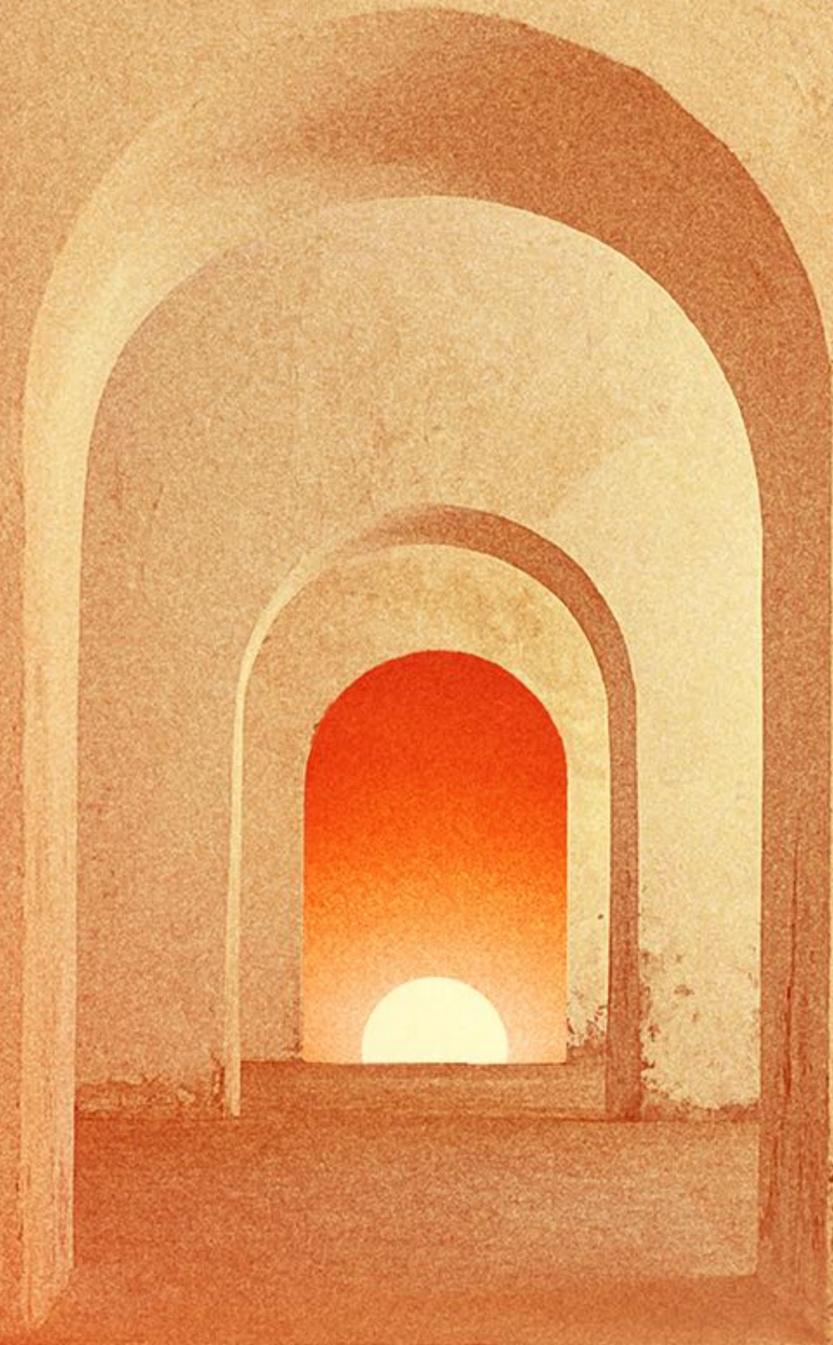


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<sup>53</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

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<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

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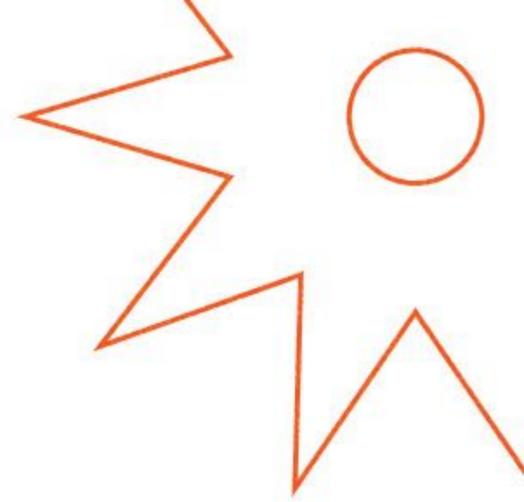
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**We all hunger for  
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“Why stop fasting at this particular moment, after 40 days of it? Why should he be cheated of the fame he would get for fasting longer, for being not only the record holder of all time...but for beating his own record by a performance beyond human imagination?”

