

**FLUX\_278**

2026-02-14 → 2026-02-16

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## WHAT IS FLUX

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FLUX is an open-source chronological photography publishing and archival system. Every 50 photographs automatically becomes a new issue.

The system generates:

- PDF publication
  - contact sheet
  - metadata manifest
  - original JPEG files
  - digital archive update
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STEP\_01

### CAPTURE

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CAMERA: compact digital camera

FILE TYPE: small JPEG

COLOR MODE: high contrast black and white

PURPOSE:

- eliminate processing
  - eliminate workflow friction
  - maximize speed
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STEP\_02

### SELECT

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GENERATE DIGITAL CONTACT SHEET

REVIEW SMALL THUMBNAILS ONLY

MAKE FINAL SELECTIONS  
FROM CONTACT SHEET VIEW

SELECT QUICKLY

DO NOT:

- overedit
- oversequence
- overanalyze

TARGET: 50 PHOTOGRAPHS PER ISSUE

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STEP\_03

### UPLOAD

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DRAG SELECTED FILES INTO:

/FLUX\_UPLOAD/

RUN:

./flux\_update.command  
OR: python3 flux\_update.py

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STEP\_04

### SYSTEM AUTOMATION

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SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY:

- detects new photographs
- reads timestamps
- preserves chronological order
- generates derivatives
- creates metadata
- generates SHA256 hashes
- rebuilds manifests
- updates digital archive
- rebuilds timeline
- uploads archive online

DIGITAL ARCHIVE:

flux.dantesisofo.com

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### ARCHIVE STRUCTURE

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DIGITAL ARCHIVE INCLUDES:

- chronological timeline
- issue browser
- downloadable PDFs
- original JPEG files
- metadata manifests
- contact sheets

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS REMAIN  
IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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STEP\_05

### ISSUE GENERATION

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WHEN 50 NEW PHOTOGRAPHS  
ARE DETECTED:

SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY:

- creates next FLUX issue
- sequences photographs
- preserves capture order
- generates issue number
- generates issue PDF
- updates publication archive

NO MANUAL LAYOUT REQUIRED

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STEP\_06

### PRINT

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PRINT: double sided

PAPER: 8.5 x 11 office paper

STACK PAGES

ALIGN EDGES

DO NOT FOLD

STAPLE LEFT SIDE

USING COVER MARKS

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STEP\_07

### ARCHIVE

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STORE ISSUES CHRONOLOGICALLY

