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THROUGH THE WINDOW Mabel Serulle



BLUE JAY Matthew Johnson

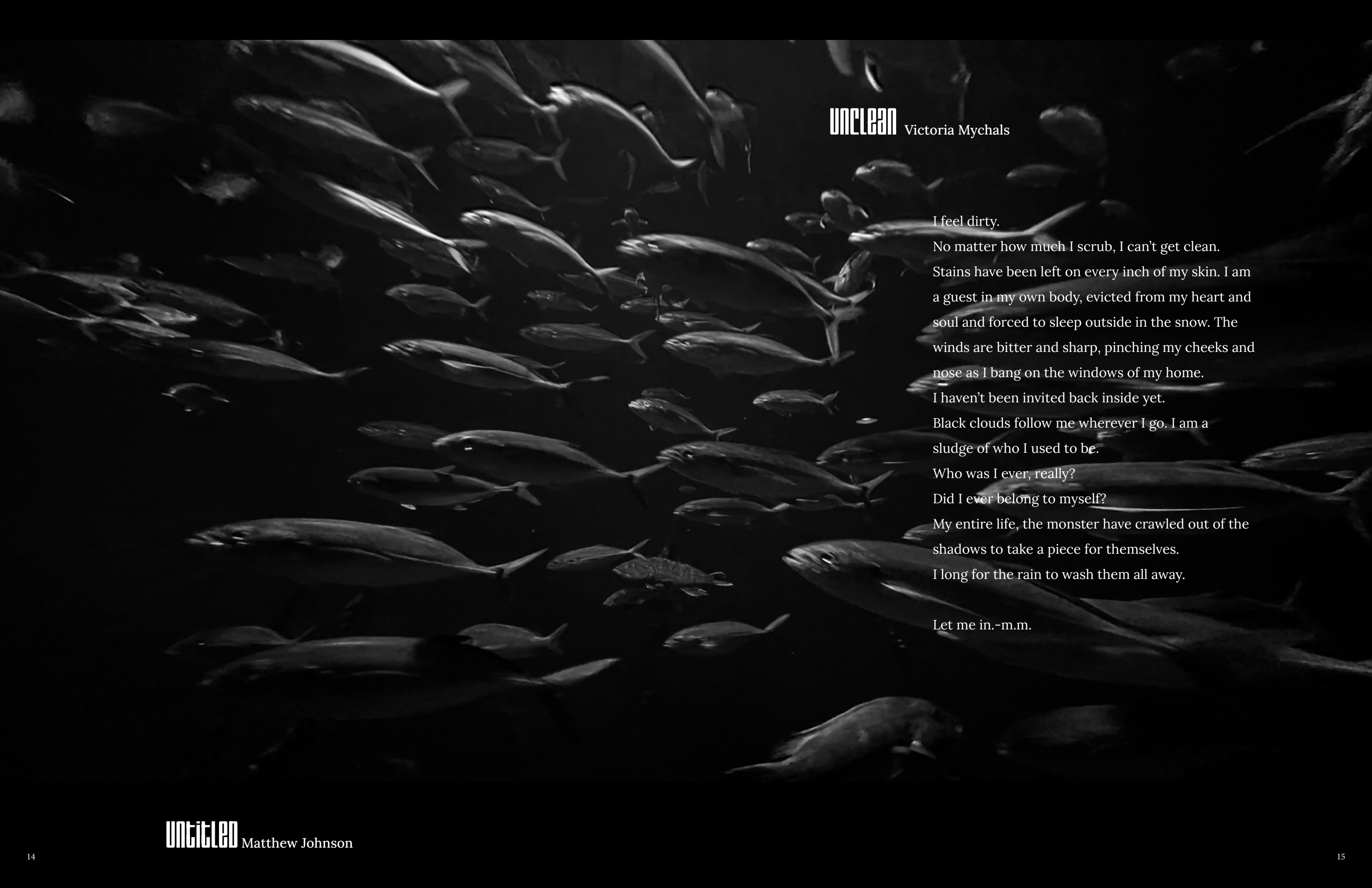
you're all I can think about, Blue Jay
you all your beautiful face
a face I've seen in a million dreams,
yet never clear enough in place
a face that's impossibly familiar
yet has possibly unfamiliar extremes
it is your face that I wish to wake up next to
every day,
My brilliant Blue Jay











UNCLEAN Victoria Mychals

I feel dirty.
No matter how much I scrub, I can't get clean.
Stains have been left on every inch of my skin. I am
a guest in my own body, evicted from my heart and
soul and forced to sleep outside in the snow. The
winds are bitter and sharp, pinching my cheeks and
nose as I bang on the windows of my home.
I haven't been invited back inside yet.
Black clouds follow me wherever I go. I am a
sludge of who I used to be.
Who was I ever, really?
Did I ever belong to myself?
My entire life, the monster have crawled out of the
shadows to take a piece for themselves.
I long for the rain to wash them all away.
Let me in.-m.m.

