

MAGICAL CALIFORNIA PRAIRIE

Psychic Art Movement Landscape Photography

with Inspirational Writings

by

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Educational Book

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to my lovely daughters, to my Mother, to every person who has ever supported me in my endeavors, to everyone who is curious about the psychic world around them, to all my yoga teachers, and to the wonderful animals who have filled my life with tremendous amounts of unconditional love and joy.

**FOREVER YOURS,
ALWAYS IN MY HEART,
I LOVE YOU!**

PREFACE



I like images that spark my curiosity, that are whimsical, beautiful or fun. I also enjoy images that have unexpected things inside them. I enjoy it when orbs, or the like -unexpected lights- show on the image because typically these are not obvious to the photographer at the time the image was taken. Although fogs, mists and alternative feelings sometimes are evident to myself and other photographers.

One reason I enjoy photoshopping images is because I heard that the human eye can only pick up 1% of the electromagnetic light spectrum. And that makes me wonder. What if we, human beings, could experience more of this light? What would the world look like? Certainly, colors would be more vivid and more varied! Hence, I photoshop my work. This photography is artistic work because it delves into potentialities of human sight, perception and experience. As such, it engages the imagination and becomes a creative endeavor.

I also enjoy approaching photography from unlikely, and unexpected non-traditional focus points. I enjoy focusing on shadows, strange reflections, and odd angles. Also, I like to photograph images in terms of their impact on memory and experience. I ask, how will this experience be imprinted on my mind? How will this be remembered? How will I experience this moment, from the past, henceforth in the future?

Ultimately, there is much more to this photography.

I thank you.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

I am a survivor who believes in the inexorable power of the human spirit. I am a believer who has seen through tragedy into the eye of the setting sun knowing that the morrow can bring a new and brighter day. I am a compassionate human being who empathizes with the suffering of others and wants to be there for them. And I do this by writing transformational stories and creating art filled with characters and images that are imbued with passion and love.

I was born in California. When I was five, my parents divorced. Shortly after, my father abducted me. He put me in the trunk of a car where I held on to a plastic cane filled with candy as I lay spread eagle on my stomach. From Tijuana Mexico, I was flown to Torremolinos Spain where I was left in a dreary and secluded all girl catholic boarding school for several years. I remember this like a prison to which we were confined even during the holidays. Christmas, for instance, I and another child were the only children left. And throughout this time, I never saw my mother.

Some time later, when I became deadly ill from pneumonia, my paternal grandmother took pity on me and took me to Mexico City. There, I was exposed to the mysticism and magic of the native American Indian cultures. After, my father returned me to Spain. I finally came back to the United States. I was an American teenager who couldn't speak English. Happily, I saw my mother again. Sadly, several months after my return, she disappeared in a flood. 13 people disappeared in this flood in La Cañada Flintridge California. Her body was never found.

I went to ten schools in three countries for the first twelve years including four high schools. During this time, I had to contend with a father whose mental illness and drug and alcohol addictions caused him to be a dangerous sadist. I was barely eighteen years old when I ran away from home because he threatened to kill me with a 38 revolver.

As providence would have it, within a month, I found a job and bought a car. I moved into the dorms at the University of California at Irvine. From there, I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics and the ability to speak several languages.

While at UCI, I met and married a medical student. My first pregnancy ended in stillbirth. Notwithstanding this and other hardships I enrolled and graduated from UCLA Law School in 1992.

We moved to Texas and while I was raising my children, I graduated from the University of Texas Dallas where I received a Masters Degree in Arts and Humanities. There I took several writing courses. At this time, I began a career as a visual/writing artist. My artwork, mostly surrealist, includes extensive writings, short stories and poetry. I've had shows at womens' centers and several commercial establishments. I also taught art in public access television. One of my paintings "The Kiss of Death," is featured adjacent to a Picasso in the acclaimed documentary by the BBC: THE PRIVATE LIFE OF A MASTERPIECE: THE KISS BY GUSTAV KLIMT ICON OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

Then, after many years my husband and I grew apart and I filed for divorce. The next day I began to write. The writing was spontaneous and a year later I had a fully finished science fiction novel, APPLE TOWN, CALIFORNIA. I also drew and painted over eighty illustrations of the characters and story. When the movie agent asked me how I wrote it, I told him that I saw the images and "painted them on paper" with words.

Today, I engage my writing, photography and art in an effort to understand the nature of the human experience, the processes of the mind, the experience of memory, visual and mental perception and life in general. My art and writing also include queries into the nature of the universe as multidimensional and the existence of life after death.

Overall, my art constitutes a form of auto-biography. Historically, it could be seen to represent a glimpse into an American woman artists experience at the turn of the 20th century. And basically, I am glad to be able to share my artistic experience. And I figure, everyone is in some kind of quest to understand who and what they are. Perhaps, they will find my work useful.

Wishing the best to all,

Grace Divine

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INTRODUCTION

The glorious spirit infused energy of California is filled with more wondrous beauty than is visible to the naked eye. Share with the intuitive artist, Grace Divine, as she hikes through the California Prairie, seeing with her artistic eye and taking thousands of photographs of the land at key 'energy' points whenever she senses interesting energy pockets.

Afterward, Grace Divine, chooses the photographs that she senses are heavily infused with psychic energy. She then photoshops these images to assimilate more closely what she sees, so that you too, can share her psychic vision.

This book is part of a series of books dedicated to THE PSYCHIC ART MOVEMENT as founded by Grace Divine. THE PSYCHIC ART MOVEMENT expresses the world through the inspired artist's perspective. It is expressed via different mediums including art, photography, writing, music and other mediums.

The subject of this book, the California prairie, offers an abundance of psychic energy available to the inspired person to intake, discover and express.

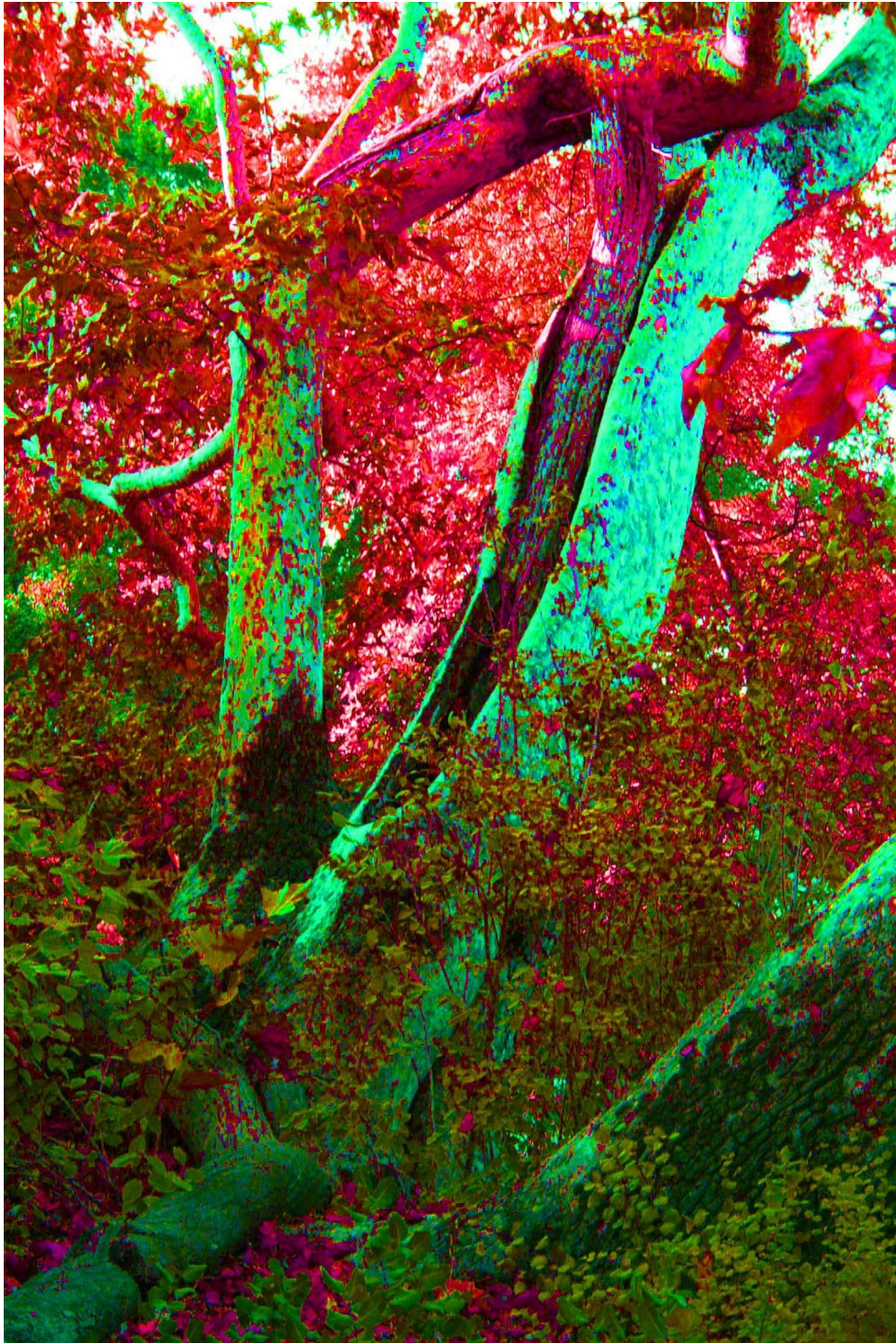
Section I

“MUSIC... THROUGH BRANCHES OF TREES”

Wonderful Secret Surprises Behind the Rustling Leaves



Memories of playful sounds behind the rustling leaves
1 TITLE: "IN THE PRAIRIE, THERE ARE WONDERFUL SURPRISES"



Sweet Jewels of Nature, turquoise greens & topaz pinks
2 TITLE: "THE ENERGY OF LOVE IS IN NATURE"



Nature offers the best of life... we must respect and honor it!
3 TITLE: "WHEN OUT IN NATURE... TAKE IN THE SIGHTS"



Magnificent Trees that Grow in the Prairie
4 TITLE: "TREES ARE LIFE... BREATH IN THE MAGNIFICENT AIR"



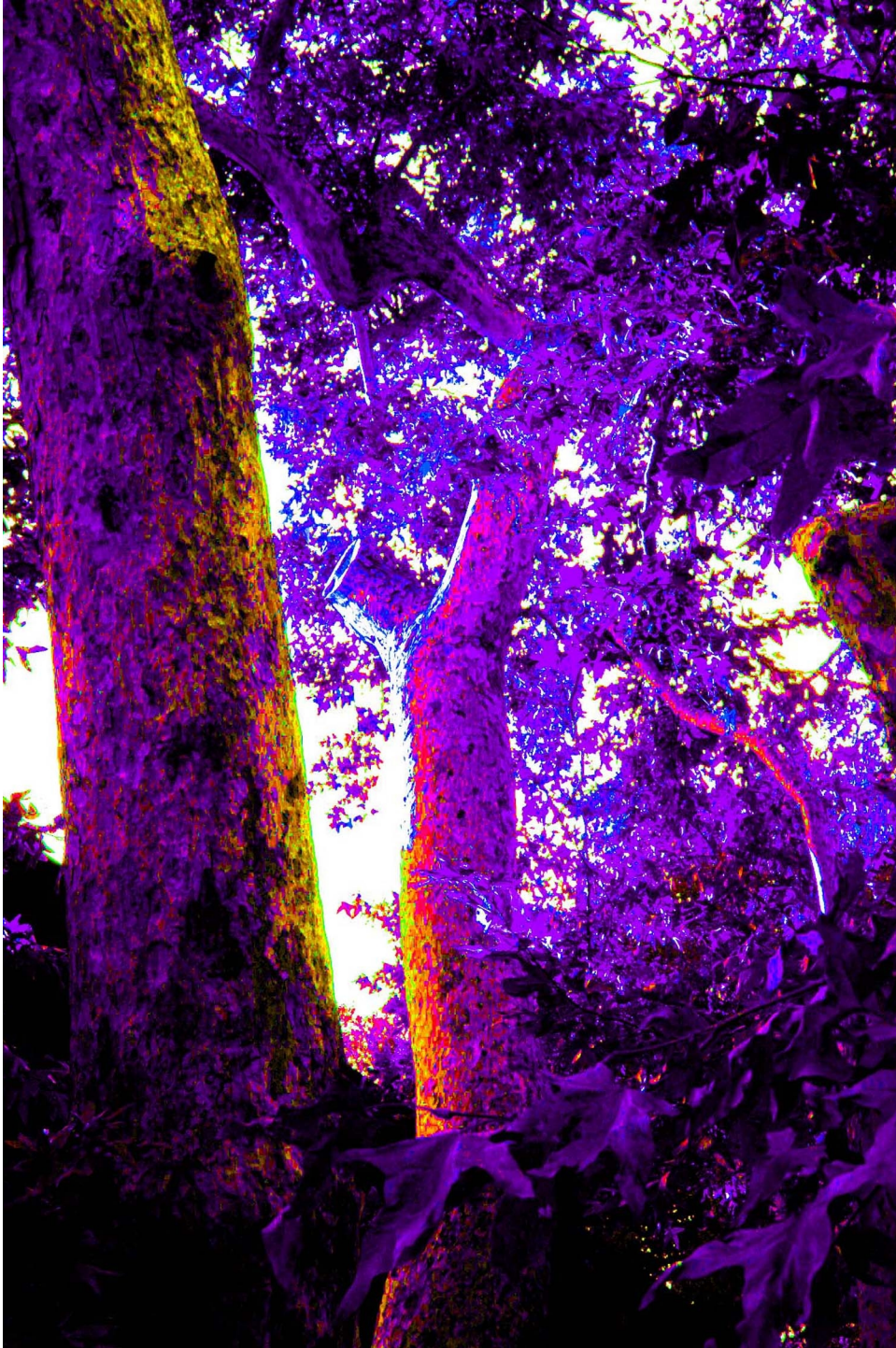
Amidst the shadows... whisperings of life...
5 TITLE: "LEARN TO RECOGNIZE WONDERFUL FEELINGS..."