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“The world was cheating him out of his reward.”

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“I always wanted you to admire my fasting,” said the hunger artist.

“We do admire it”, said the overseer, affably.

“But you shouldn’t admire it,” said the hunger artist.

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“Because I have to fast, I can’t help it,” said the hunger artist.

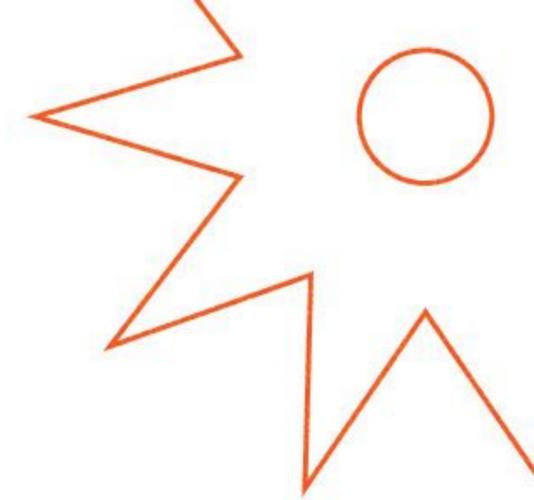
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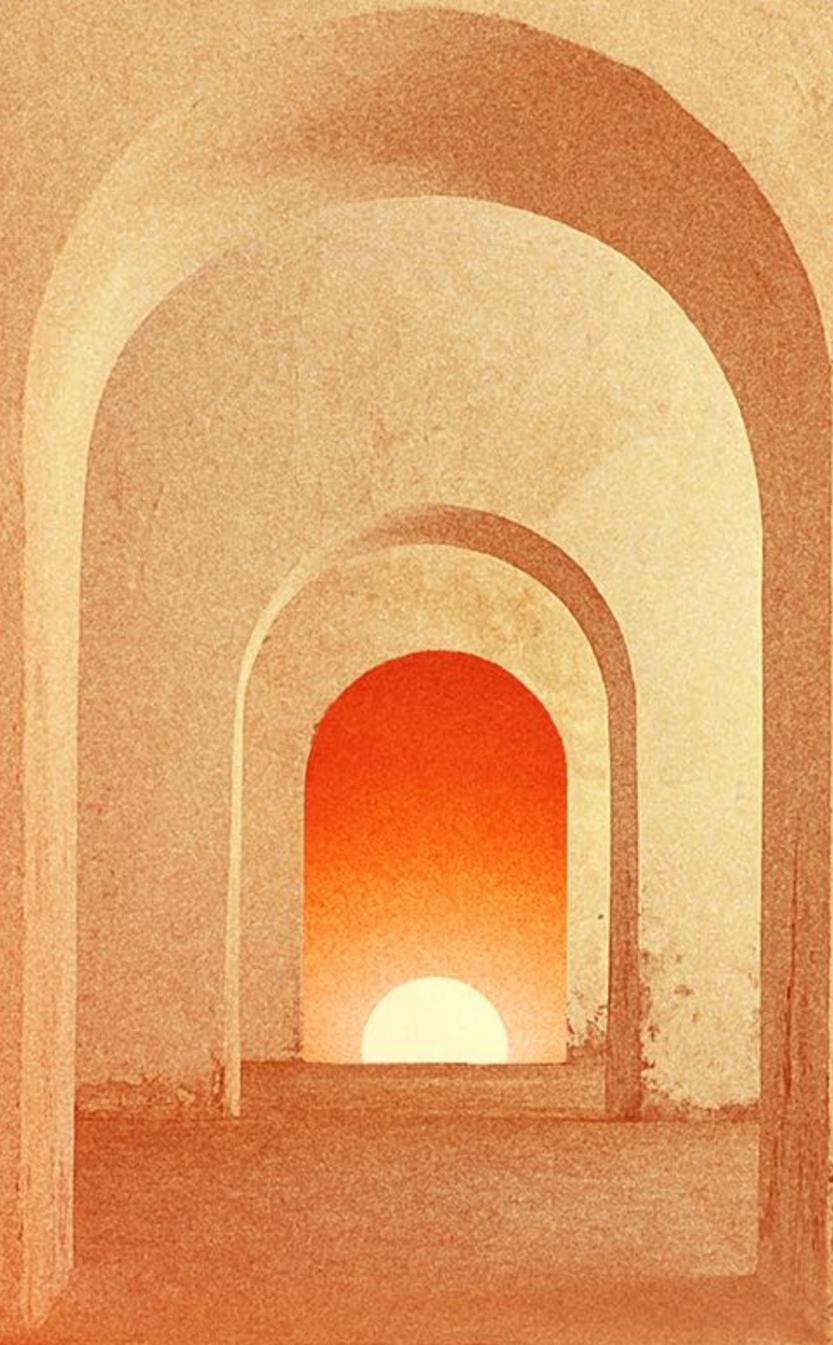
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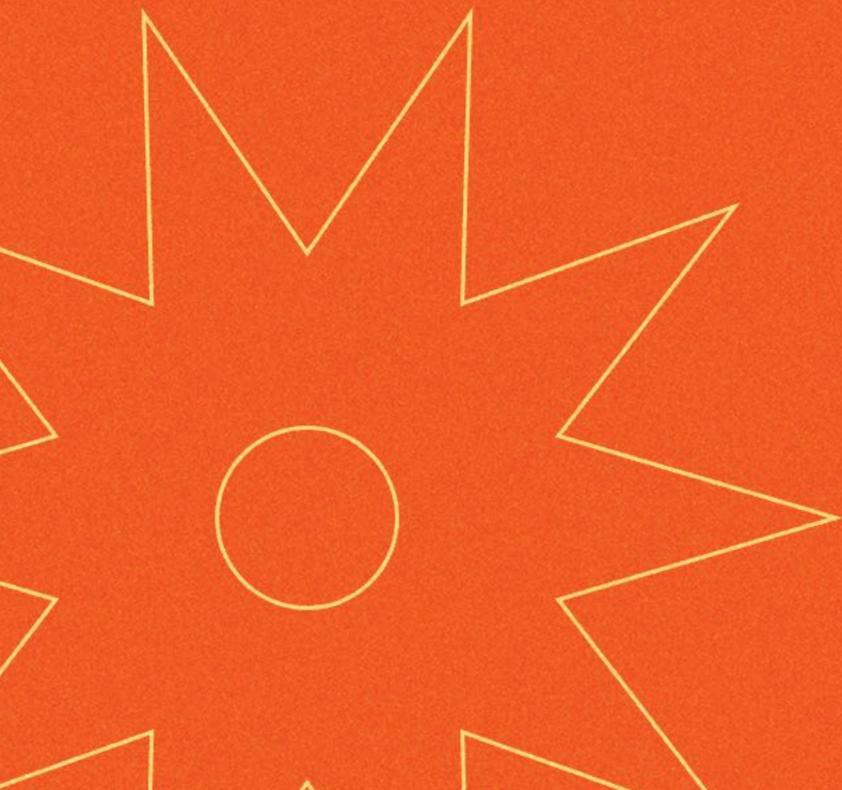
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