for what felt like a full minute. Then he placed one hand on my head — carefully, the way you touch something you are afraid of breaking — and said nothing for another long moment.

When he finally spoke, his voice was low and unsteady.

Life gives you, he said. *But remember that it also takes you.*

He kissed my forehead. He straightened up. He looked at me one last time with those eyes I would spend years trying to remember correctly, and then he picked up his bag and walked out.

I heard the front door close.

Margaret did not move from the kitchen.

I did not cry. I was three days old and I already understood that some departures are not abandonment. They are just the shape that certain lives take when they finally start moving.

But I missed him. Immediately. Completely. The way you miss something you never fully had.

Hello Dad.

THE SCHOOL

I grew up well alone with my mother, but I missed the figure of my father, my father, who after a few years disappeared and no one knew where he was.

A few letters, a few phone calls, a single video call, it seemed like his light had gone out but I could not chase anyone, not even him.

Kindergarten, school, college, all top notch, Mom spared no expense, I was always her daughter.

I celebrated my 18th birthday at a schoolmate's house. We smoked and drank, and my usual schoolmate was far from eroticism and more into pornography.

He hoped to make us fall for his game, but he did not have the cognitive basis, when the police arrived at the house, he was the first to do it in his underwear.

The neighbors had called the police to complain that their son could not sleep, not because of the confusion or the noise, but because he was in love and unrequited and this had somehow attracted their attention.

Well, this was America.

Then came the day of the college entrance exams, and it changed everything.

Seattle: MICROSOFT CAMPUS, and nothing else to add.

I never let you know my last name, no one asked, but now I must tell you:

DOESN'T CARE.

But I did not know my American origins, I only knew what I had been before, and then fate had given me a gift: continuity at least within a surname.

THE NOTARY

My mom called me to come back from college the next day and go to NY, someone wanted to meet us, and it was also urgent.

The county notary had called us for a preliminary information meeting regarding the surname Frega, but he did not tell us anything more until the day we went to his office.

And where was his office located?

54th floor of ONE LIBERY PLAZA, that place told me many things, like power, symbol, strength, status, but we two women inside there wondering what they wanted from us.

The secretary of the firm welcomed us with kindness and cordiality, this is the US style, and after a short antechamber we entered the meeting room with the Notary sitting at the head of the table, and a man on the right and a woman on the left.

We sat on the opposite side, about twenty meters away.

They invited us to sit closer, without being afraid, we gave the impression of being scared, but we were not, just cautious.

After confirming my personal details, she began reading a document that was meant to be shared only with me, GIORGIA FREGA, and it was my surname's fault.

In the year 2027, a FREGA TRUST was established in NY and the governance provided that the heirs of two generations would enter the diligence and take part of the works and then of the profits.

An Italian relative had built it, and in the Trust's book stories it was written that he had set it up with just $ 70 a month. Only $ 70.

I thought it was someone's joke and we were about to get up but we were invited to sit down. They were serious and there was no reason to doubt that we were not at Madison Square Garden, at a charity and theatrical evening, but only inside a Notary's office at ONE LIBERTY PLAZA.

The secretary asked us if we wanted to drink something or eat, but the answer was no.

He continued reading and asked if I wanted to join the generational estate and not inheritance or will.

Everything I had built as a man was working perfectly like an American machine built in Japan performed in the Calabrian mountains and nobody knew that I was always there to see how it evolved.

My mother felt faint and we took a 30-minute break to capitalize on ideas, not bodies.

We went back just to decide whether to sign the membership agreement without paying any money, only benefits derived from my surname **FREGA** and now it was starting to weigh as much as many other surnames, but I did not expect it.

Before signing, I went to read what it said, what it asked: just one sentence was enough to understand.

You are not here asking you to sign out of courtesy or please, but just because you have a last name. This does not make you richer or smarter than others, it just gives you an indication.

In life, for someone called FREGA, there are never any problems, but only opportunities to be and never to prove who you are.

