037 Spreadsheet vs Dining Room

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Pairs with: [Math As Outcome], [Values Of Sameness], [Guest X Horizon], [Safest Mediocre Execution].

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Tomorrow, name one thing happening on your floor that could never show up on a spreadsheet — a regret from the tower's-eye view, a relationship, a read of a table's mood. Invest there. The spreadsheet only sees what's copyable and measurable; the dining room work you build underneath it is the part no competitor can duplicate from a distance.