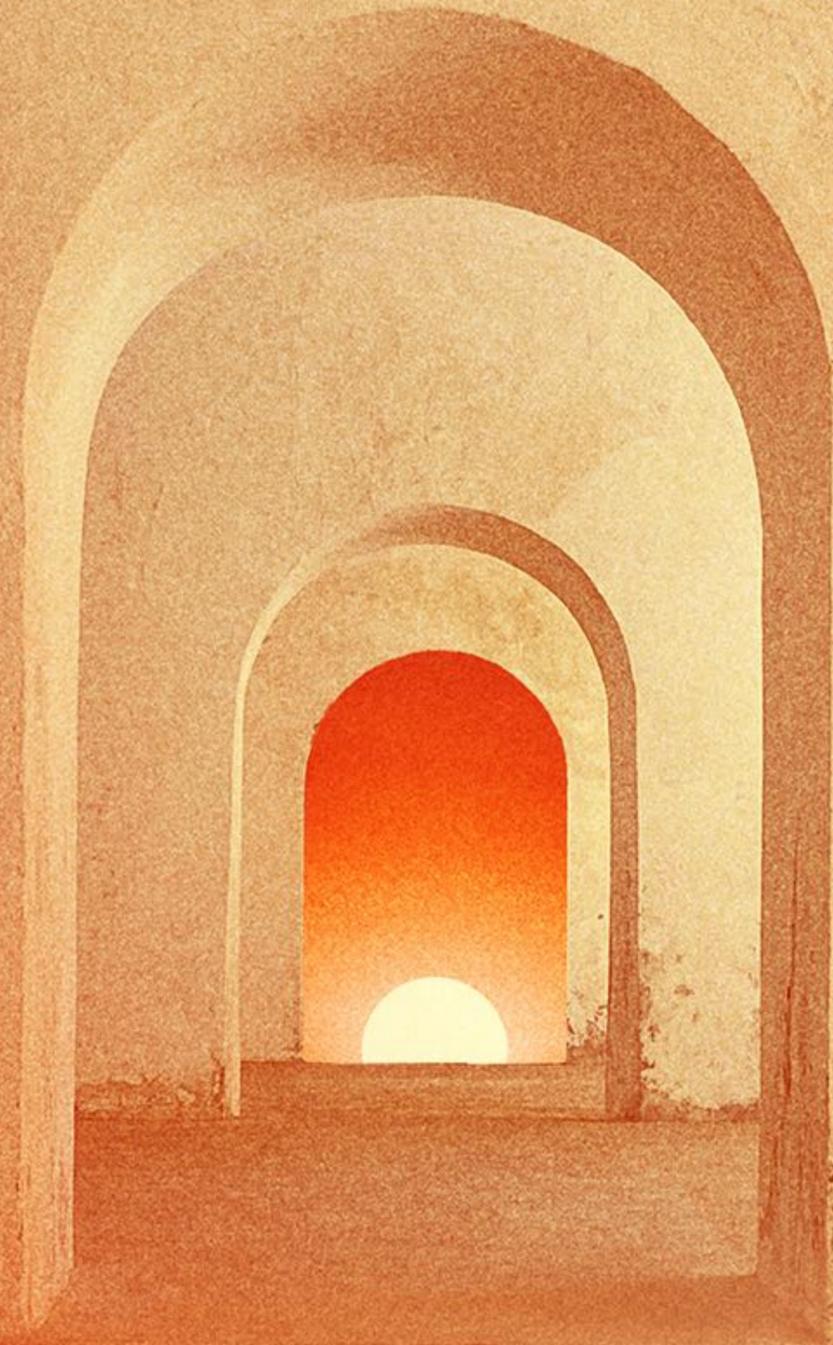
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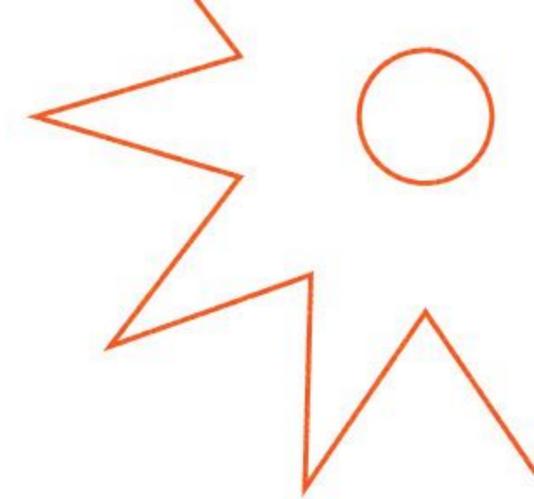
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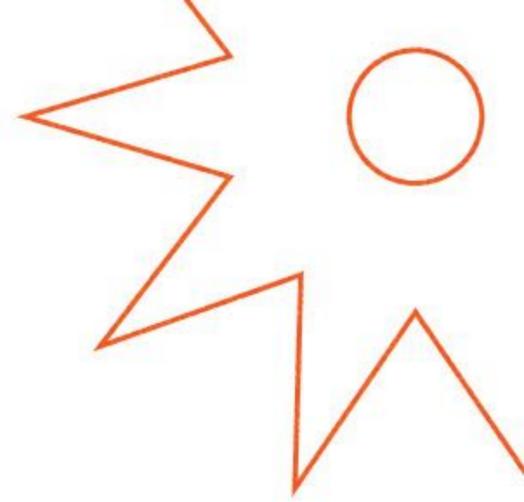


