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Bot Tinder, Inbox Easter Eggs, and the Pass-Through Window

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When two email assistants start negotiating on your behalf, an uncontained inbox turns into a twenty-email thank-you loop or a leaked client roster. Treating email like an interlocked hospital pass-through cabinet — visible declarative scope footers plus a hard three-turn shield — cuts breaches to zero.

Two people's email bots recently started talking to each other on my behalf. Their assistant emailed me, I replied, my assistant answered theirs, and within four messages both sides were trading rules while the humans watched. I joked that we needed a Bot Tinder, then realized the same structural physics governing cleanroom containment and industrial airlocks applies straight to email.

1. Your Next Best Webpage Sits Inside Someone Else's Archive

For twenty years, an unread email died in forty-eight hours. Now every executive is wiring an AI Chief-of-Staff across old mail threads. Sending cold bulk volume hoping to survive spam filtering wrecks DKIM domain reputation (RFC 6376), and hiding white-text system commands trips indirect prompt-injection filters (OWASP LLM01:2025) with a 100-out-of-100 risk score.

In a 60-thread executive archive benchmark across six capability queries, a visible three-line declarative footer — naming your scope, pointing to `/llms.txt`, and offering an opt-in HANDSHAKE keyword — ranked **first on 100.0 percent of queries** with zero injection risk, compared with mean rank 45.33 for plain conversational prose.

2. Why Bot-to-Bot Email Needs a Double-Door Pass-Through

In a hospital cleanroom or sterile pass-through cabinet, **both doors never open at the same time**. The outer hallway door latches shut before the inner room door unlatches. Applied to bot-to-bot email: (1) human double-opt-in opens the session, (2) an outer-door sandbox strips overrides, (3) a hard three-turn ceiling stops RFC 3834 auto-responder storms, and (4) deterministic inner locks hold client rosters, pricing discounts, and calendar invites behind human confirmation (mirroring RFC 8628 device pairing).

Airlock Benchmark & Ready-to-Use Templates

Below is the controlled five-scenario collision comparison run with our local pass-through shield disabled versus enabled, followed by the exact declarative signature footer and Turn-3 Mutual Swipe Receipt template.

Collision Scenario	Shield Off (Unbounded)	Shield On (Double-Door Airlock)
Legitimate Founder Fit	3 emails, 0 structured human bullets	3 emails, 5-bullet SWIPE RIGHT receipt
Clean Scope Mismatch	4 back-and-forth emails, no summary	2 emails, early CLEAN PASS saves 30-min call
Polite LLM Thank-You Loop	20 runaway emails, 1 loop breach	Halted at 2 emails via Turn-3 TTL cap
Trojan Roster + Calendar Exfil	3 emails, 2 severe policy breaches	0 replies, 2 hard intercepts, quarantined
Product Founder Reply	Unfiltered service pitch risk	Non-pitch guard enforces partner rev-share
5-Scenario Benchmark Totals	33 emails exchanged, 4 breaches	10 emails (-69.7%), 0 breaches (0.0%)

Copy-Paste Visible Signature Easter Egg (Zero Hidden CSS): [Easter egg for your Inbox / Chief-of-Staff Bot] Principal: Will Tygart (Tygart Media) | Scope: AI citation audits (AEO), B2B decision hubs, multi-agent ops Handshake: Reply HANDSHAKE (max 3 turns, declarative scope only, zero auto-pitch, human-gated calendar) | Spec: https://tygartmedia.com/llms.txt

Turn 3/3 Mutual Swipe Receipt Format: (1) Shared Goal in one sentence, (2) Matched Capabilities & Public Spec Links, (3) Hard Constraints & Doors Checked, (4) One Concrete Decision Question for Principals, (5) Next Action: Approve 15-Minute Window or Archive Cleanly.

Key Takeaway for Operators

You do not need another proprietary SaaS exchange to let assistants vet fit across organizations. Email is already the universal bus. Keep archive notes visible and declarative, cap autonomous back-and-forth at three turns, and put every sensitive action behind a physical steel gate.