THROUGH A CRYSTAL LENS Mabel Serulle



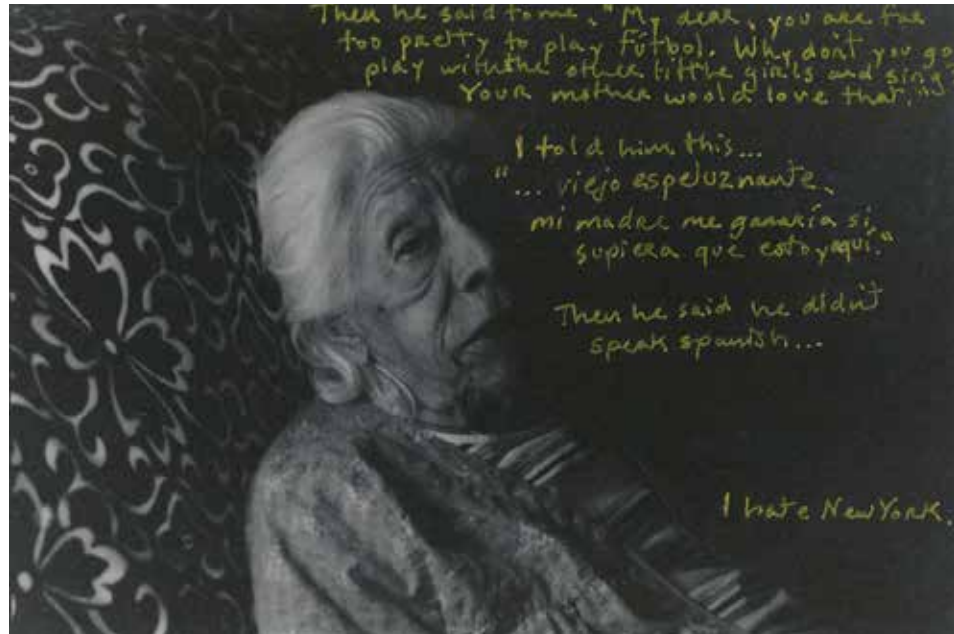
FACE Matthew Johnson

I can no longer recall your face
All this time in empty space
Has void any memory of your facial grace
I truly didn't want to erase,
The memories I no longer embrace
But you've put me in a bad place
And I need to fix this brain space