*Nature is Inspiration: Remember to tell the People you
value how much you care about them.*
6 TITLE: "REMEMBER TO LOVE THOSE THAT MATTER TO YOU"



*In nature, one can be renewed... the scents and smells are powerful.
To be lost in the embracing beauty of nature makes life great.
7 TITLE: "LIVE LIFE... GO FOR A HIKE IN NATURE"*



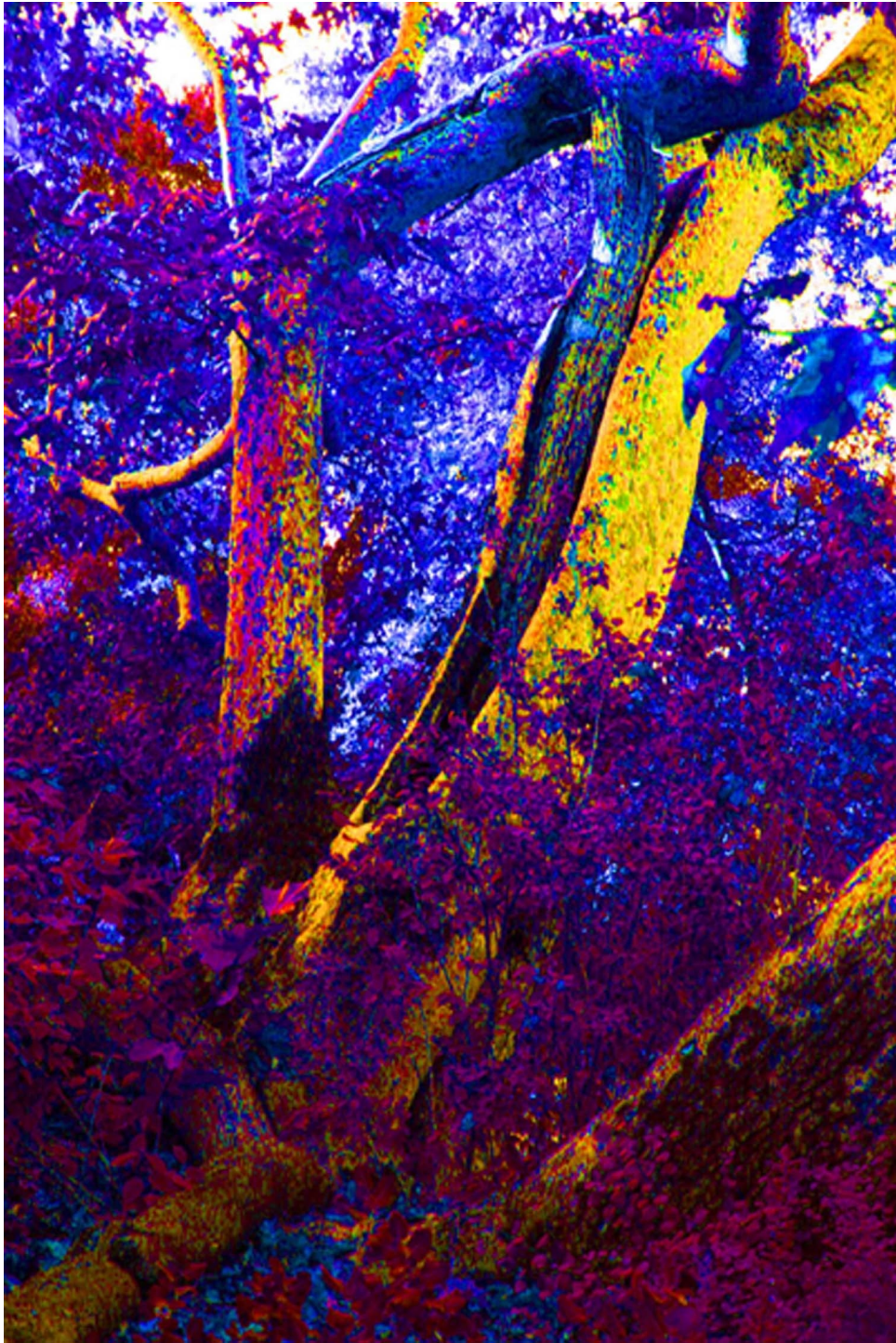
While out in nature... try climbing a tree. It is exhilarating.
8 TITLE: "TREE BRANCHES THAT BECKON TO US TO CLIMB
THEM..."



The vistas in nature are awesome... oranges & greens
9 TITLE: "IN SILENCE, ONE CAN HEAR WHISPERINGS OF
NATURE"



Resting a moment under the protective canopy of a tree
10 TITLE: "PEACEFUL MOMENTS"

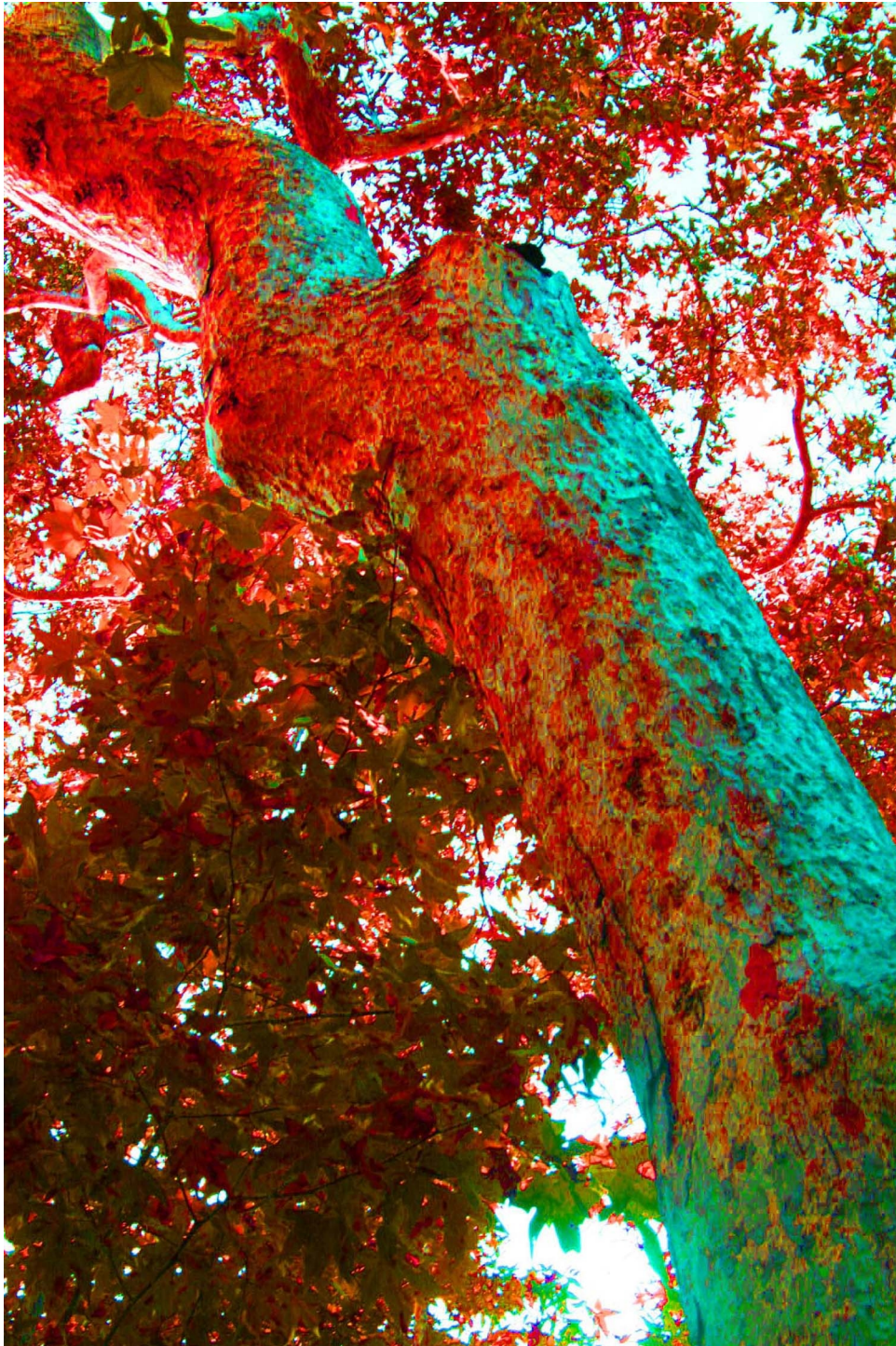


In our journey through life, we look to make out something out of chaos. It is alright to be patient. Everything will settle down.

11 TITLE: "JOURNEY IN PEACE"



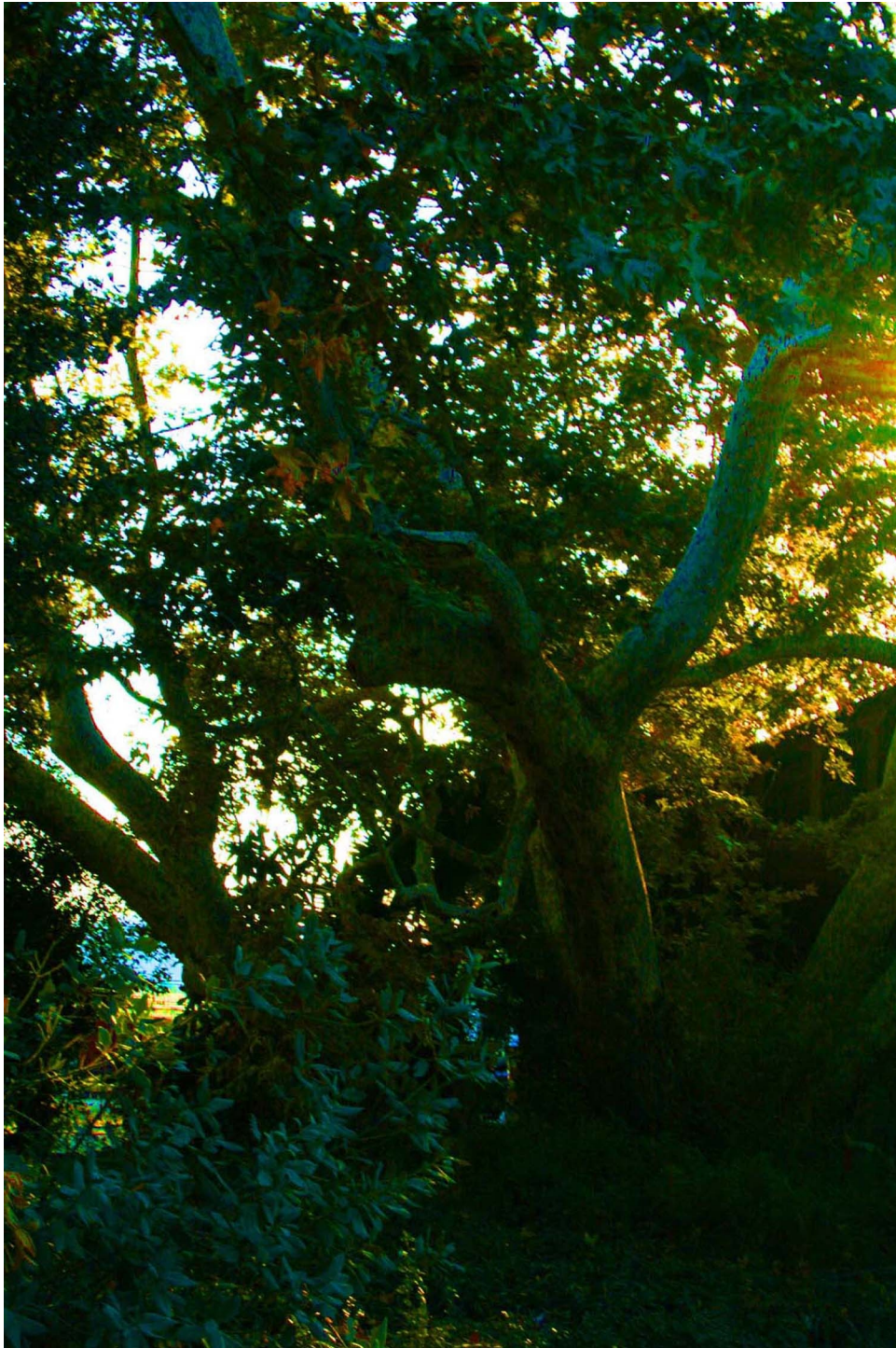
Awake to light and the new possibilities of every day!
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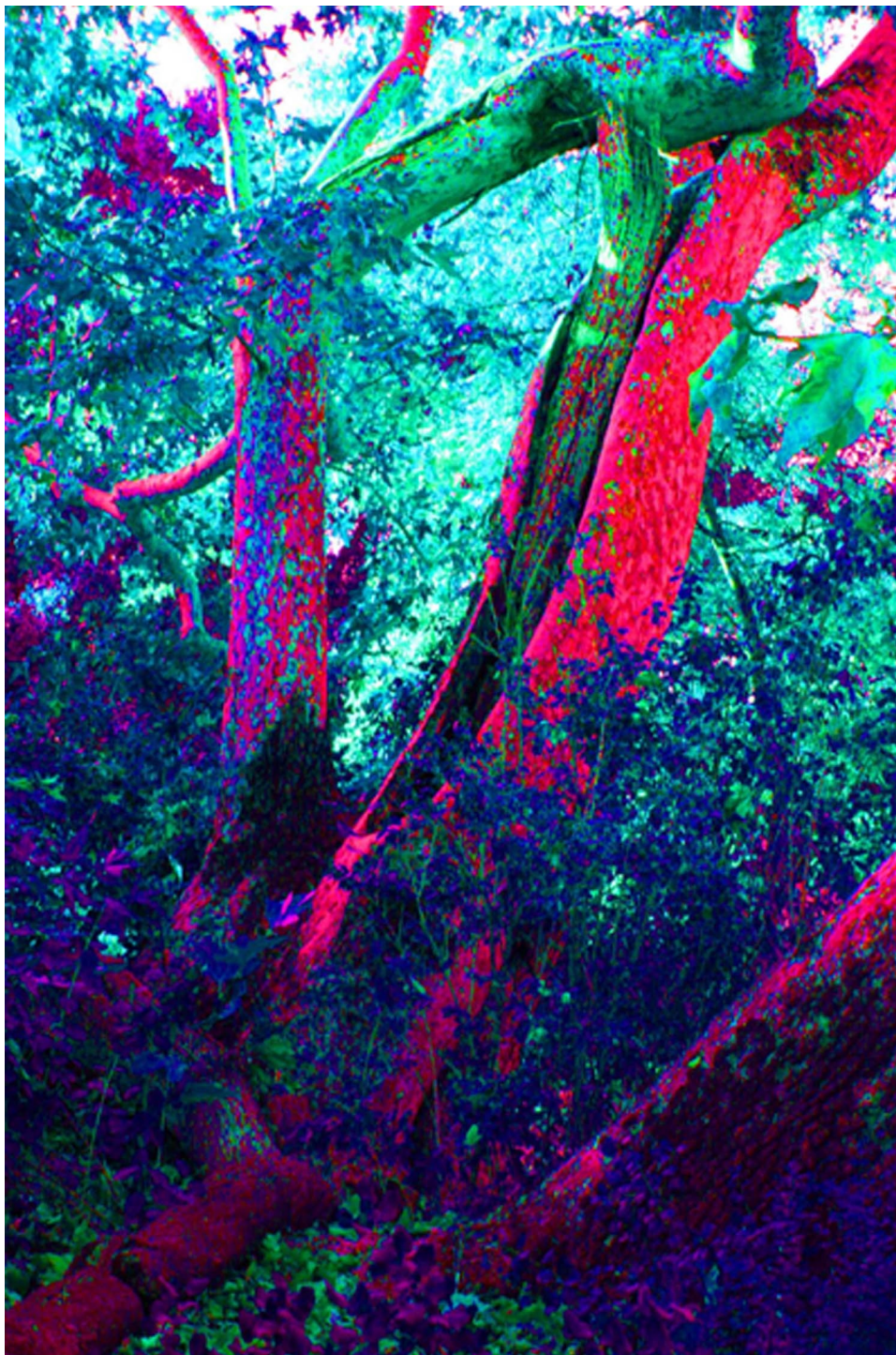
Love & Joy around every corner
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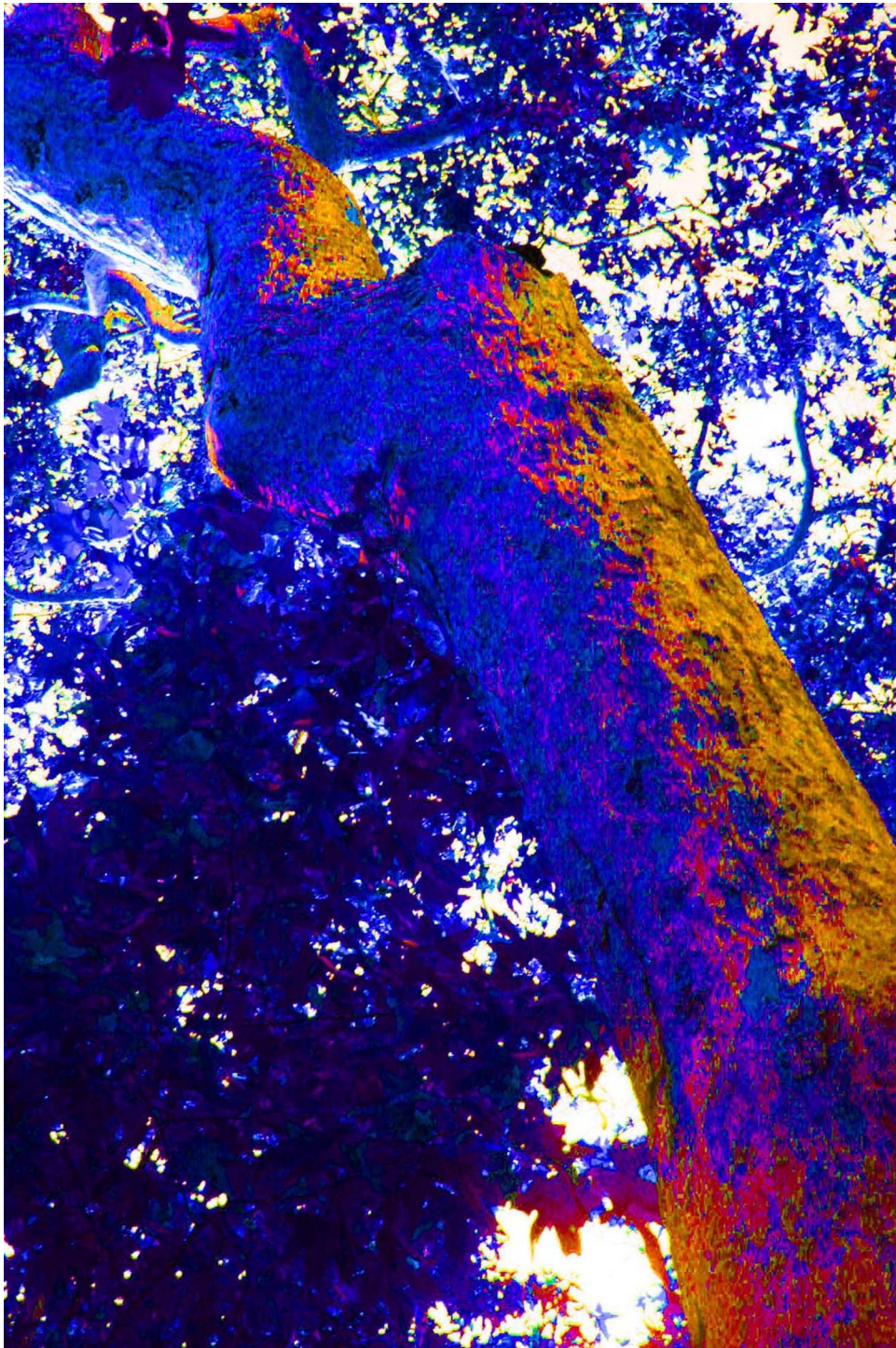
Arise, oh Godliness of Nature... Born within, is the seed of life!
14 TITLE: "LOOK WITH AWE AT THE BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS
YOU!"



