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## The Decision

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Faced with

the worsening deficits of neuronal destruction or a catastrophic hemorrhage of iatrogenic over aggression

the electrical chaos of synchronized periodic neuronal firing

the perils of invasive intervention and its attendant complications shall we

an existence of utter dependency call on the hubris of past experience

or the certain unknown of oblivion use the limited scope of current evidence

the emotional pull of a lifelong companion to determine the path to take

the increasingly burdensome economics of a society will continuing study ever produce data applicable to every circumstance?

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to navigate the precarious knowledge of the present does it ultimately fall on individual discernment? always advocating for the other taking every care to avoid harm

we cannot take lightly the outcome of the other as we assume the mantle of the determiner yet all fades to

grey

and we are still left with

the choice

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