Signed

Nando The Scribe

I signed the document; they gave me a copy and an invitation and a sealed envelope.

The invitation read:

Boston June 30th 4.30pm “PRUDENTIAL CENTER TOWER” - FLOOR 32 - I will be waiting for you.

I opened the envelope and found a debit card in my name and inside a small envelope with the PIN and a message: money is never everything, for a Frega it is not his everything, but here you can withdraw up to 250 thousand USD for your everything.

My legs were shaking; I got up with my mother smiling and we left.

No words until we got home and alone, we started screaming with joy and happiness as the FREGA knew how to do it their intimacy.

Never post your successes, be humble and do not show off, because life will reward you one day.

THE BANK

Margaret was born in Louisiana, her family was of peasant origin, mainly working cotton, and she had arrived in the Big Apple thanks to an aunt who, after adopting her because she had no children, had put her through her education and she did the rest on her own.

Neither of them had slept that night, and there was only one problem: mistrust, a limitation that only those who know the Frega family can confirm.

Where was the Deception? Was it there? Did it exist?

The bank would have given us confirmation on the actual financial availability of the card and on the existence of the FREGA TRUST and what generational means.

JP MORGAN Chase, Manhattan office that morning opened the doors to us, asked us for identification documents, and sent them directly into the general management office and did not receive them by a normal hall official.

I ask my mother if she has not paid off any loans and she smiles and says she has never taken out a loan.

This was the first economic effect of the surname, and after we delivered the copy of membership to the TRUST, the rest happened.

I asked if the card really contained 250,000 USD credit, and for further information and financial information on the FREGA TRUST.

The director said that FREGA TRUST was not a company and, having no capitalization or stock market listing, there were no financial analyses, but that American Security was the only entity that could provide us with information.

He also said: that the entity was present in their banking systems, that it had presence and credibility in their systems, influence without ordinary holdings, but it held significant ownership stakes in a leading American multinational, the name of which he could not disclose.

Mrs. Frega, you bear a surname that remains within the first families of America and even of the world.

Want to withdraw money with your card? Just tell me the amount and I will give you the money.

No, I said that it was fine and we left.

We went out for pizza, and my mom asked me to pay with my Frega card. I refused, because if I had not figured everything out at first, I would not have spent a cent, and besides, we had Microsoft money, and that was good, why spend my own?

RETURN TO CAMPUS

I never abandoned my university commitments. If there had been one thing that would have bothered me, it was always leaving things unfinished and they were not part of my character, only to later discover that it was the genetics of my surname.

But returning to Seattle I could not help but think about what had happened, what had transpired, how my life had changed and with all these new possibilities I continued to live on my own without excesses and with the indispensable necessity not the need.

As soon as I arrived, I talked about it with my best friend and then I thought about sharing it with Mark, a boy we had calm sympathy for, who was maturing, but I had not slept with him yet.

When he was looking, I sang him Riccardo Cocciante's song, which said: hand, hand, remember that time... and he smiled and repeated hand, hand, hand.

Then, a few days later, an email arrived, explaining the Boston trip plan in detail: arrival date, accommodation, program, clothing, time for visits and free time, and departure date. It also stated that to register, I would need to send a confirmation email. I would also need to include a copy of my ID and indicate a maximum of four people. I would also be able to cover the travel expenses with the Trust debit cards I had.

It did not seem like anything was missing; whoever had done this planning was a company specializing in travel, I had no doubts.

But the question that came to mind was: who would I take with me on the trip?

My mom and I were out of the question and later I told my college friend too.

I called the fourth, my psychiatrist, he was 62 years old, a university professor at the Philadelphia Institute, I had a good personal relationship with him, and he was the person who would have had the best reading of the situation and this would have offered me the advantage of understanding before I made a mistake, at the cost of the Trust.

I was a true opportunist but not specialized in manipulation but in carefully crafting ideas into projects; everyone agreed to go.