Amidst the shadows there are whisperings of life.
15 TITLE: "THINK WONDERFUL THOUGHTS AND WONDERFUL
FEELINGS WILL FOLLOW"



Learn to listen to nature... It will speak to you!
16 TITLE: "THE SILENT VOICES AROUND US AWE AT YOUR
BEAUTY..."



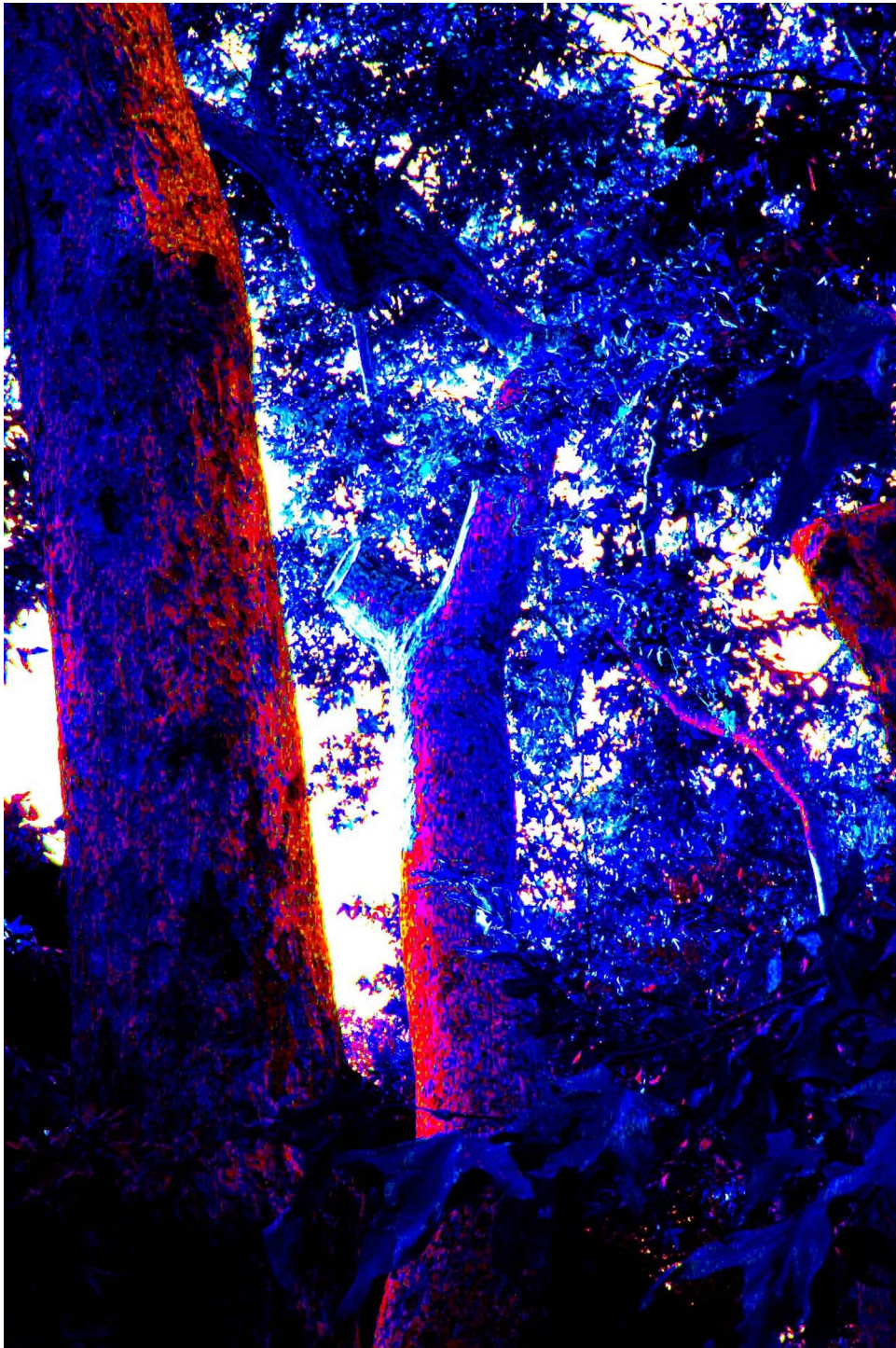
*Behind the shadow is the light. Know that it too
shall pass, whatever ails you...*

17 TITLE: "FAITH, LOVE & REMEMBRANCE"



*The silent secret wondrous whisperings of life come to us like
silent voices in our minds.*

18 TITLE: "LISTEN TO YOUR THOUGHTS.
BECOME AWARE OF YOUR MIND."



Blown away into the mysteries of nature... I ponder.
19 TITLE: "TAKING IN THE MYSTERY"



Nature vibrates with passionate energetic movements...
20 TITLE: "PASSION AMONGST THE TREES"



Poetry is found amidst the light and shadows
21 TITLE: "POETRY"



*Walking through nature I have learned that it is all right to
expect the unexpected.*

22 TITLE: "LIFE IS ALWAYS MOVING & CHANGING AT IT'S OWN
RHYTHM"

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The Molcajete, The Cactus, The Pot & The Path



When human hands touch, they affect nature.

23 TITLE: "OUR TOUCH HAS POWER..."



I awe at what human beings can create with nature's bounty.

24 TITLE: "WHAT INGENUITY IS FOUND IN THE HUMAN MIND"



A cactus flower growing on a human path...

25 TITLE: "LIFE IS OF ITS OWNS NATURE..."



The journeys through trees create pathways...

26 TITLE: "LET THE PATHS OF HUMAN FEET BLEND WITH
NATURE'S PATH"



*A molcajete is a rock instrument used to make corn meal...
And it is beautiful.*

27 TITLE: "THE MOLCAJETE TURNS NATURE INTO FOOD!"



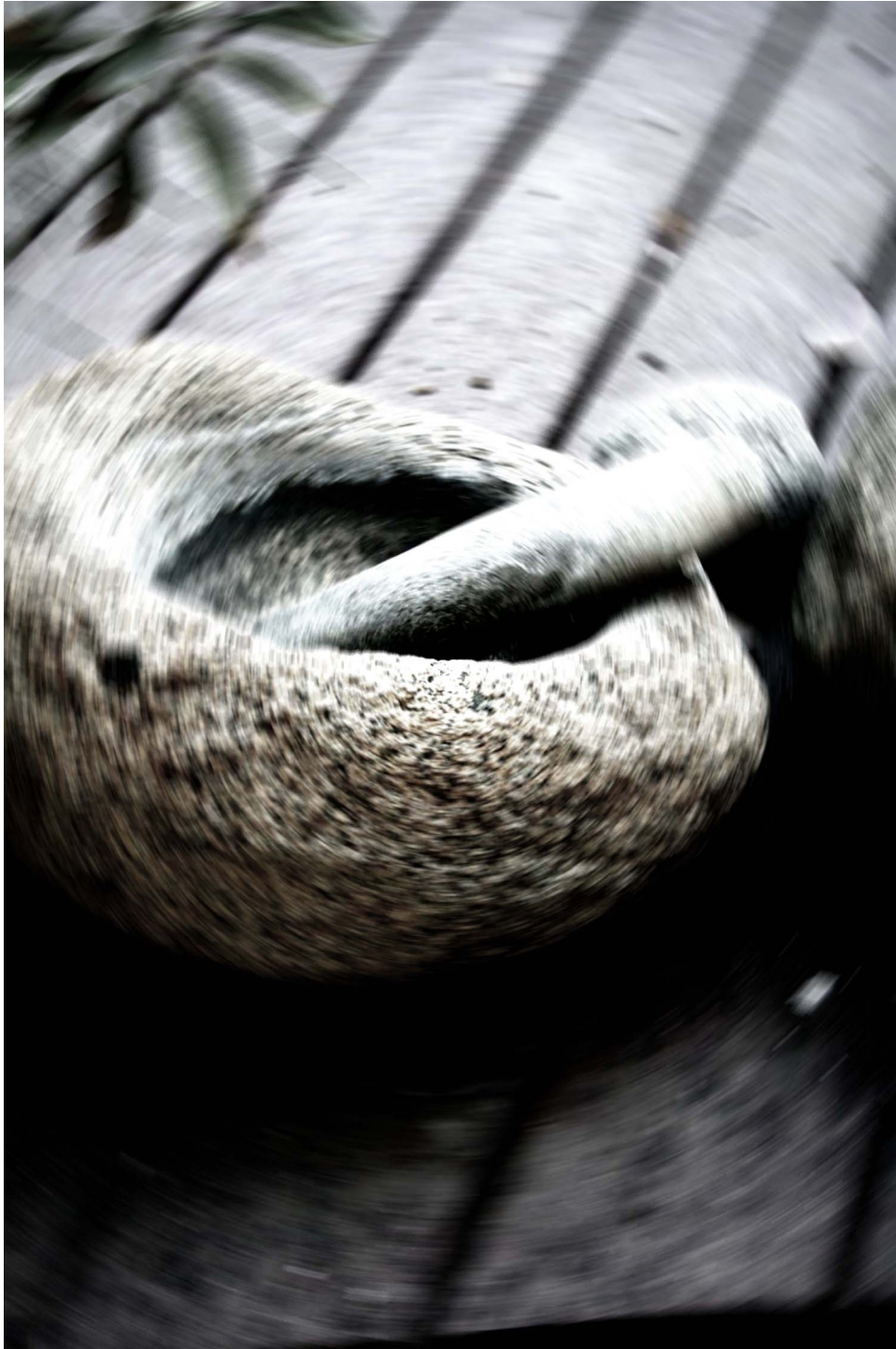
This was a door to a straw house. It opens welcoming you.
28 TITLE: "TO ENTER A LOVING HOME WHEN INVITED IS
MIRACULOUS"