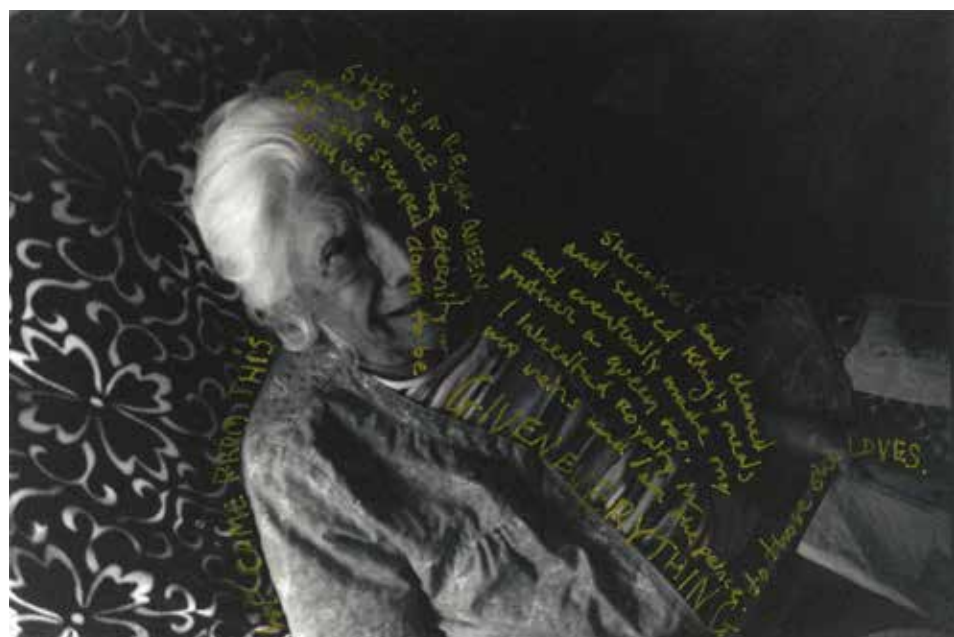
ABANDONED BIKE Mabel Serulle



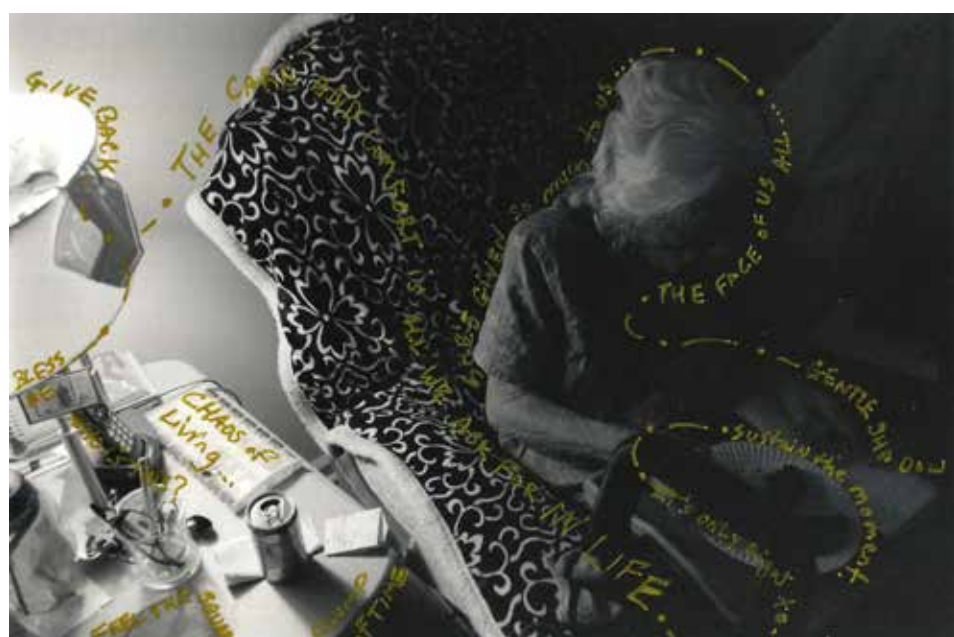
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Anthony Viola



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Anthony Viola



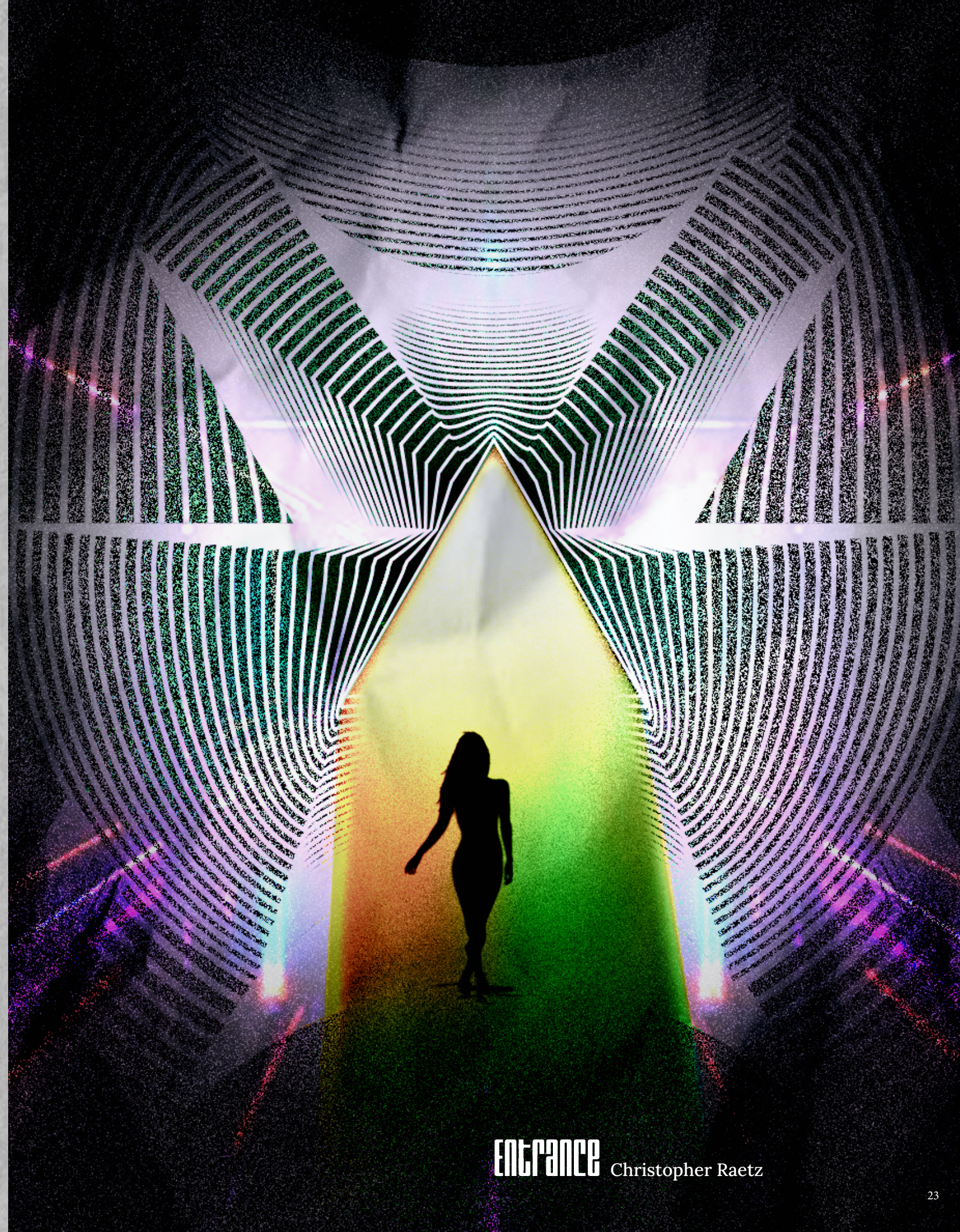
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UNTITLED Becca Salo







