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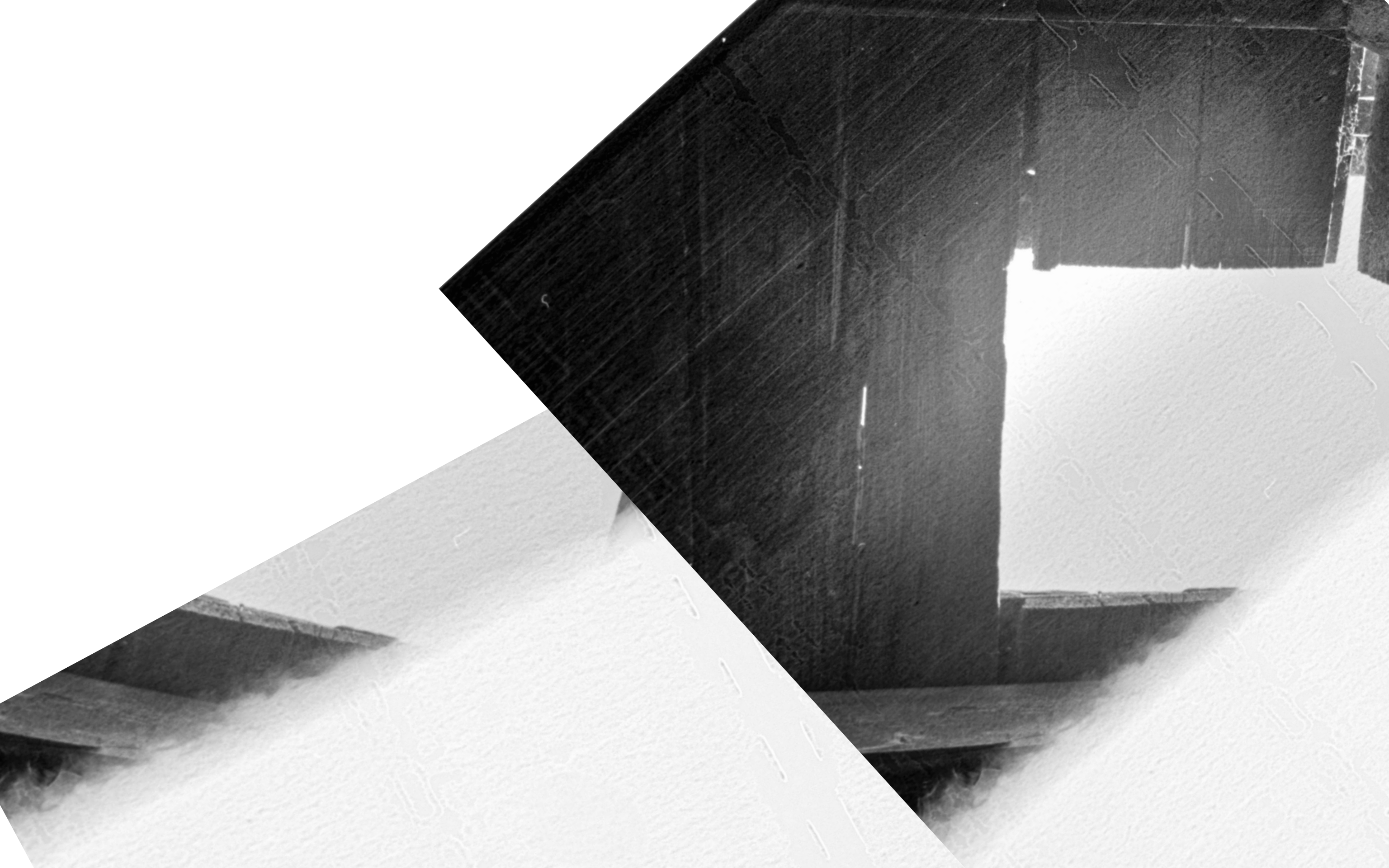
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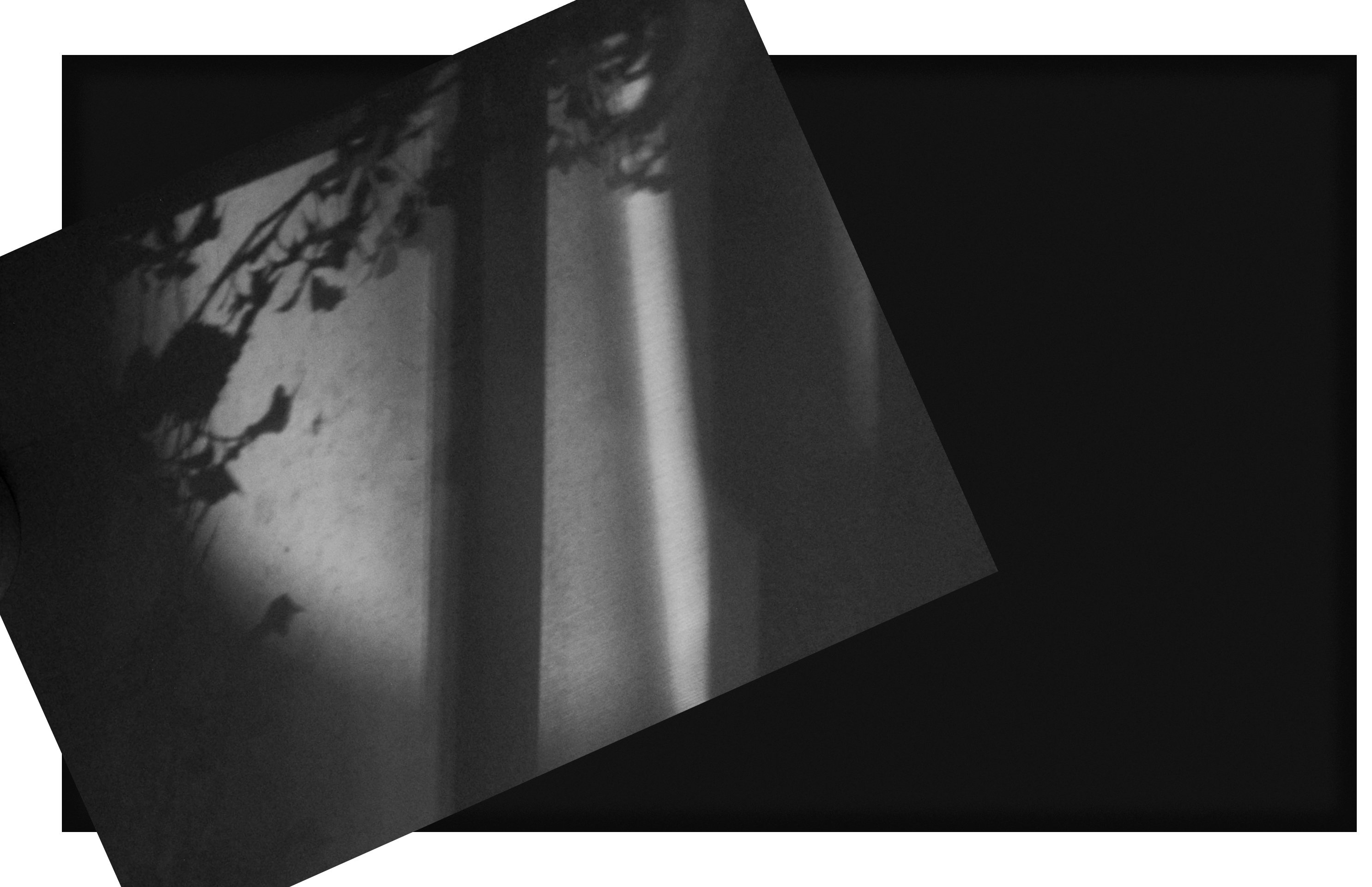
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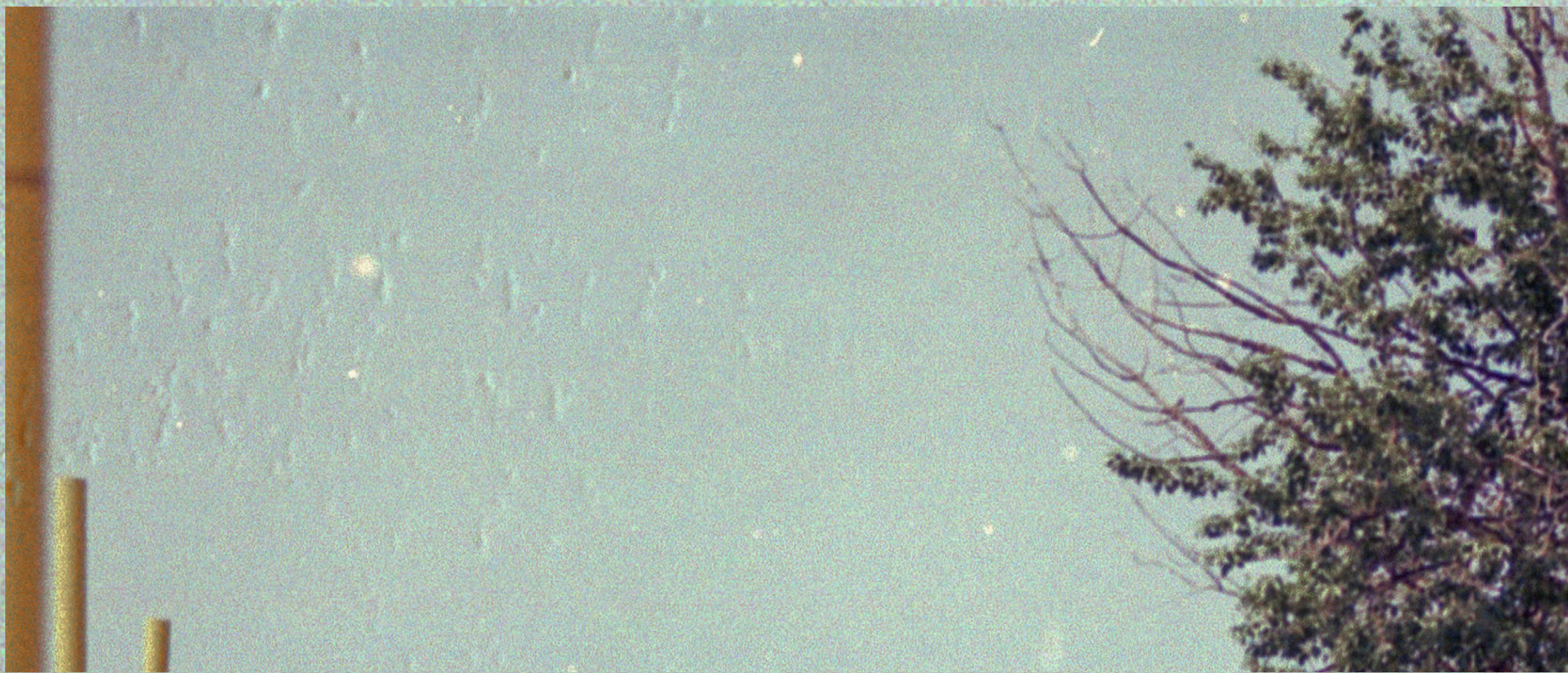
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It dawned on me.
The roses wouldn't bloom.
All that time I wasted watering plastic flowers.
I realize now the mud and sweat
gave me the only life
I could have
wanted.

I tried to mourn my loss on my commute to work.
but my head was already filled.
My thoughts slowly sank into memory.
The must of wheat filled my nose.

I missed when the powerlines were just for show.
The city is so loud; you can hardly hear the wind

in the midst of my stupor I missed my stop.
I wanted to escape.