Nature's grass and human eyes have a love affair.
29 TITLE: "NATURE'S GRASS CARESSES THE LIVING WIND"



Nature's garden... it offers a balance and relaxation.
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Rocks are meant to last a long time...
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MAGICAL"



Small spaces in nature have voices inside them...
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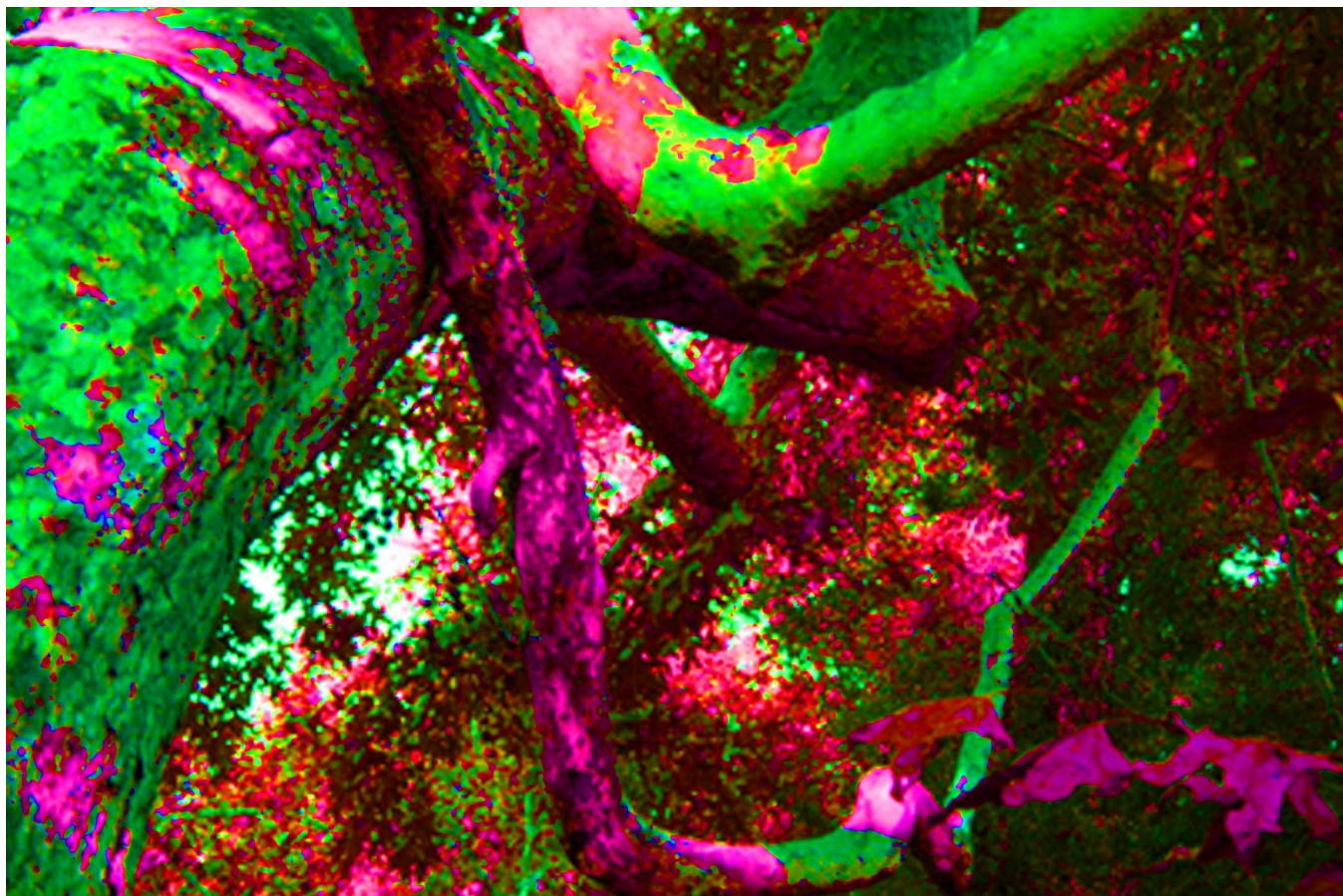