CAPTURING HER GENTLE NATURE Anthony Viola



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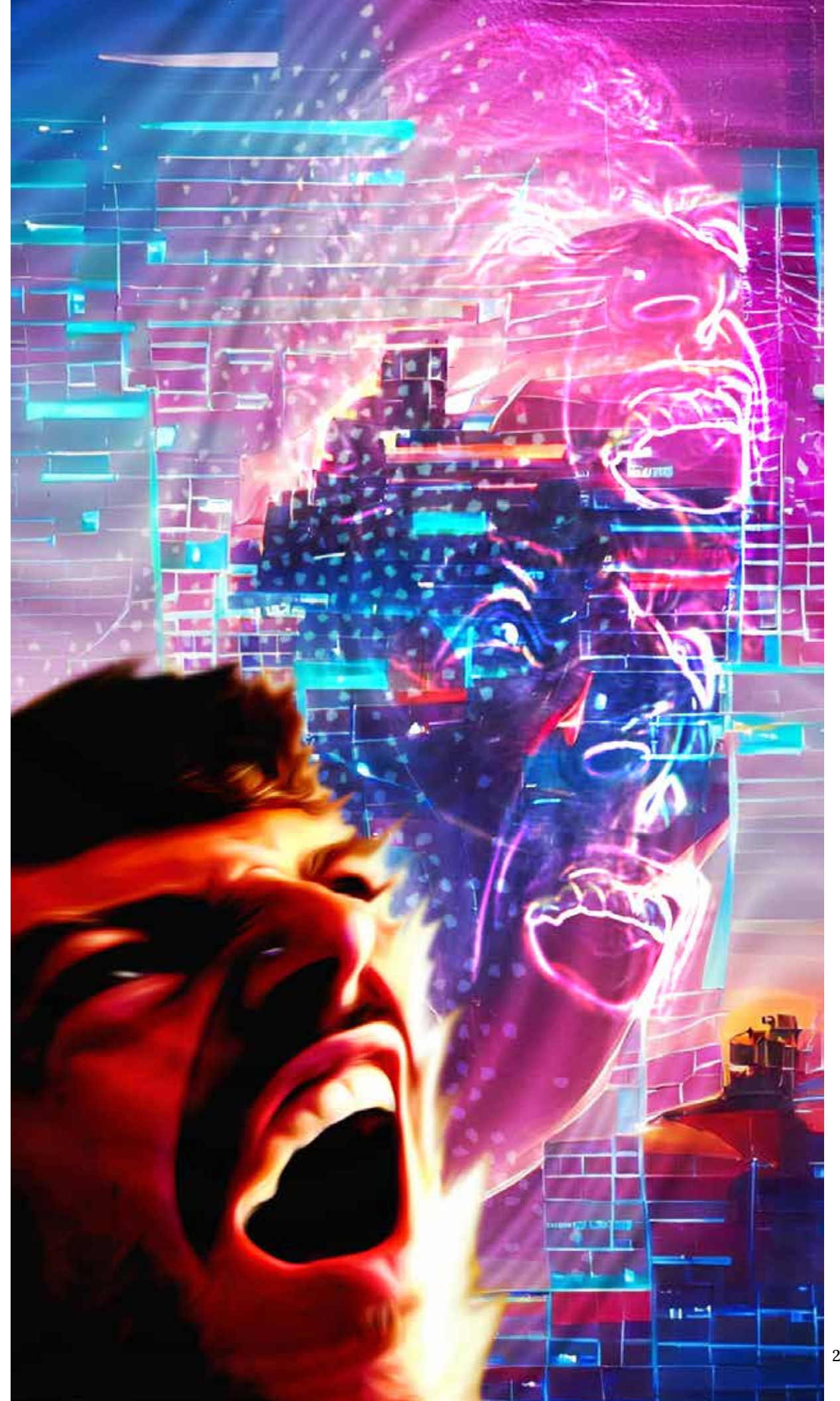




KENNEDY DELLS Francesca Gabriele



matRiXnosia Christopher Raetz (right)