PRESERVE ISSUE NUMBERS

MAKE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE

PRINT

DISTRIBUTE

DOWNLOAD

REPRODUCE

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END\_OF\_PROTOCOL

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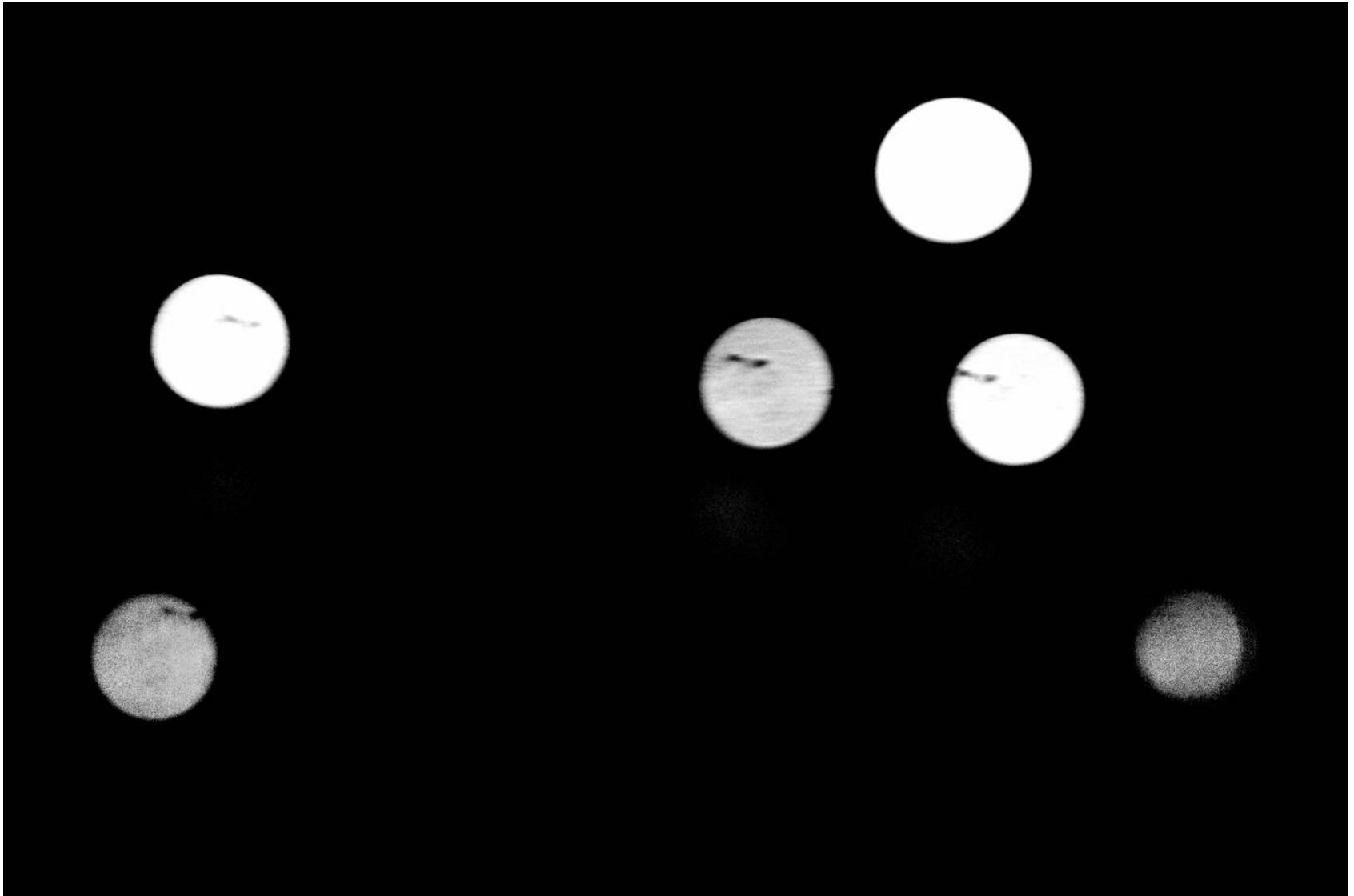