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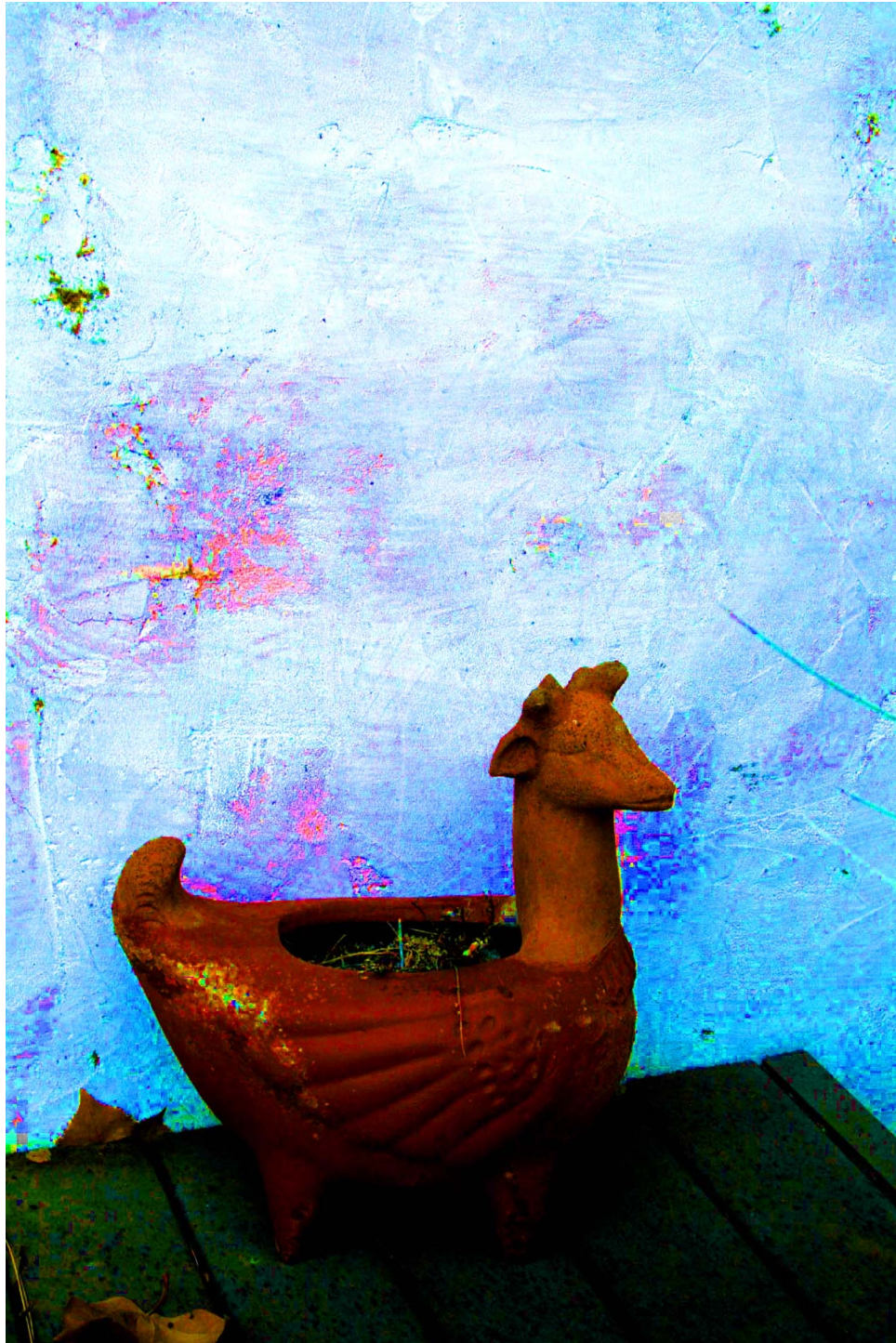
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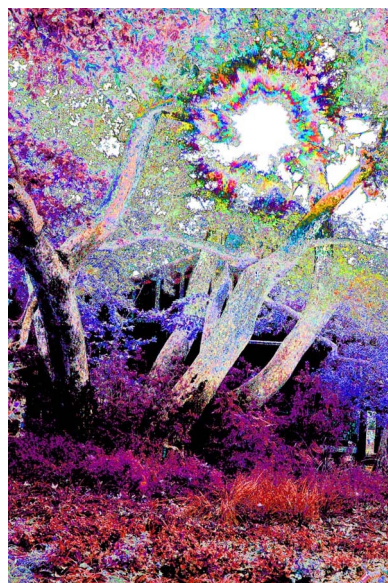
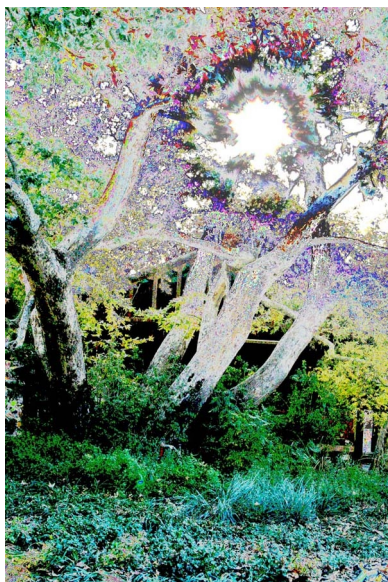
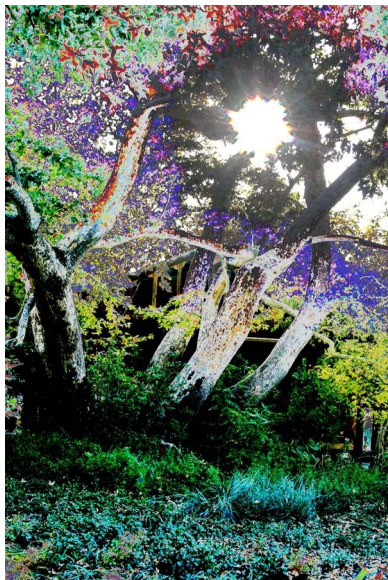
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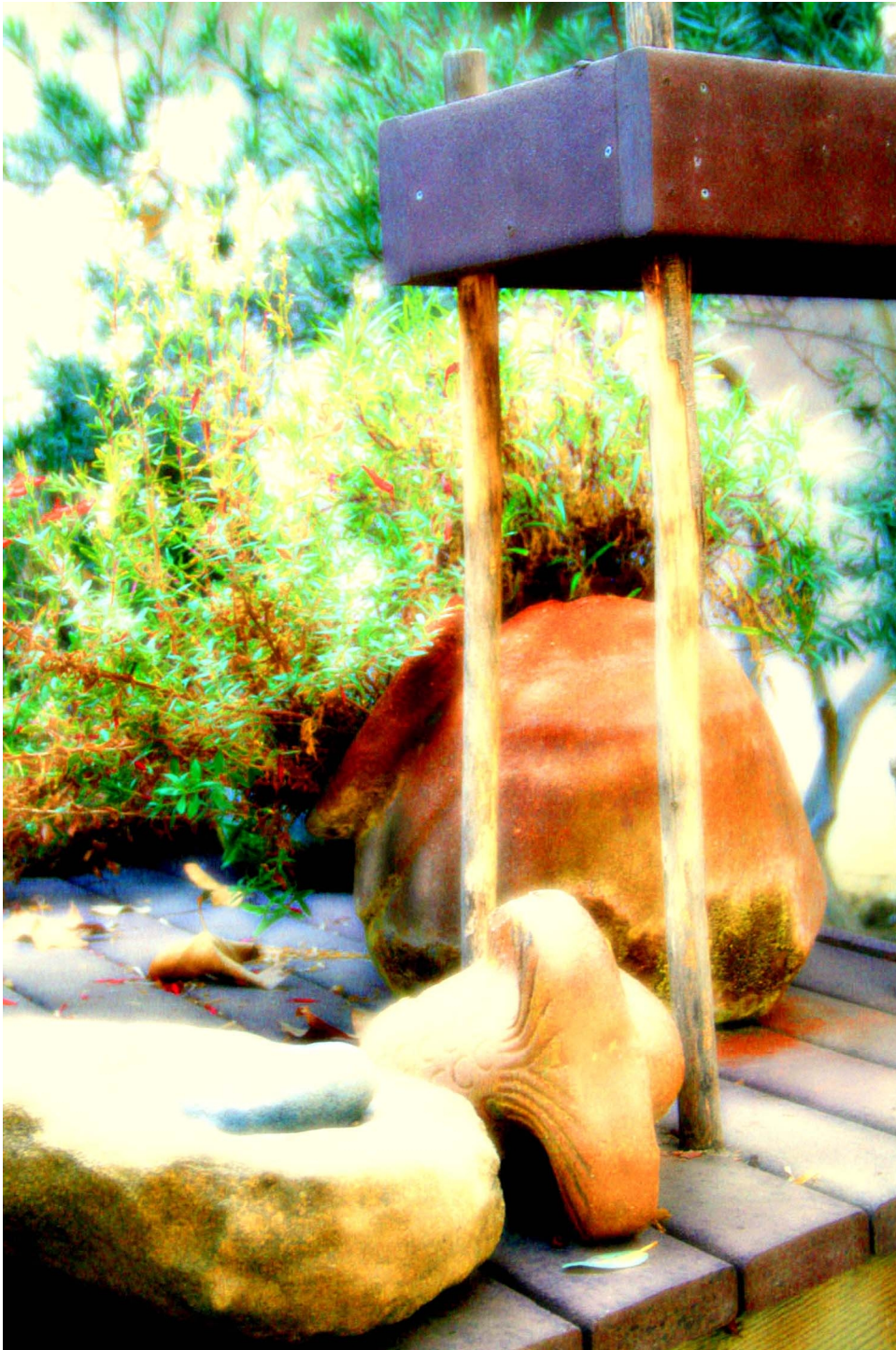
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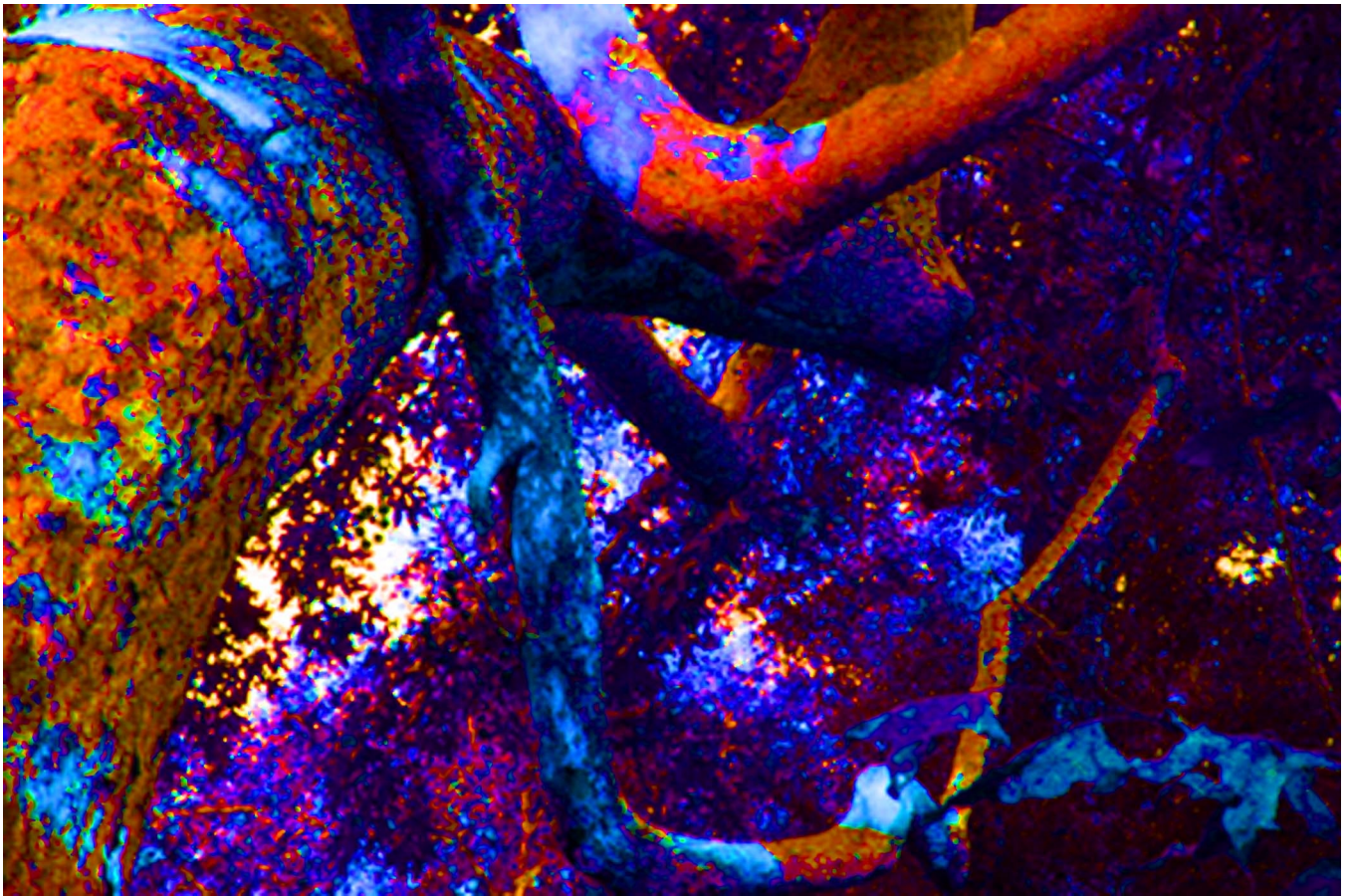