UNTITLED Becca Salo

UNTITLED Victoria Mychals





untitled Aria Van Campen Cramer

Dwellers Hut Trevor Grant





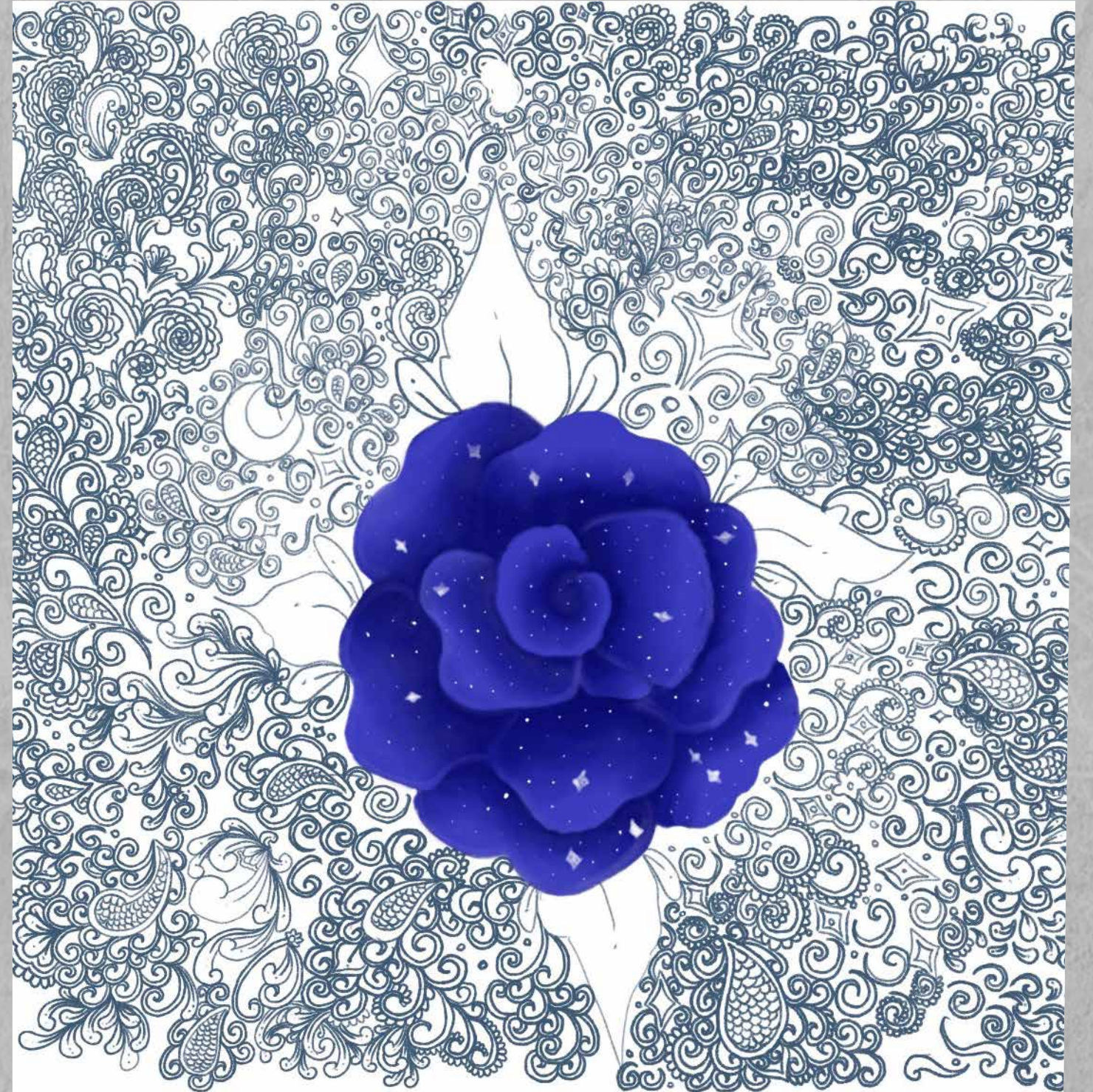
Heart

Matthew Johnson

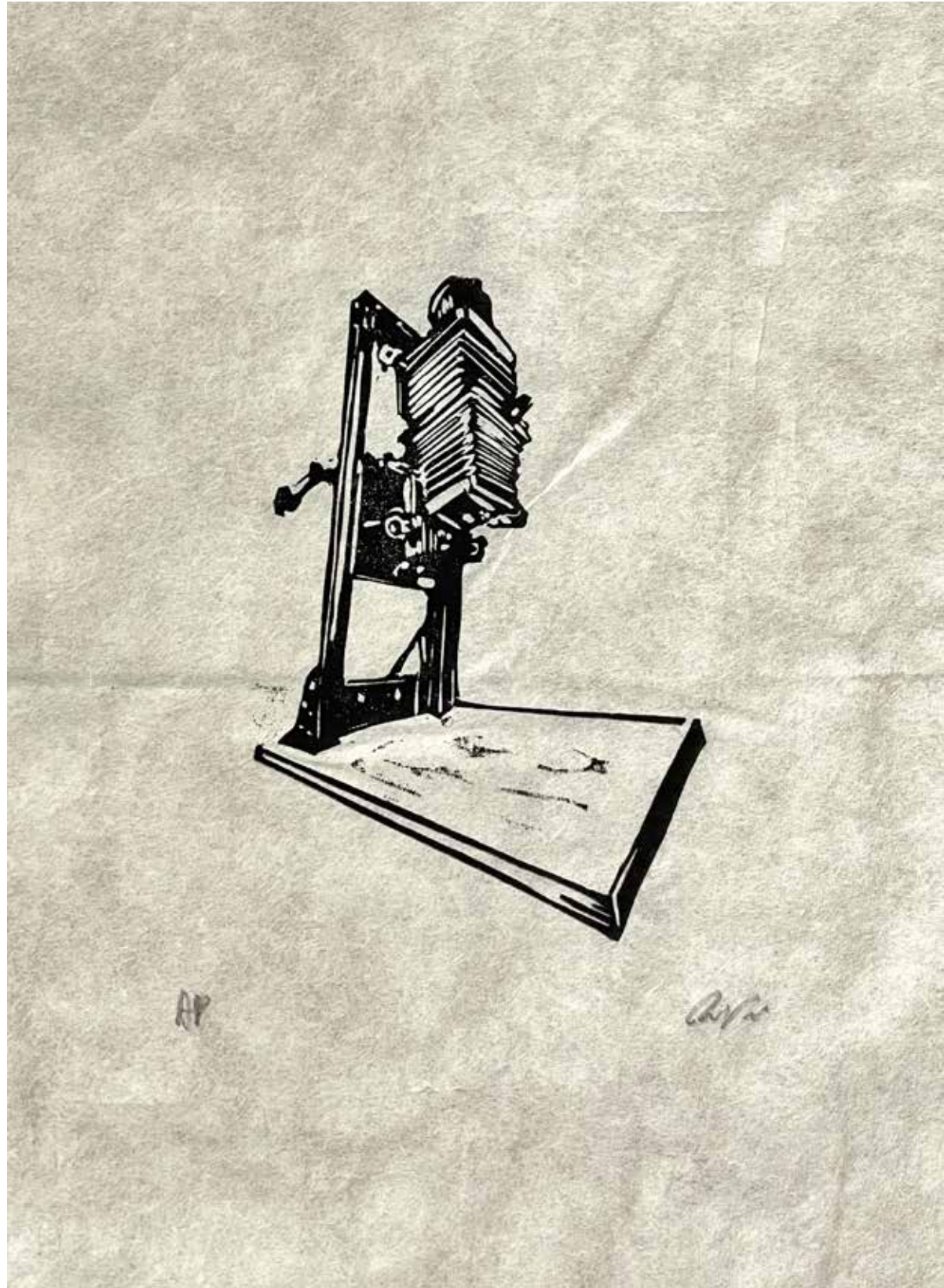
When I see your face,
My heart skips a beat
I used to like that quick pace,
