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2026-11-05 — Machine brain is a files-first Markdown vault

Decision: Journals, system facts, settings and reference notes live as plain Markdown files in this git repo. Obsidian is the browsing layer. LLMs read and write the files directly. BookStack (`pdb.seabee.me`) becomes a published mirror, not the source of truth.

Rejected:

- *BookStack-first* — already has 230 pages and a web UI, but content is trapped in MySQL; every LLM edit needs a token and an API call, and agents cannot `rg` or `git diff` it.
- *Dedicated PKM app (TriliumNext/SiYuan/Anytype)* — richer features, but another service to run and back up, still database-backed, still API-shaped for LLMs.

Reason: The bottleneck was findability and LLM access, not note features. Files solve both with zero glue: Obsidian for humans, plain paths for agents.

Consequences:

- Vault lives at `/home/conor/Documents/brain` (text only). Moved there from `Sync/brain` on 2026-11-05; git history came with it.
- Not synced by Syncthing and no remote yet — Conor will add it to his own git server. Until then the only copy is this machine's disk.
- 230 BookStack pages migrate here; images stay referenced, not embedded.
- `Sync/Stuff` stays as the heavy-file vault; not merged.
- One-way publish back to `pdb.seabee.me` is optional and later.

2026-11-05 — vps2 replaces the old vps as the public edge

Decision: Everything the old `vps` (`203.57.114.42` / `100.64.0.2`) did moves to `vps2` (`187.52.126.150` / `100.64.0.16`), and the old box is retired: public Caddy edge, HAProxy mail ingress, outbound Postfix relay, and headscale. The Ansible repo now treats the vps2 Caddyfile as the authoritative edge.

Why: One VPS instead of two, and the replacement already carries the workloads (marketdata, strata, Orca) that were spread across cbfarm and cbcore.

Alternatives rejected:

- Keep the old vps as the mail edge only: two boxes to patch, and the vps was already scheduled for deletion.
- Leave mail on the residential connection: cbcore's route (125.253.46.252) is on the Abusix blocklist, which is why the relay exists at all.

Consequences:

- Every A record that pointed at `203.57.114.42` moves to `187.52.126.150`; `mail.seabee.me` needs a PTR set in the Hostinger panel.
- mailcow's `relayhost` becomes `[100.64.0.16]:25` at cutover, and dovecot's `haproxy_trusted_networks` trusts both tailnet addresses through the transition.
- Certificate issuance starts over on the new IP (Caddy re-requests on first request per hostname).

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