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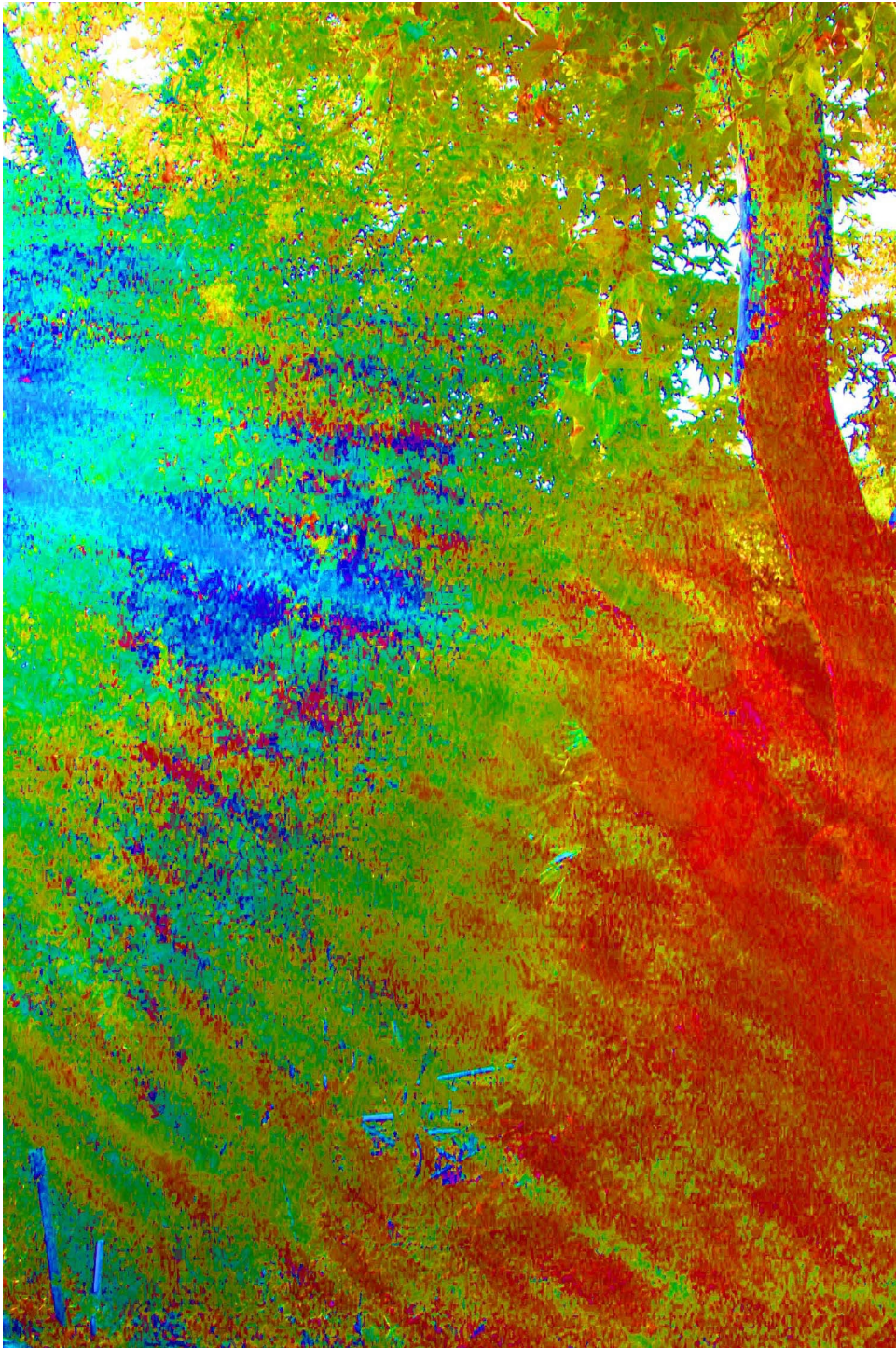
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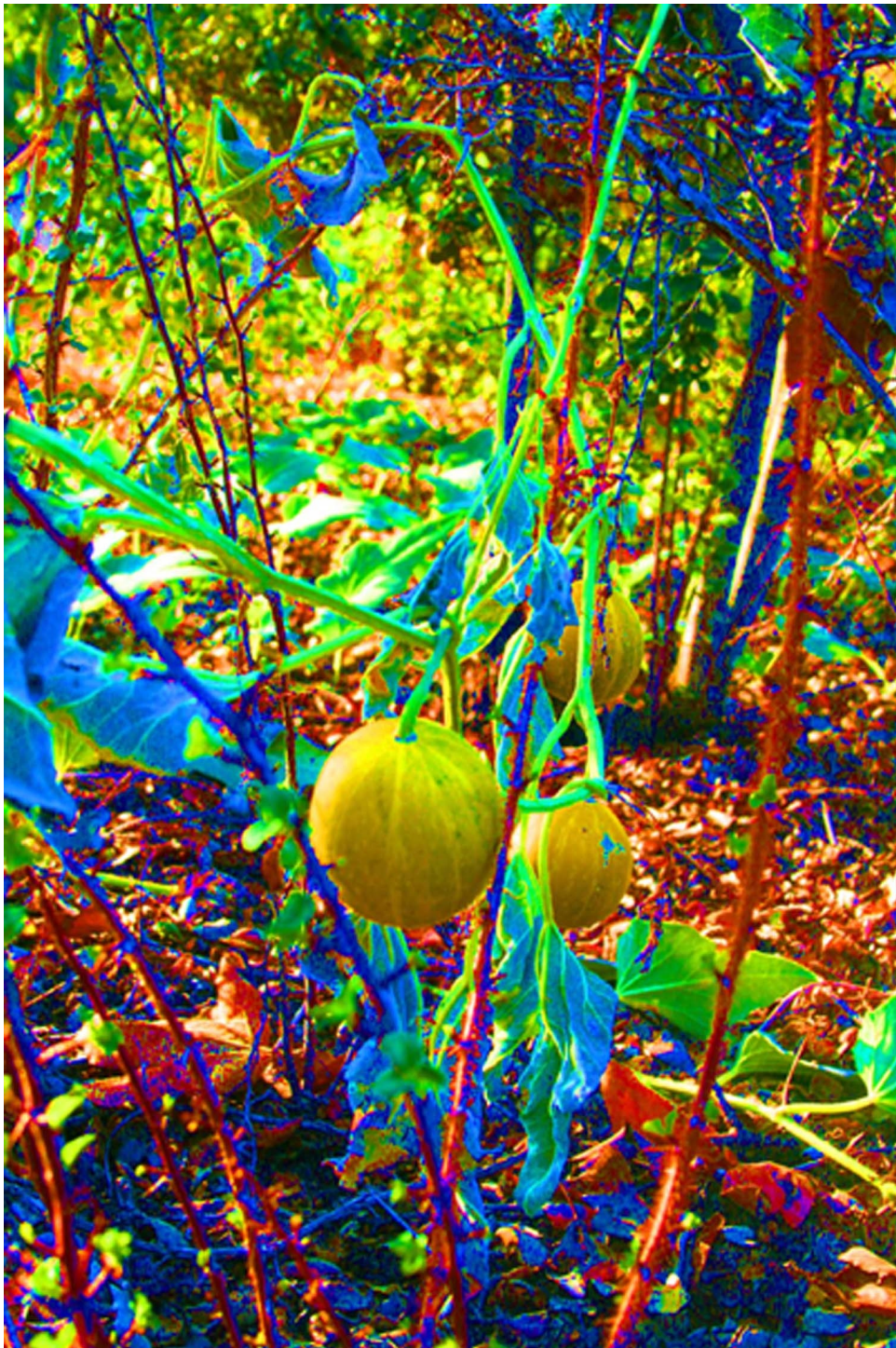
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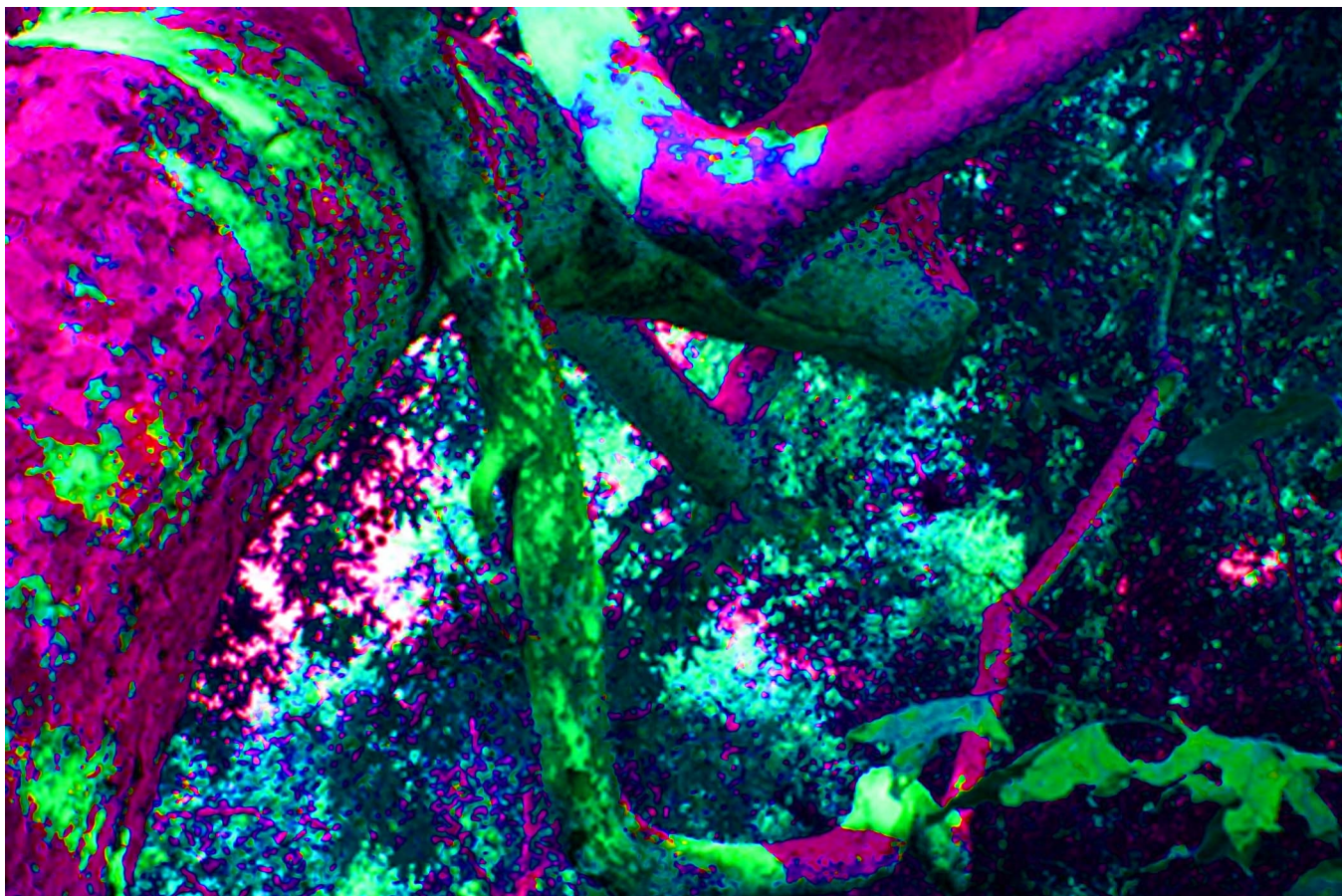
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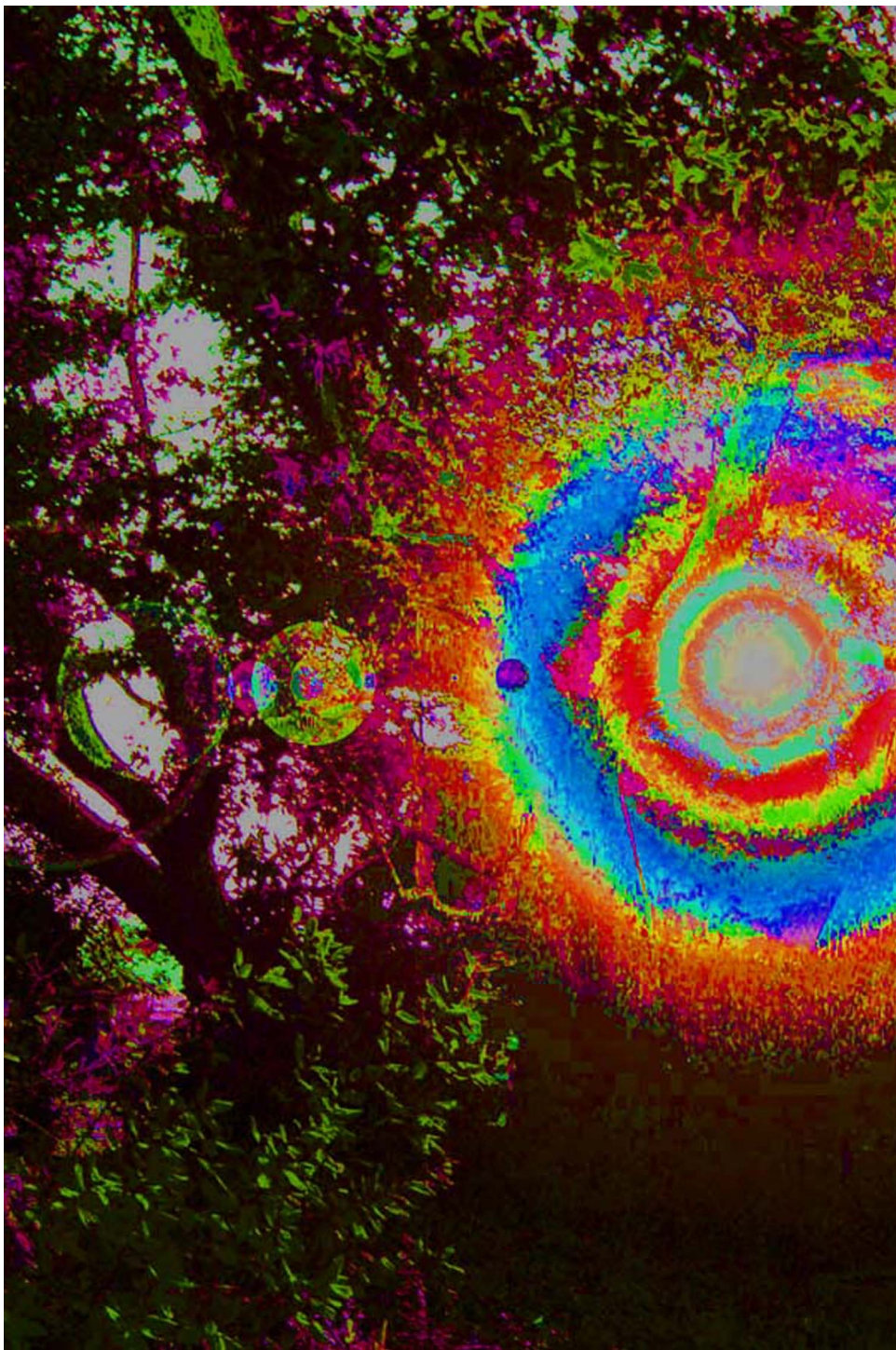
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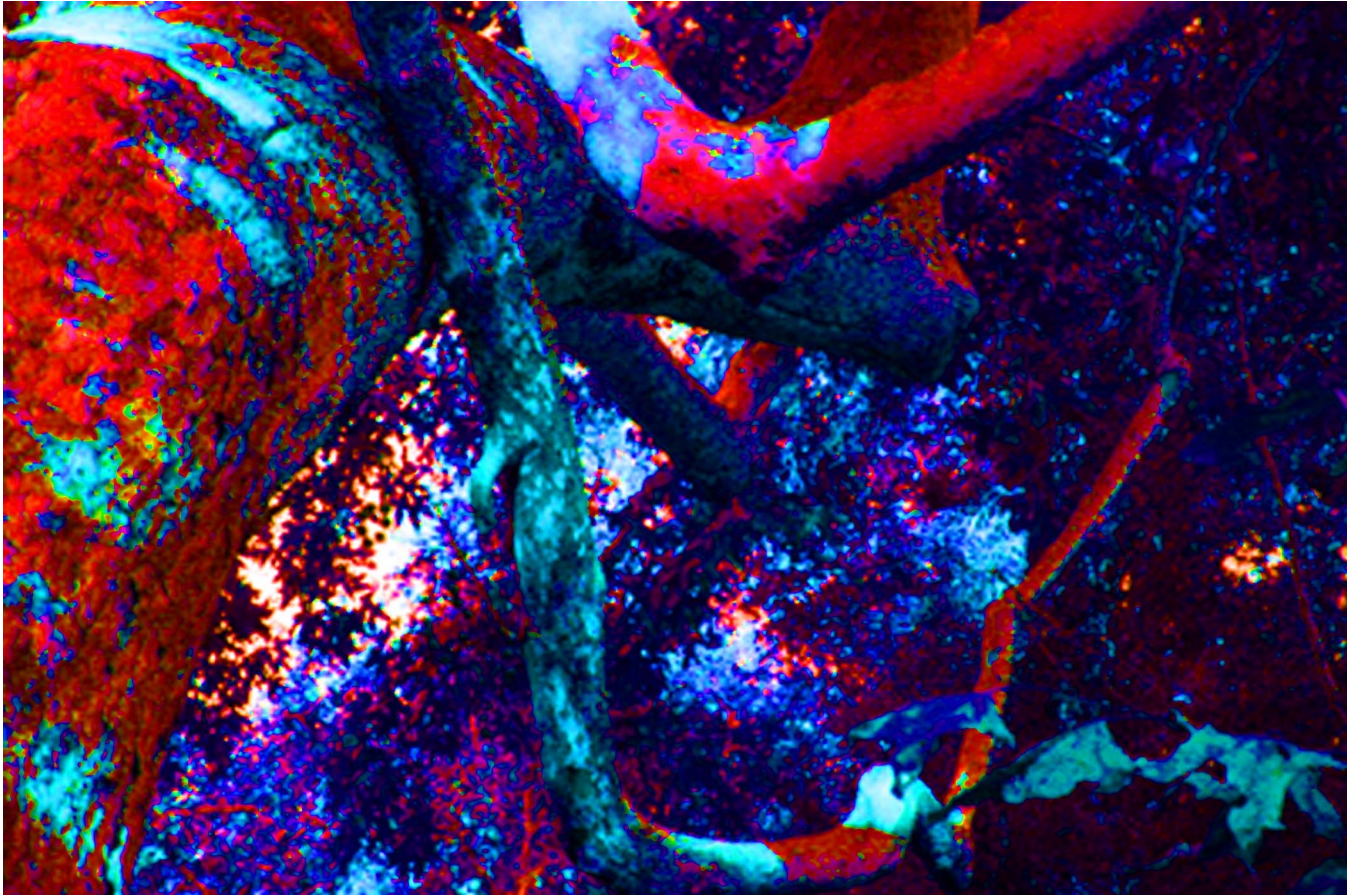