But the feeling's no longer sweet

untitled Chelsea Magdaro









nature Samson Stein

Nature

Their hair intertwines.

Nature.

They hold hands in sunlight.

Nature.

Their Being is of color knows the waves
of sound.

Nature.

Vines born of them.

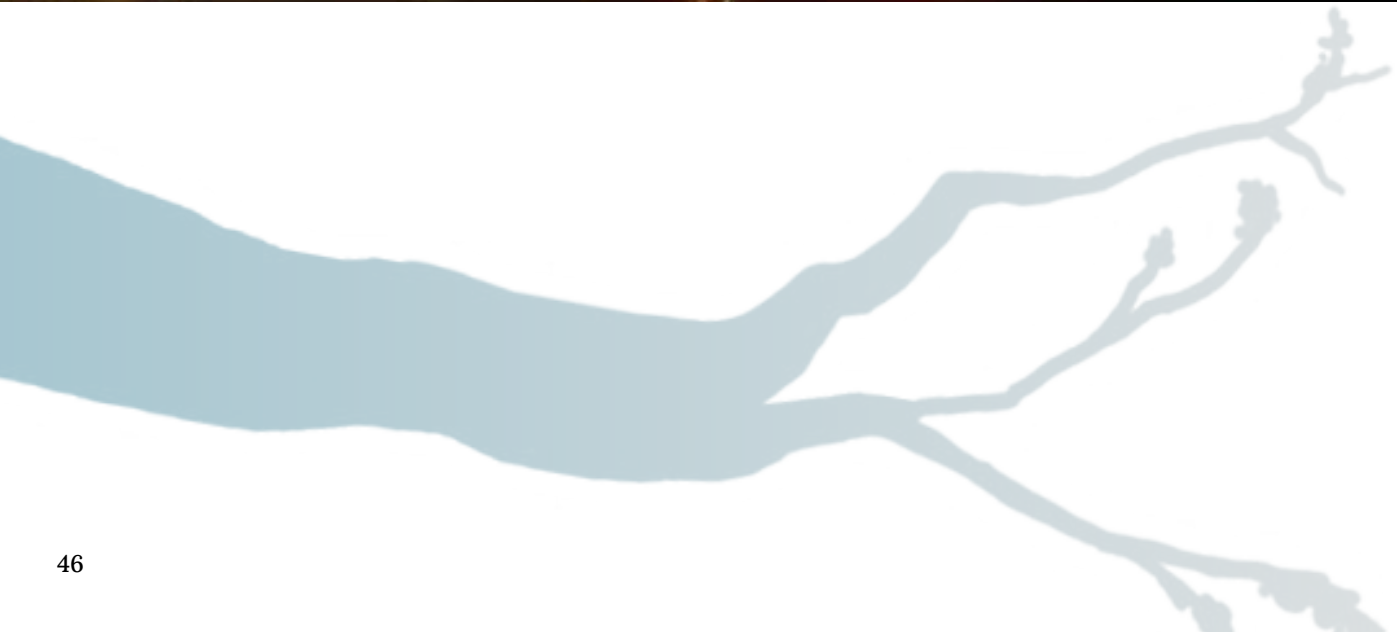
Nature.