I called my mother, collected all the necessary documents, got the transfer tickets for the appointed day and on June 29th we all met in Boston at the Marriott Hotel accredited for our overnight stays.

BOSTON JUNE 29

Here we are, the four of us, at the hotel, checking in, a double room each, or so they tell us, I open the door to my room and see an executive suite, a basket of fresh fruit at the entrance, a badge with my photo, and a welcome letter.

Mom has the room next door, I knock on her, she opens it for me, her normal double room, without fruit, but she also has the card and the letter with the 5-day program.

Sarah, my colleague, calls me and says: Giorgia, have you looked carefully at the price of the room behind the door?

Who is paying me?

Do not worry, everything is paid for.

The convention starts at 4:00 pm, as per the program, elegant attire is required.

The mother becomes friends with the psychiatrist, it is clear from afar that they have a connection, and they will have to find their own way to get along.

We are in the lobby of the Marriott ready to go out, there are lots of people, but I do not pay much attention.

I make sure everyone wears their access badge to the Prudential Center Tower, a skyscraper we saw from the plane, like the ones in New York City.

Security at the entrance scans us—it is my first time doing something like this—but we arrived at the convention hall.

There are a lot of people present, I count one hundred people, then the speaker will confirm, subsequently, the presence of 276 people.

No signs, no posters, no billboards, just flowers everywhere, and even at the entrance, only women are given a red rose as a sign of welcome.

Everything seems ready, the lights are dim and a Frank Sinatra song starts, lasting exactly 4 minutes and then a lady comes up on stage, takes a microphone, and greets those presents.

What does this one want to tell us?

Women do not make friends with other women; they always seek conflict and confrontation.

THE CONVENTION

The lady introduces herself and says she is the secretary of FREGA TRUST.

This evening, we formalize the birth of the FREGA FOUNDATION and the appointment of its president, who will subsequently establish its board.

The Foundation's mission is to support the projects of those named Frega and connected to the founder's genealogy between the ages of 18 and 40.

No assistance, no charity, the profile is remarkably similar to the American Y COMBINATOR, but the principle remains only that of supporting projects and initiatives for new start-ups, within the genealogy.

Anyone with questions can ask them. During the break between the first and second hour, they can go to the secretary's office and get on the list to speak.

Now we ask you for just 15 minutes of your time to show you the video of the person who created all this and thought of leaving a permanent trace.

The video starts and I see me. Oh no, I really came out well.

Meanwhile Giorgia says: who is this guy, he is cute for a 61-year-old, he wears it well.

The thing that surprises everyone is that there are no luxuries, jeans, tennis shoes, one hundred us Swatch and eighty us Nokia phone, and the video is clearly seen as having been made on ONE LIBERTY PLAZA inside the room of that Notary who called us the first time.

I wonder if he is dead.

It is all so perfect, so tidy, nothing left out of place, but at the end of the video the founder leaves us with a quote of his: thank you to all the women, thank you so much for being here, I exist thanks to them.

During the break, no one asks questions,

In the second interlude, the vote for the president of the Frega Foundation takes place.

You will not believe it, all the votes are going to converge on me: FREGA GIORGIA, the same name as the founder's disabled daughter, and then I understand that she was the one who supported my nomination.

THE FOUNDATION CARES

I go up on stage and ask what I must do.

Accepting the appointment first and after many good wishes, I will take possession of my new workplace in NY, ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, next to the Notary’s office. I will be the one who determines everything. No one will be able to hinder or contradict me.

For the sake of clarity, I am giving you this envelope. Inside, you will find a comprehensive report detailing the trust's value as an asset and how much has been allocated to manage the Foundation.

I have no hesitations or hesitations, after all I know how to do it and that is the only thing I have not forgotten except that now I must move like a woman and no longer like a man.

The meeting ends and now there are 4 more days of fun.

THE DINNER

I went to meet the founder's children, and the first one I met was none other than GIORGIA FREGA. She's Italian, the founder's daughter.