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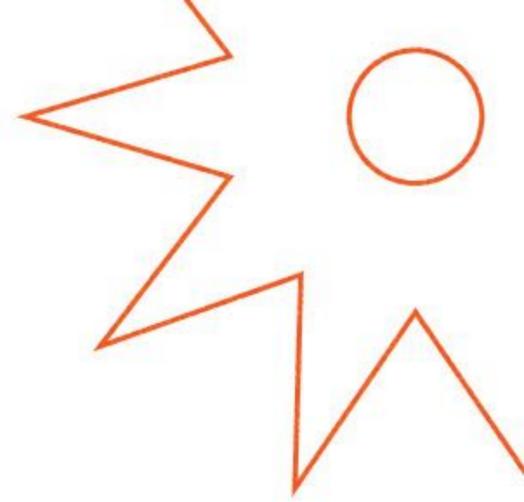


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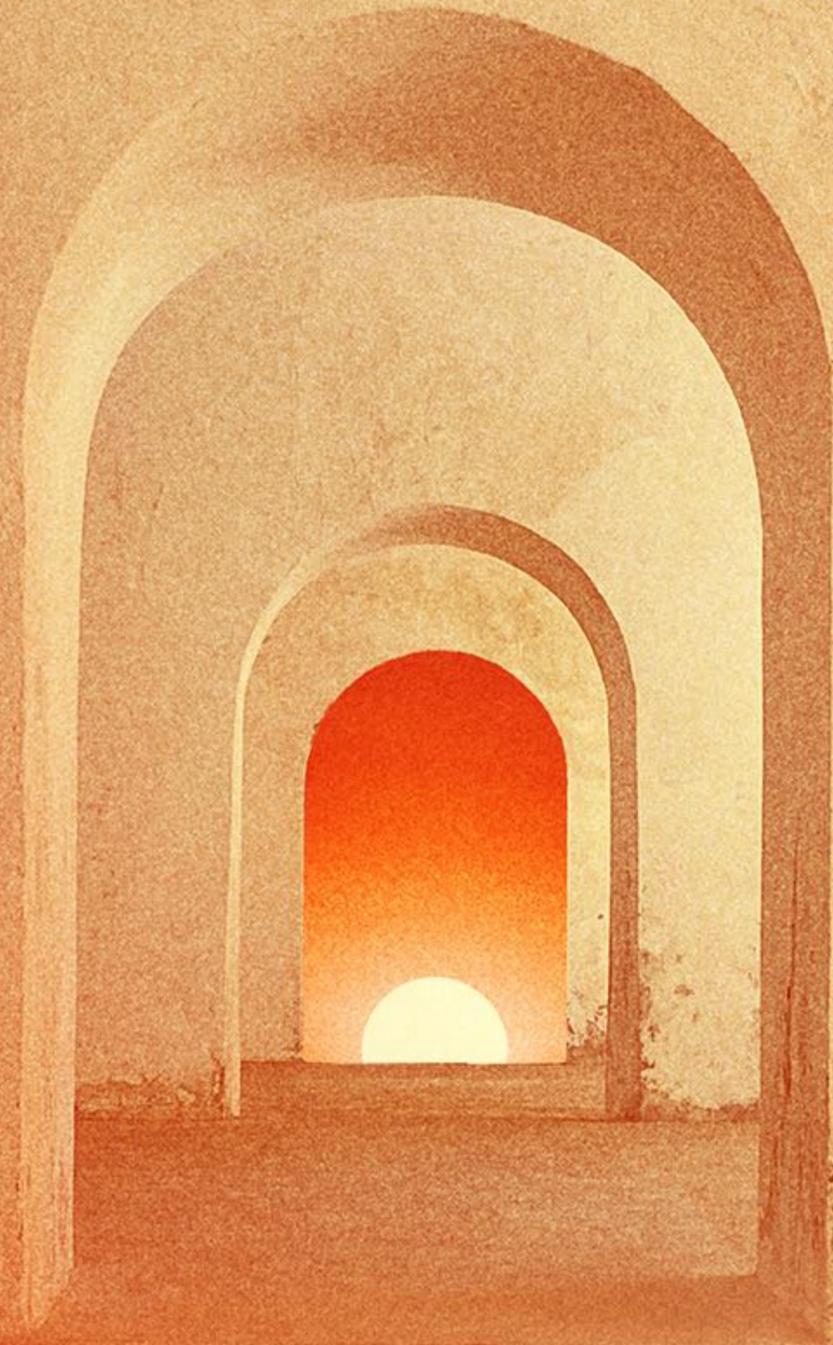




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