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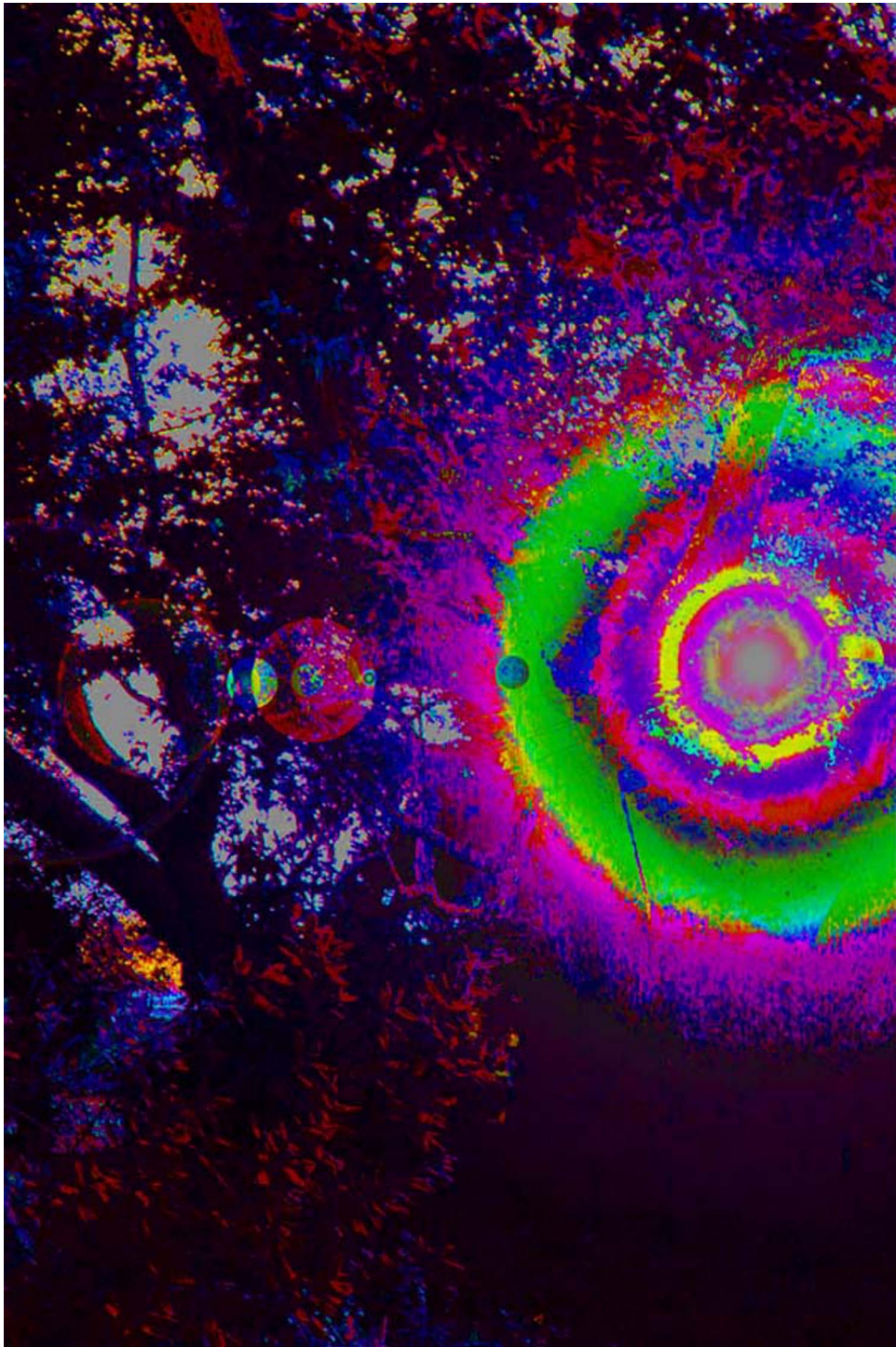
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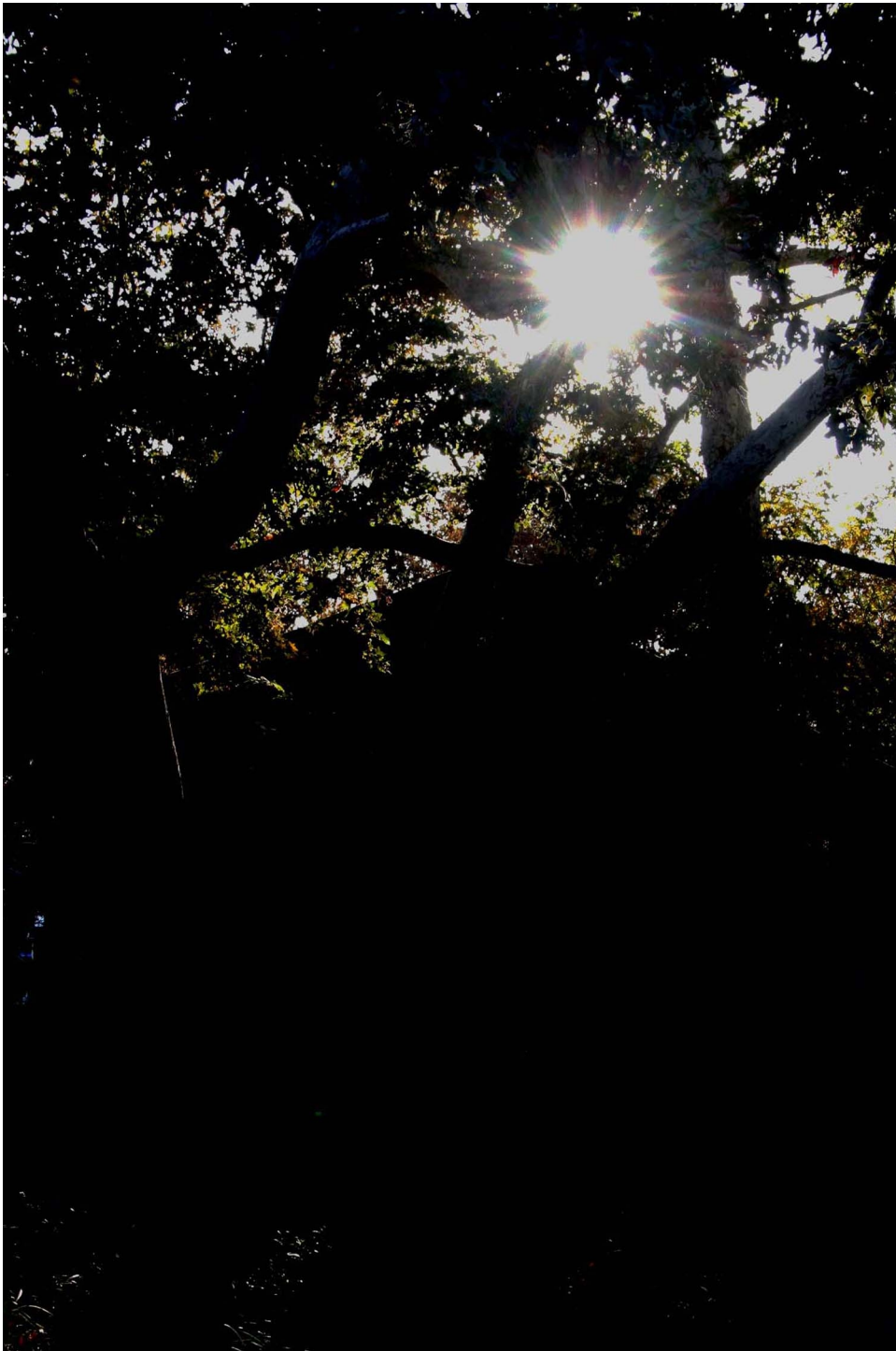
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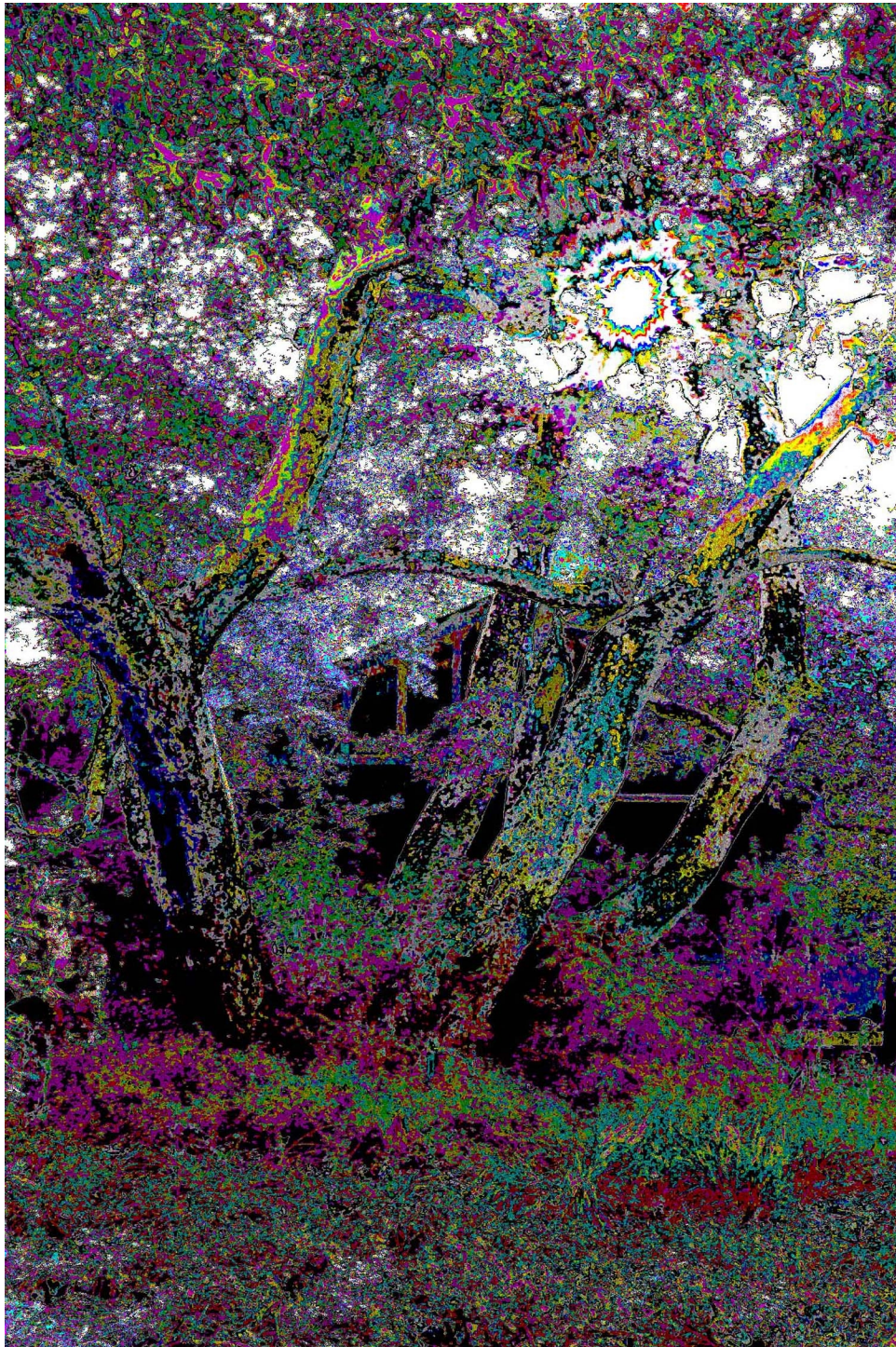
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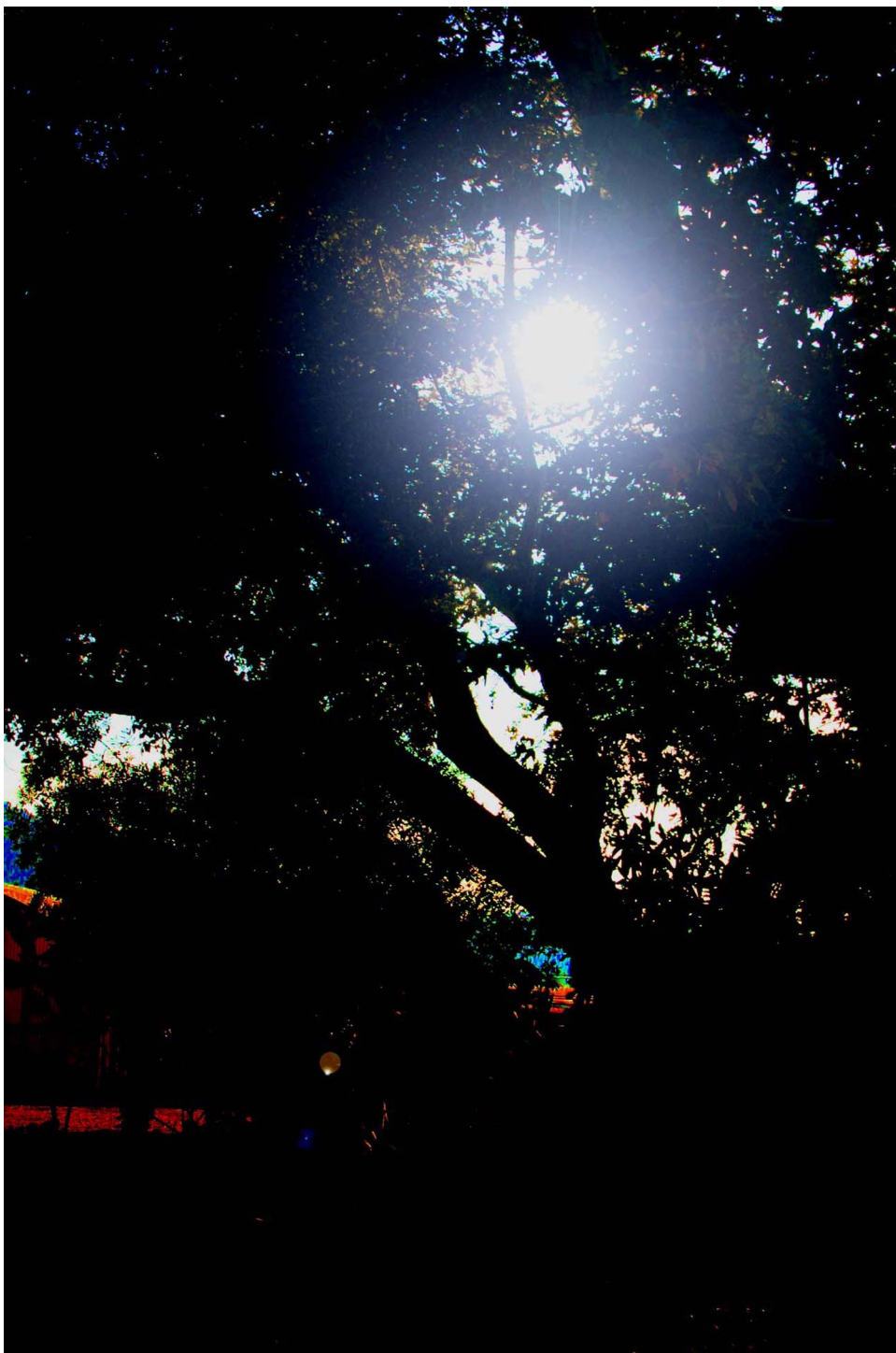
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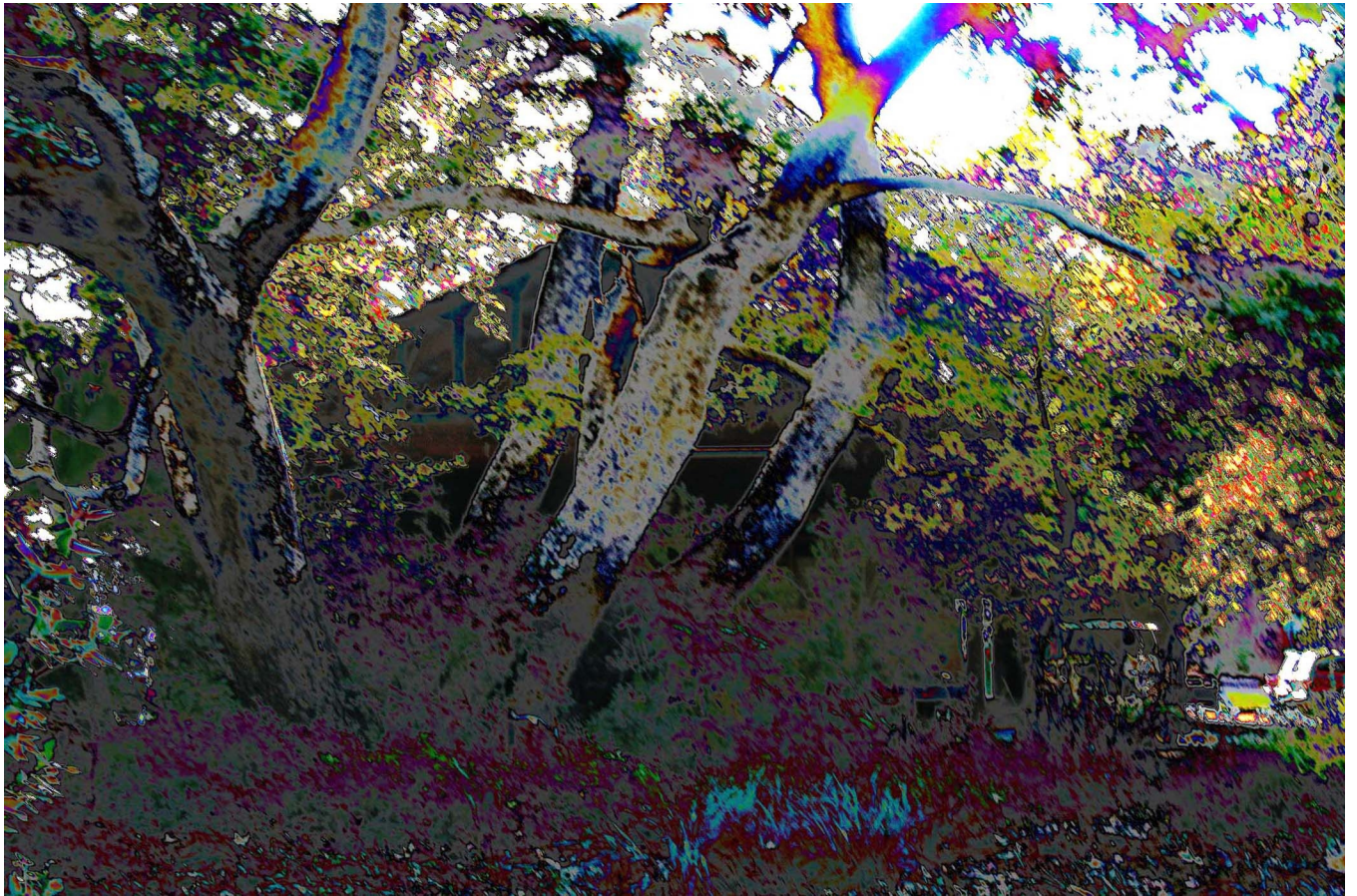