If only I can understand them.

Rivers of Nature holds hands together
all laced together.

SUMMERS END Mabel Serulle





GOLD* Victoria Mychals

They say “you may have broken, but you can put yourself together again.”

They tell tales of recovery like its a glamorous journey, woven together with silk and jewels, becoming shiny and whole again.

But all that glitters isn't gold, and my pieces are too small to hold.

I am grounded into dust, swirling in the wind as it carries me away.

I cannot make myself pretty and new, as I am scattered throughout the world. Pieces of myself have been left across the map, stomped into a powder that now lives in the soil.

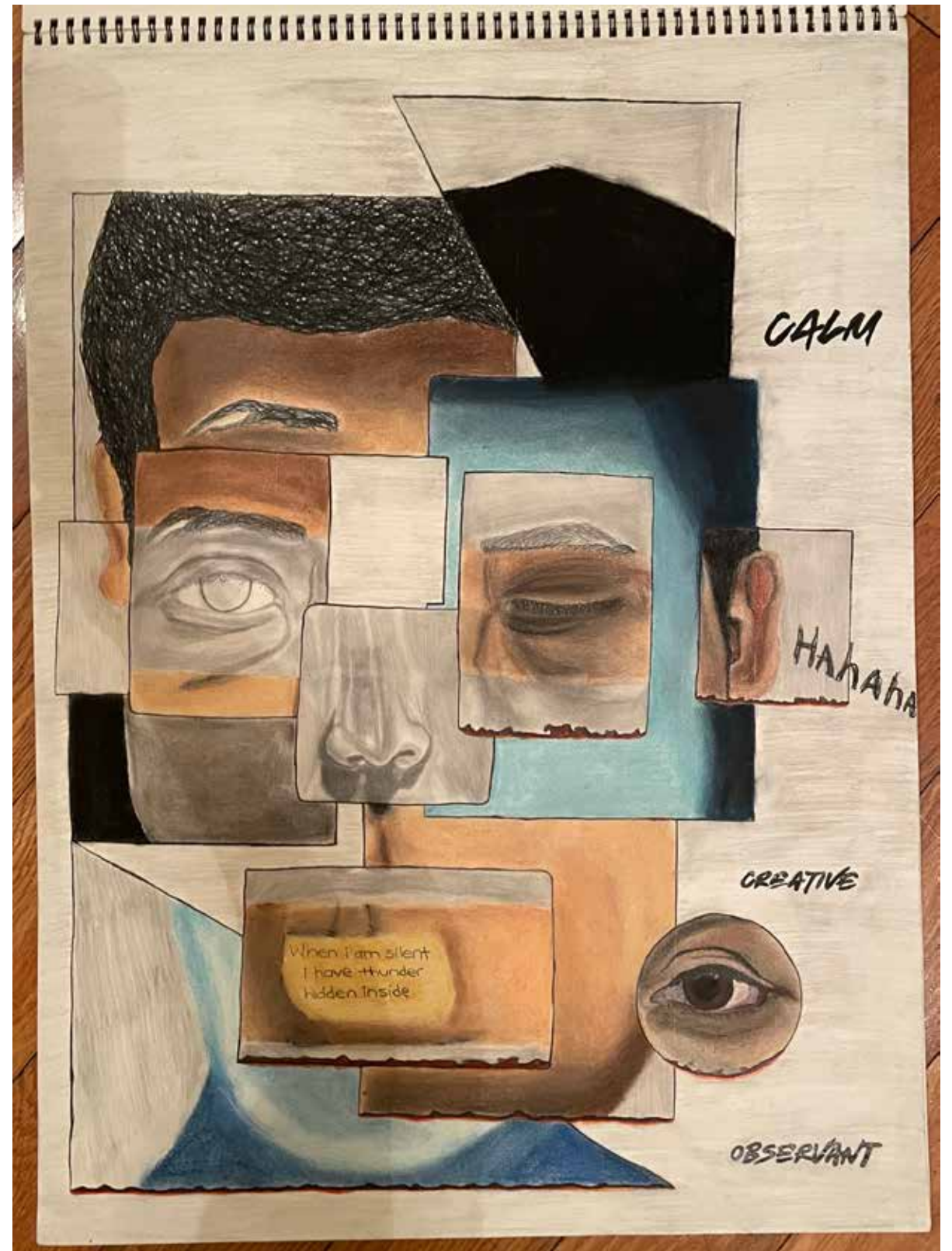
How am I to live as this?-m.m.