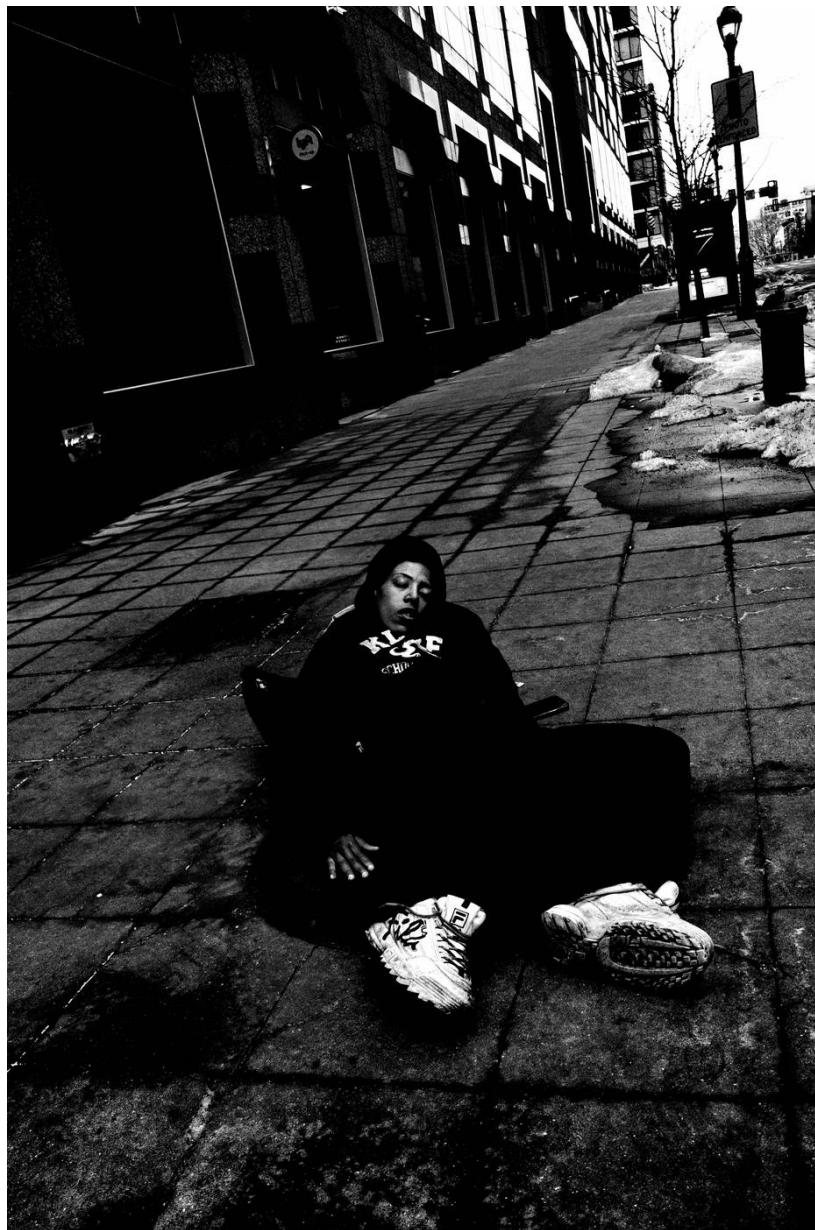






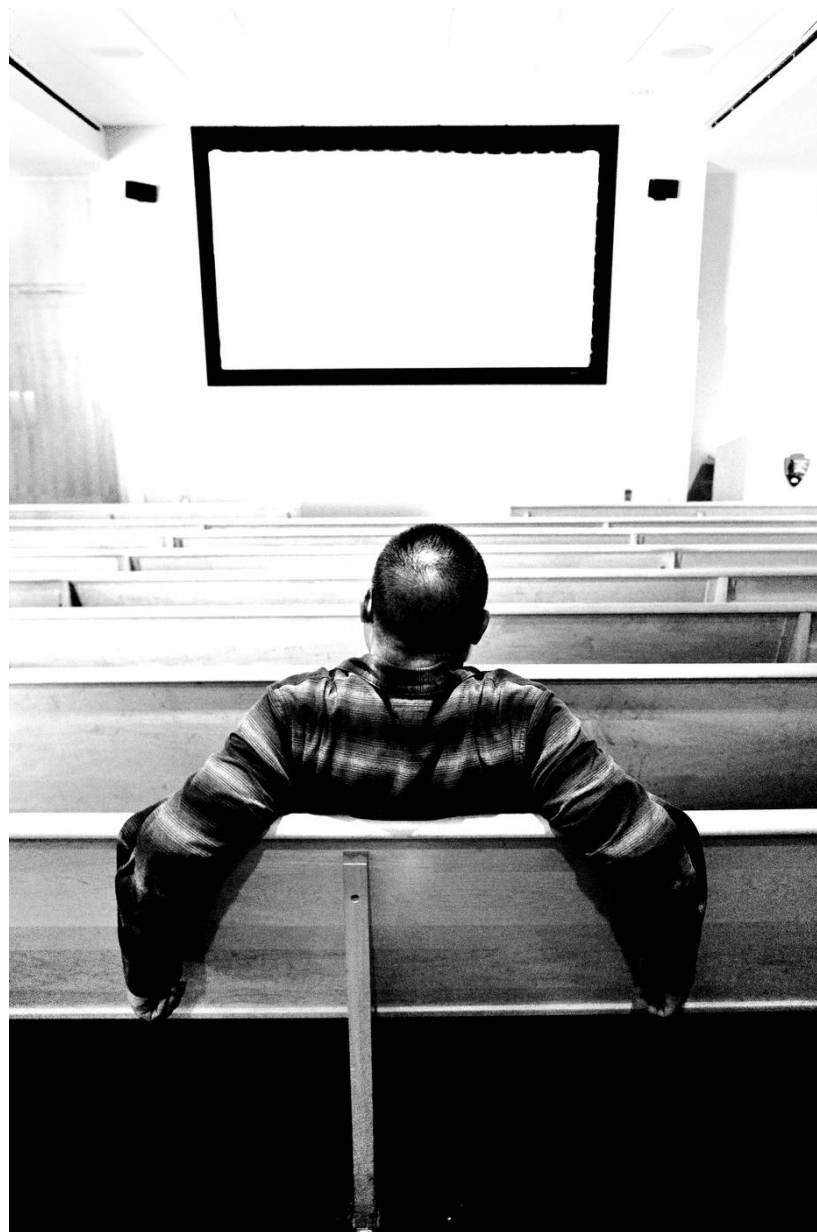






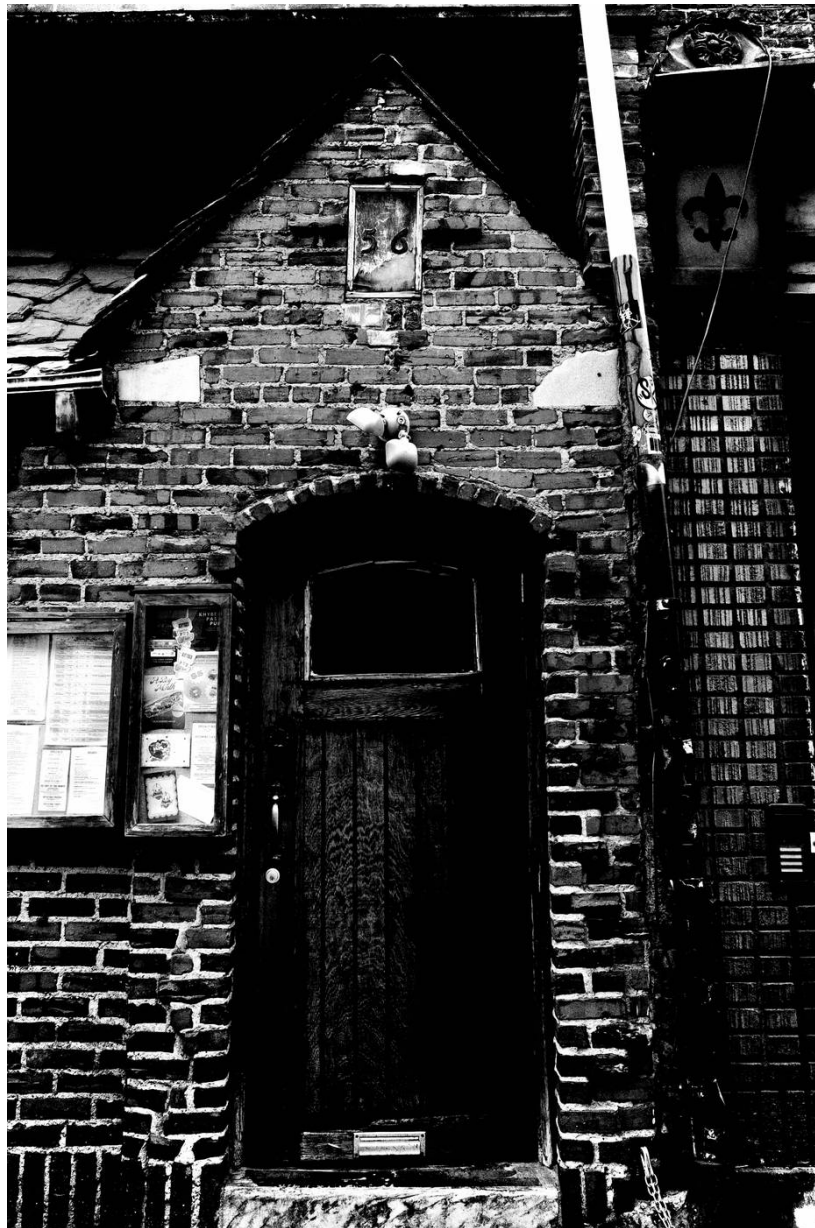






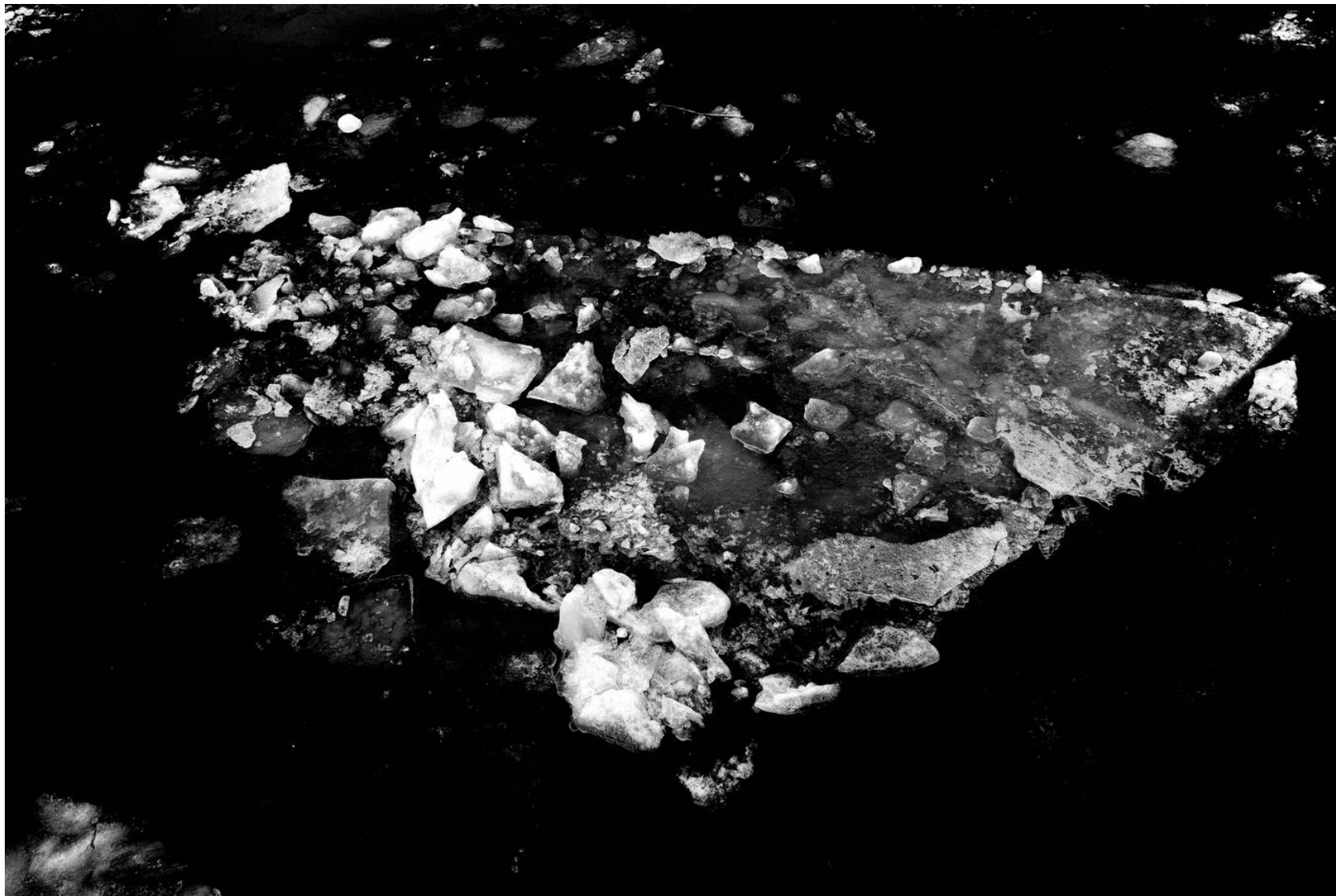













































**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**




**ONEY (AKA ONA) JUDGE**  
Martha Washington's Slave  
*Lived here 1790-1796*

Lived 50+ years in freedom  
but **NEVER FREED**

- Owned by the Custis Estate
- Inherited by Martha Washington from her first husband
- Slept at the foot of Martha's bed
- Fled after she heard Martha say she was going to give Oney to her granddaughter
- Escaped to NH
- Married a free black sailor
- Bore 3 children, who all died before her
- Legally owned by Custis Estate for her entire life

**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**




**HERCULES**  
Washington's Slave & Chef  