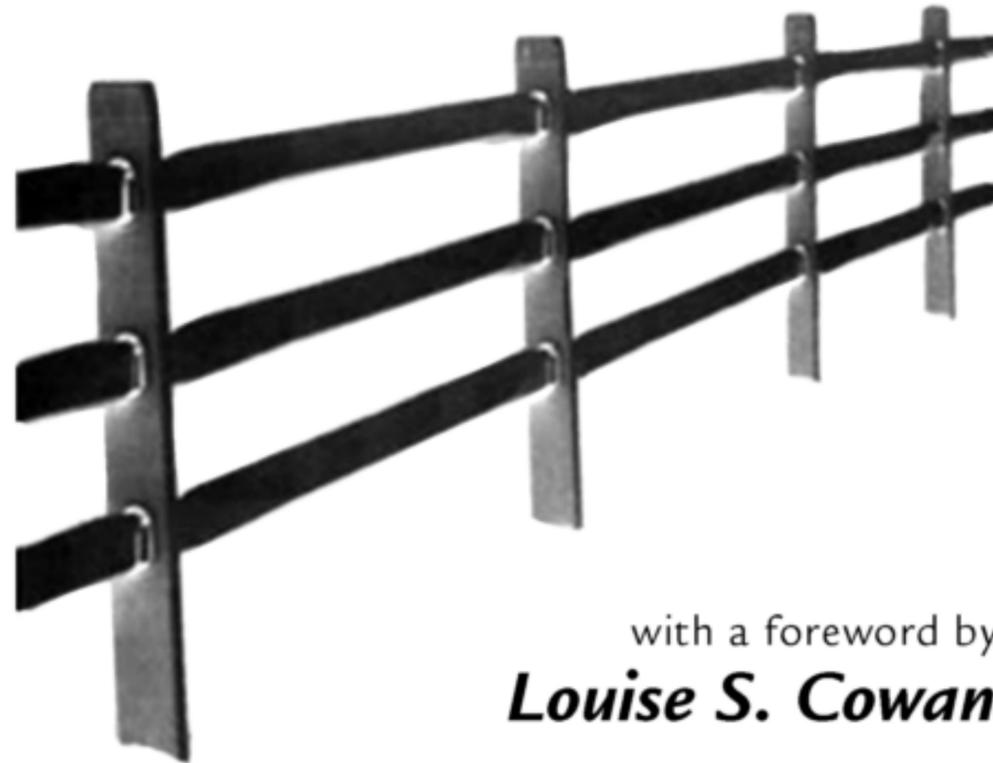
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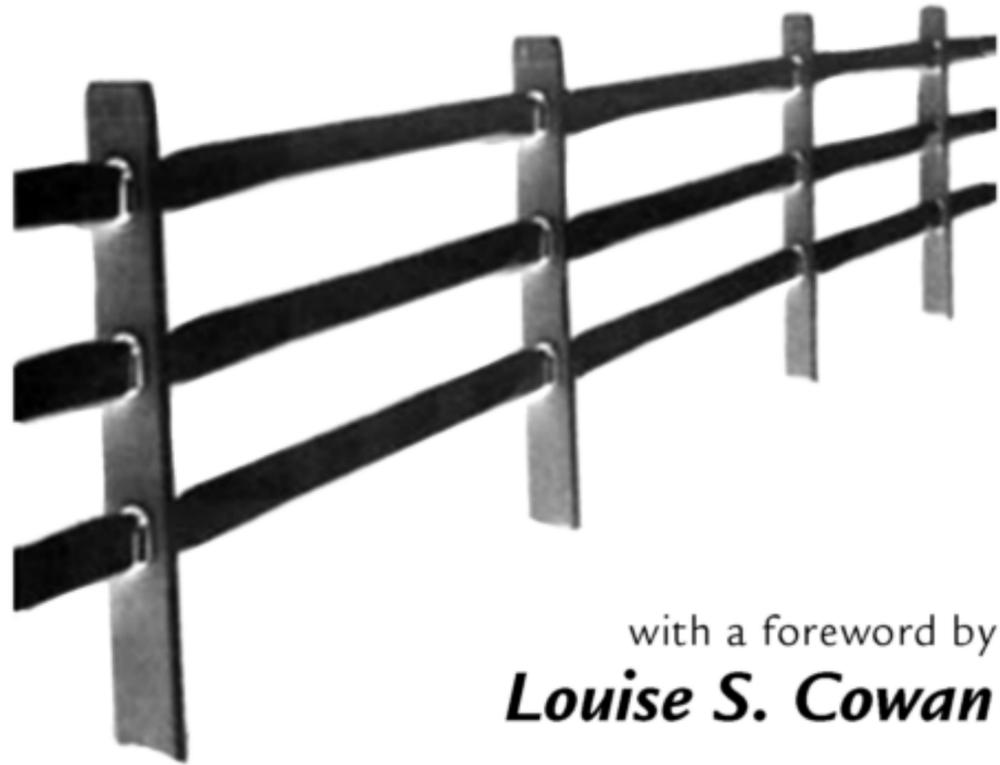
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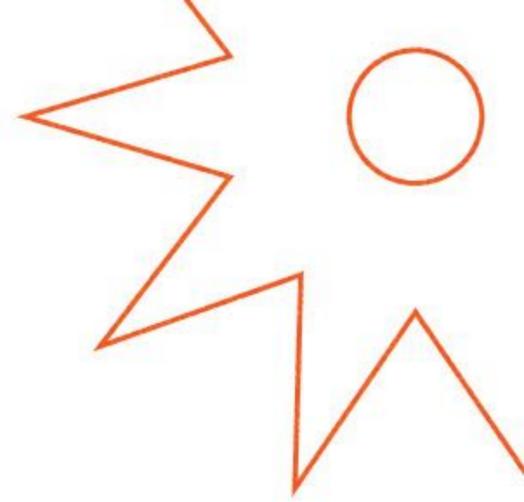