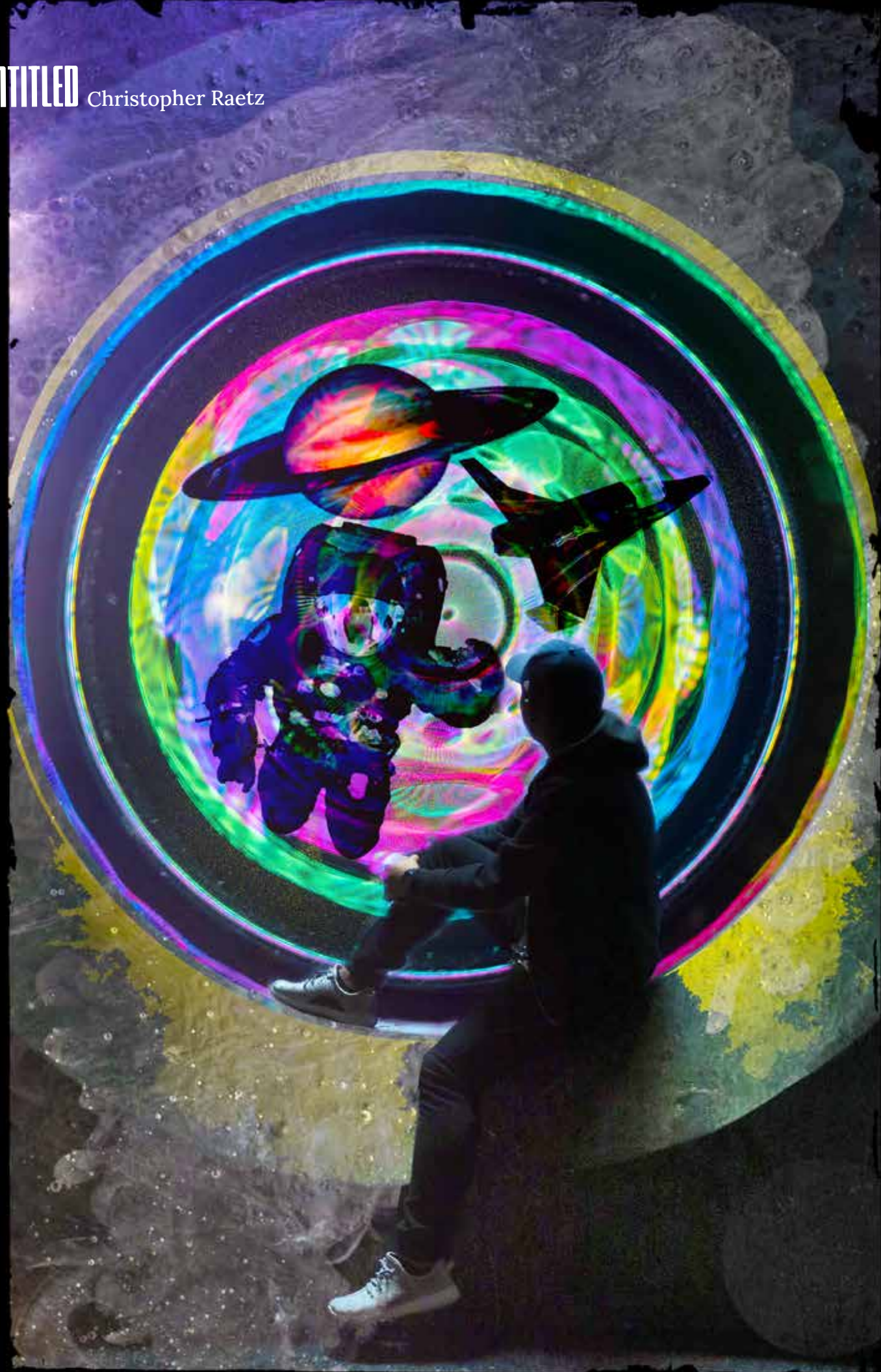
**"Gold," is the Inaugural Winner of the Dan Masterson Award*

END OF THE TUNNEL Francesca Gabriele



UNTITLED Luis Merino





BY THE LAKE WITH A FISHERMAN SPIDER

Francesca Gabriele



UNTITLED

Matthew Johnson





untitled Olivia Simpson



untitled Luis Merino (left)



Thank you to all who submitted work.

*Congratulations to Victoria Mychals, the winner of the
Dan Materson Award. Wishing you all the best in your career.*

*Sincerely,
Impulse Team*



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