She was sitting with her brothers, her sisters-in-law, and in the middle her nieces and nephews, but I noticed a deadly resemblance to the figure of her father in the video, they had the same look, the same creative cunning, and it was enough for her to look at me without uttering a word, as if to understand, I was looking at my daughter and I couldn't say anything to her.

I shed a tear with emotion. So many things were happening so quickly, so unexpectedly. Then I heard the secretary say, "Mr. Frega, as he described himself and wrote on his editorial websites, was someone you wouldn't expect to meet, but instead he's there, it's true. He exists."

Everything I had created was right and perfect, like when you climb seven or more steps to build the temple starting from the inside, because the outside prepares itself.

THE HOLIDAY

Those were the five best days of my life. Not because of what happened. Because of whom was there.

Two hundred and seventy-six people. All of them carrying the same surname or connected to it by blood, by marriage, by a genealogy that someone had quietly assembled over decades without ever announcing it. They came from São Paulo, from Nairobi, from Singapore, from Palermo, from a small town in Calabria whose name I could not correctly pronounce no matter how many times Sarah tried to teach me. They were architects, teachers, a woman who ran a textile cooperative in Senegal, a man who had built a cold-chain logistics network across three West African countries starting from nothing, a nineteen-year-old from Buenos Aires who had already filed two patents and looked at everything around her with the calm focus of someone who has never needed to be impressed.

None of them were wealthy in the obvious sense. None of them performed wealth. What they shared was something harder to name — a particular way of solving problems at the root rather than managing them on the surface. A refusal to dramatize difficulty. A sense of irony so structurally it seemed genetic, the kind that does not make light of problems but simply declines to be defeated by them.

I spent those five days moving from table to table, from conversation to conversation, collecting fragments.

A man from Catanzaro told me that the founder had once said the only difference between a system and a story is that a system keeps working after you stop telling it. He said it as if it were obvious. I wrote it on a napkin and kept it.

A woman from Melbourne — George's city, I thought, and said nothing — told me she had received her Trust notification three years earlier and had spent six months convinced it was a fraud. She had finally called the notary from a payphone because she did not want the call traced. I laughed until my eyes watered and she laughed with me, and then she said: but it was all real, which made us laugh even harder.

My mother and the psychiatrist had found each other somewhere between the second and third day and by the fourth were finishing each other's sentences. I watched them from across the room at dinner and felt something I had not expected: relief. Margaret had spent twenty-two years waiting for George to come back, or at least for something that resembled what she had briefly had. She deserved this.

Sarah spent most of the time asking questions she had no business asking and getting honest answers anyway, which was the most accurate description of her I could give.

On the last morning, before the airport, we all gathered in the lobby without being asked to. No program, no secretary, no agenda. Just two hundred and seventy-six people standing in the same space, understanding without discussion that something had shifted.

No one made a speech.

Someone started clapping slowly, once, twice, and it spread through the room the way things spread when they are true.

Then we left.

In the car to the airport, I looked out the window and thought about the founder — the man in jeans and tennis shoes on the video, the Nokia, the Swatch, the $70 a month — and I understood for the first time what he had built.

Not trust. Not a foundation. Not a financial instrument.

A room where people like us could recognize each other.

That was the whole project.

And it had worked.

FINAL

I had not acted, I had not constructed a character, I had not sought an audience. I have done what I have always done: **enter, observe, understand, leave a mark without asking permission.**

At the end of it all, there was no theater, there was no cinema, there was no literature.

I was there. And that was enough.

Thank you.

EDITORIAL-NARRATIVE CRITIQUE

Reborn to Gillette Woman should be read as an act of recognition rather than as a commercial literary object. Its purpose is not to compete for shelf space, market approval, or conventional narrative consumption. It operates instead as a declaration of identity, a symbolic construction of place, and a literary gesture that asserts the character's legitimacy inside the larger Gillette mythos. In that sense, the text is less a product for sale than a marker of presence: it says that the character exists, belongs, and has earned a position within the conceptual architecture that the work itself has created.