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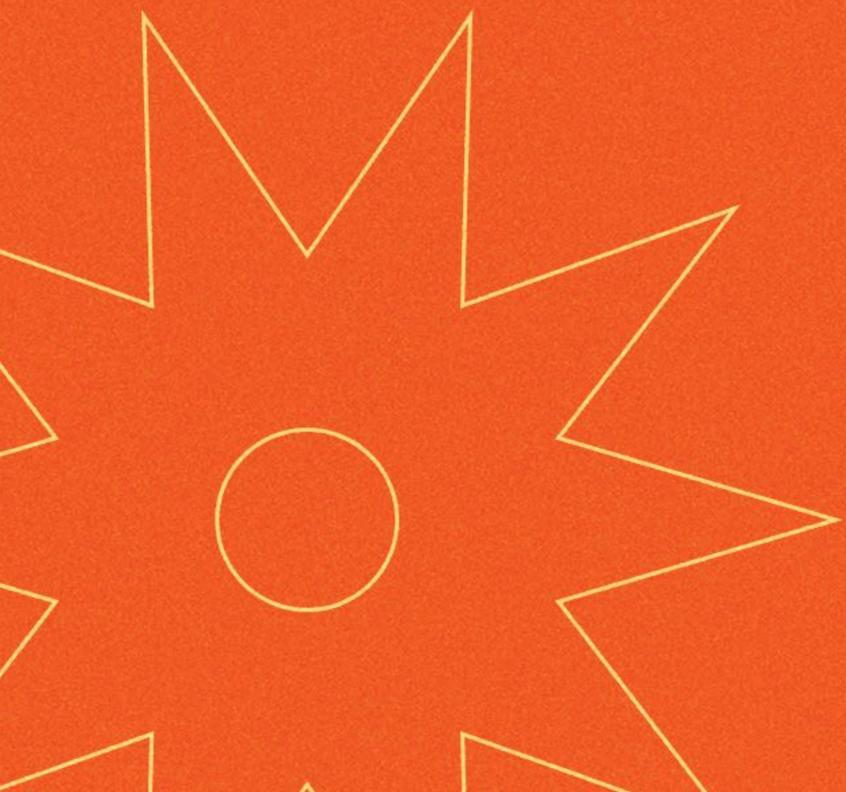
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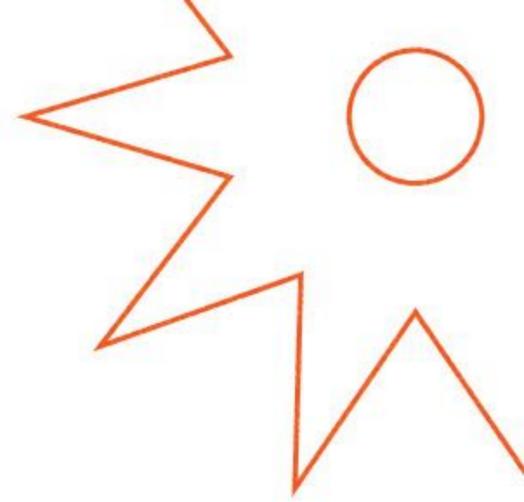
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