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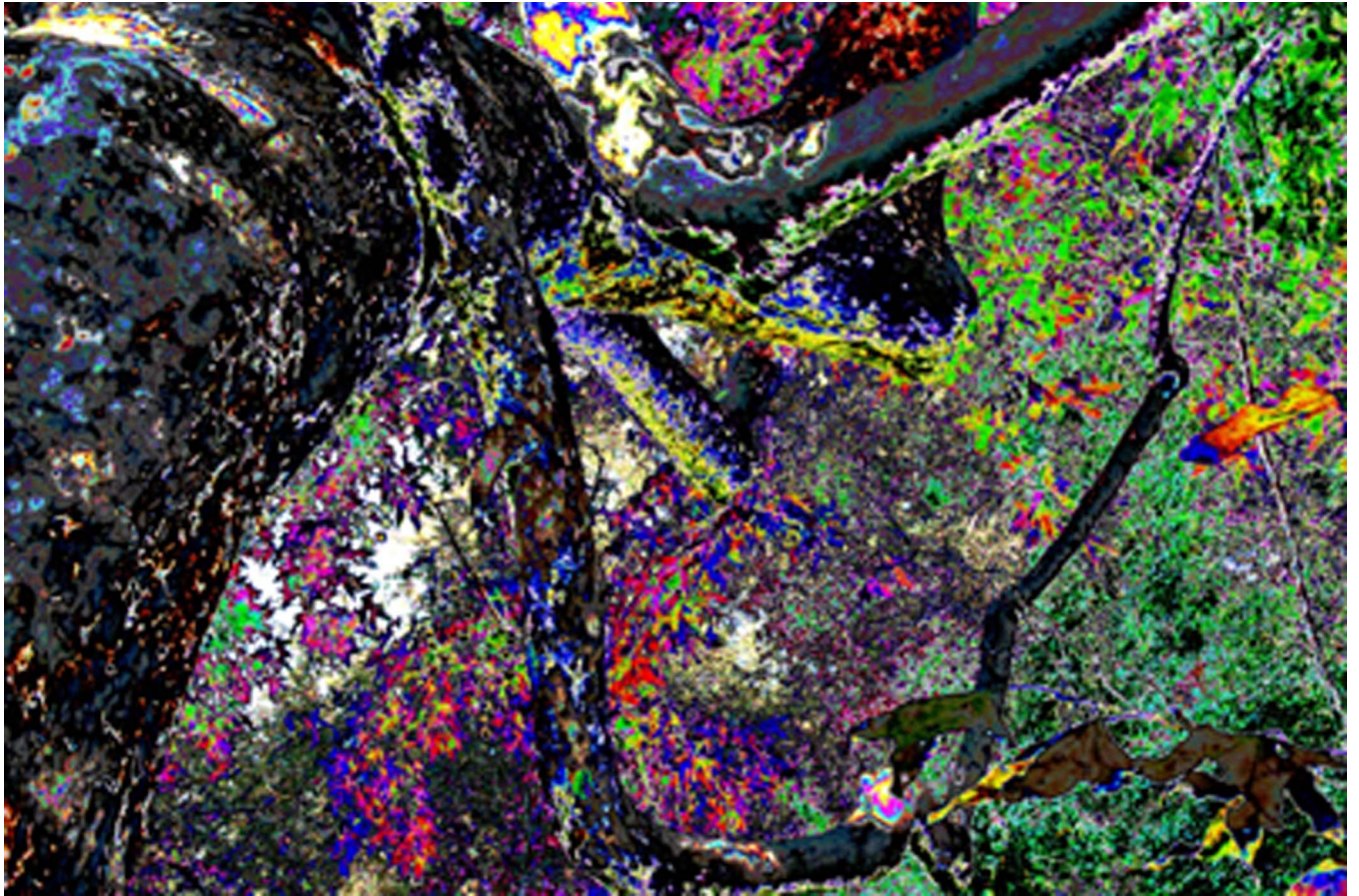
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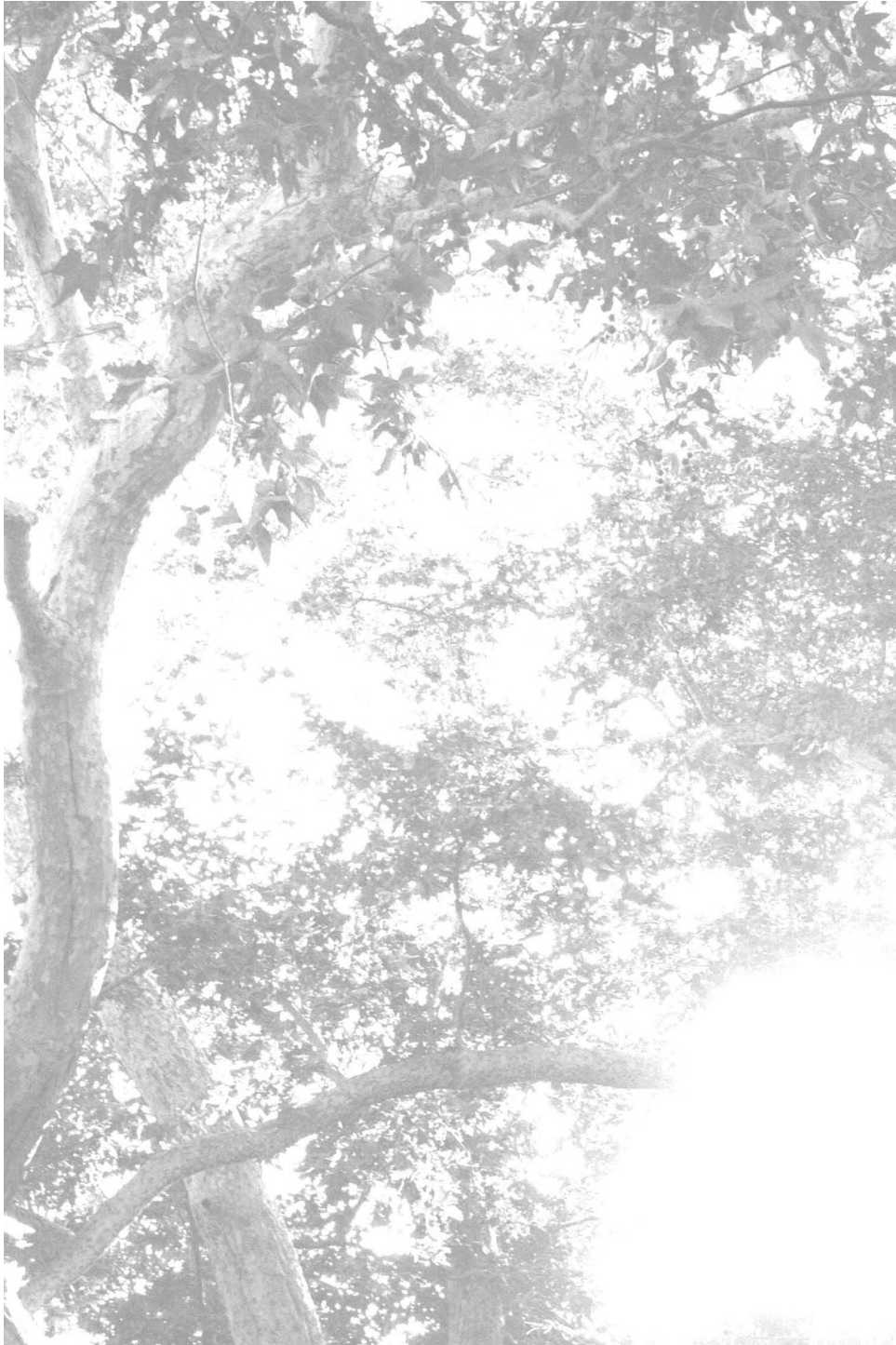
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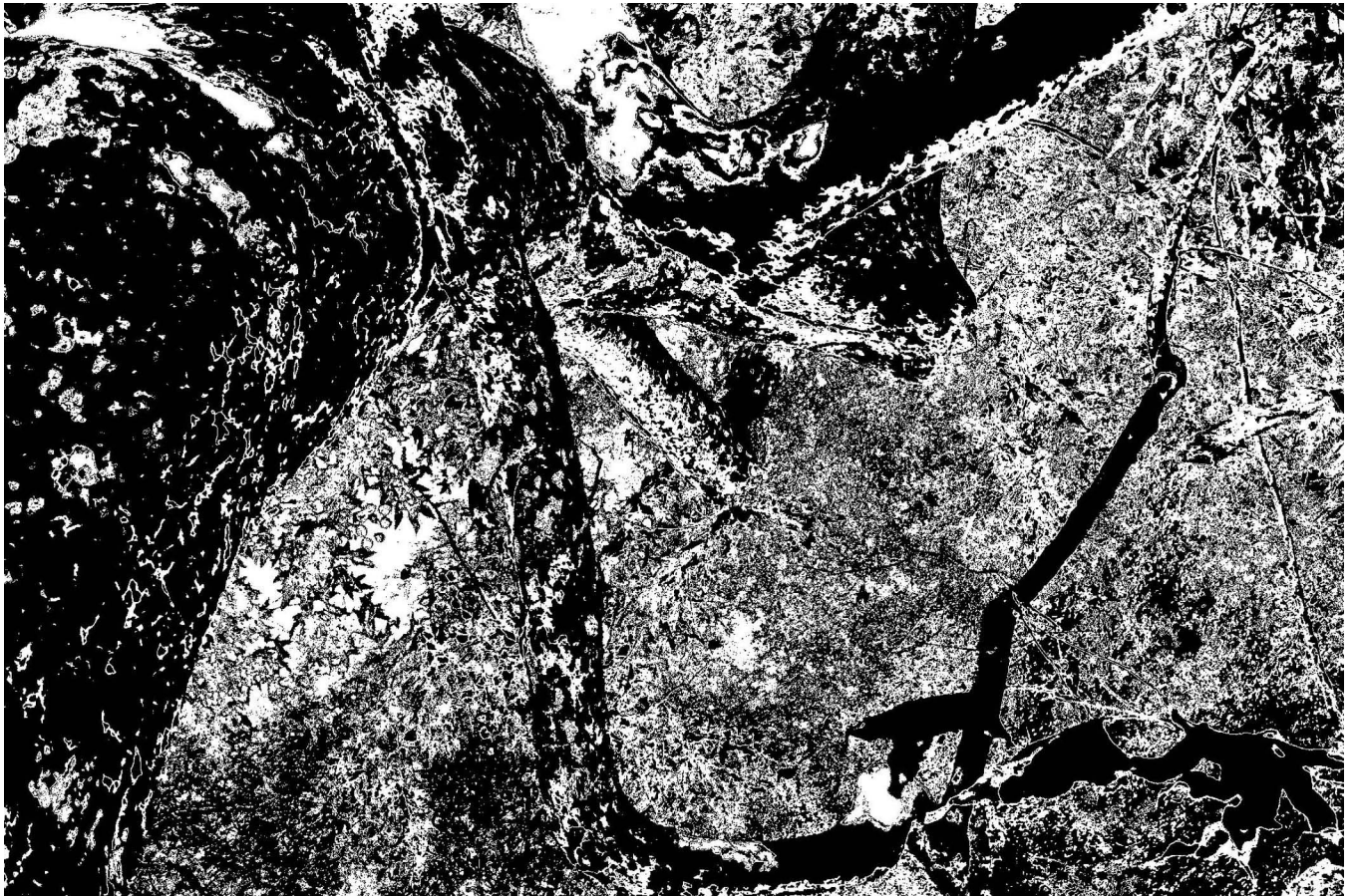
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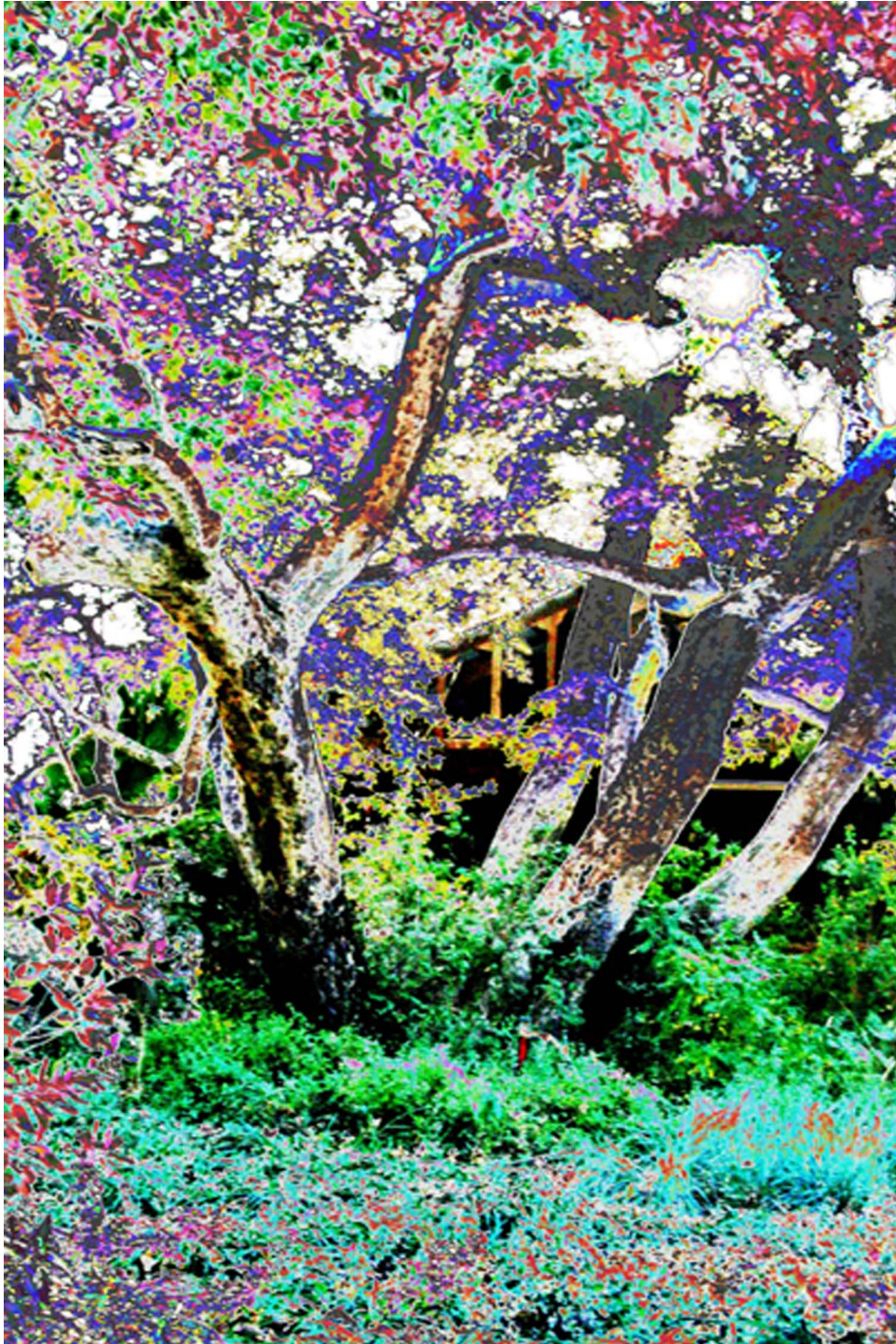
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