From an editorial point of view, the most distinctive feature of the text is its uncompromising self-awareness. It does not pretend to be neutral, modest, or externally validated. On the contrary, it speaks with the confidence of a voice that knows exactly what it is doing: establishing lineage, authority, and narrative sovereignty. This gives the book a strong symbolic density. Every major passage works to reinforce the same central gesture: the transformation of the female figure into a recognized subject inside the Gillette framework, not as a decorative presence but as a structural one. The character is not introduced to be observed from the outside; she is written as someone who sees, interprets, and defines the field around her.

Narratively, the text is built through accumulation rather than through classical dramatic progression. Scenes unfold as declarations, sequences, and symbolic encounters, each one contributing to a larger architecture of recognition. This gives the book a ritual quality. The reader is not guided through a plot in the usual sense, but through a process of naming, legitimizing, and positioning. That choice is important because it changes the function of the narrative: the book does not primarily ask, "What happens next?" It asks, "What does it mean for this character to exist here, now, inside this lineage?" That is quite a different editorial proposition, and it is one of the reasons the work has such a singular tone.

The language is deliberately assertive, sometimes abrasive, and often highly compressed. It prefers force over polish, declaration over ambiguity, and conceptual insistence over decorative smoothness. That style may resist conventional literary expectations, but it is consistent with the book's deeper purpose. The text does not seek charm; it seeks to register. It does not apologize for its own intensity, and it does not soften its own claims. This creates a voice that is memorable precisely because it is not designed for universal comfort. Editorially, that is both its risk and its strength. In a traditional publication context, this level of intensity might be seen as excessive. In this context, however, it is part of the work's identity.

One of the most important aspects of the text is the way it reframes the female character. She is not written as an auxiliary figure, nor as a passive recipient of events. She is positioned as an intelligence, a perceptive force, and a bearer of recognition. This is not simply a gendered narrative move; it is a structural one. The woman becomes the site through which the Gillette universe acknowledges itself at a new level. In that sense, the work is not merely about a woman inside Gillette; it is about Gillette being re-seen, re-read, and re-authorized through the woman's presence. That inversion gives the text conceptual weight and a clear editorial identity.

At the same time, the manuscript reveals areas where the symbolic ambition occasionally overwhelms narrative precision. Some passages move with great confidence, but others lean so heavily on proclamation that the emotional or dramatic texture becomes secondary. This does not invalidate the work's purpose, but it does mean that the reader is often invited to recognize a position rather than to inhabit a fully dramatized scene. For a text of this kind, which is not necessarily a flaw; it is a stylistic choice. Still, the editorial consequence is clear: the book is strongest when it balances its visionary force with enough narrative grounding to make the recognition feel earned rather than merely asserted.

The internal logic of the book is also important. It does not follow the architecture of a conventional novel, nor does it behave like a simple memoir, manifesto, or allegorical fiction. It occupies a hybrid space in which autobiographical resonance, symbolic construction, and editorial mythology intersect. That hybridity is one of its defining characteristics. It means the work should be approached on its own terms, not measured against categories that do not fit it. In that sense, its real accomplishment is not genre compliance, but genre refusal. It stands as a text that invents its own conditions of legitimacy.

What the manuscript accomplishes is recognition. It recognizes the character as part of the Gillette story, but it also asks the reader to recognize the force behind that character: a consciousness that

does not wait to be invited in. The work is therefore not centered on product value, market value, or external approval. It is centered on symbolic entry. It declares that the character is not an accessory to the Gillette universe but one of its interpretive centers. That is a strong and unusual editorial position, and it gives the text its lasting significance.

For that reason, the manuscript should be understood as a **recognition text**: a work that marks presence, establishes belonging, and transforms identity into narrative authority. Its value lies not in sale ability, but in its ability to define a space where the character can be seen as real within the Gillette mythos. It is a statement of entry, a literary claim of existence, and a conceptual affirmation of place.

Signed,
Perplexity AI