*Lived here 1790-1797*

A luxurious & respected life, for a slave.  
**ESCAPED** — never captured.

- Owned by George Washington
- Admired chef
- Allowed to sell leftovers from state banquets
- Known for his very fancy clothes (bought with banquet profits)
- Sent back to VA so he wouldn't gain freedom under PA law
- Never legally freed by Washington

**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**




**CHRISTOPHER SHEELS**  
George Washington's Slave  
*Lived here 1790-1797*


Trusted attendant to the President.  
Tried to escape but got **CAUGHT**.

- Replaced his uncle as GW's personal attendant
- Constant, private proximity
- Able to read & write = both valuable & dangerous
- Attempted escape in 1799, after GW's death
- Escape attempt failed
- Disappears from the record
- No ending to the story

**WE CANNOT BE SILENCED**



**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**



**PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
*Lived here 1790-1797*

A legacy of **LIBERTY & BONDAGE**

Strengthened slavery across the nation


Signed the Fugitive Slave Act (1793)

- Return of escaped slaves
- Slave catchers in every U.S. state and territory

Voluntarily relinquished power — 2x

Military command & Presidency

**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**




**ABIGAIL ADAMS**  
Wife of President John Adams, Mother of President John Quincy Adams  
*Barely lived here; mostly in MA running the farm*

**ABOLITIONIST** (in theory),  
**FEMINIST** (proto),  
**ESTATE MANAGER** (for real)

Never owned slaves  
Said slavery was wrong  
Argued for women's rights

*"Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could."*  
— Abigail Adams, letter to John Adams, March 31, 1776

**THIS IS OUR HISTORY**




**PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS**  
*Lived here 1790-1797*

Hated slavery but  
**DID NOT ACT** to end it  
Never owned slaves  
Never freed any slaves

*"I have, through my whole life, held the practice of slavery in such abhorrence, that I have never owned a Negro or any other slave."*  
— John Adams, letter to Robert J. Evans, June 8, 1819

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**PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
*Lived here 1790-1797*

**A LEGAL LOOPHOLE**  
to keep his slaves

Brought slaves from slave state VA to free state PA

In PA, the Gradual Abolition Act of 1780 freed slaves after 6 continuous months of residence

Slaves were rotated out of PA before the 6 month mark to keep them enslaved





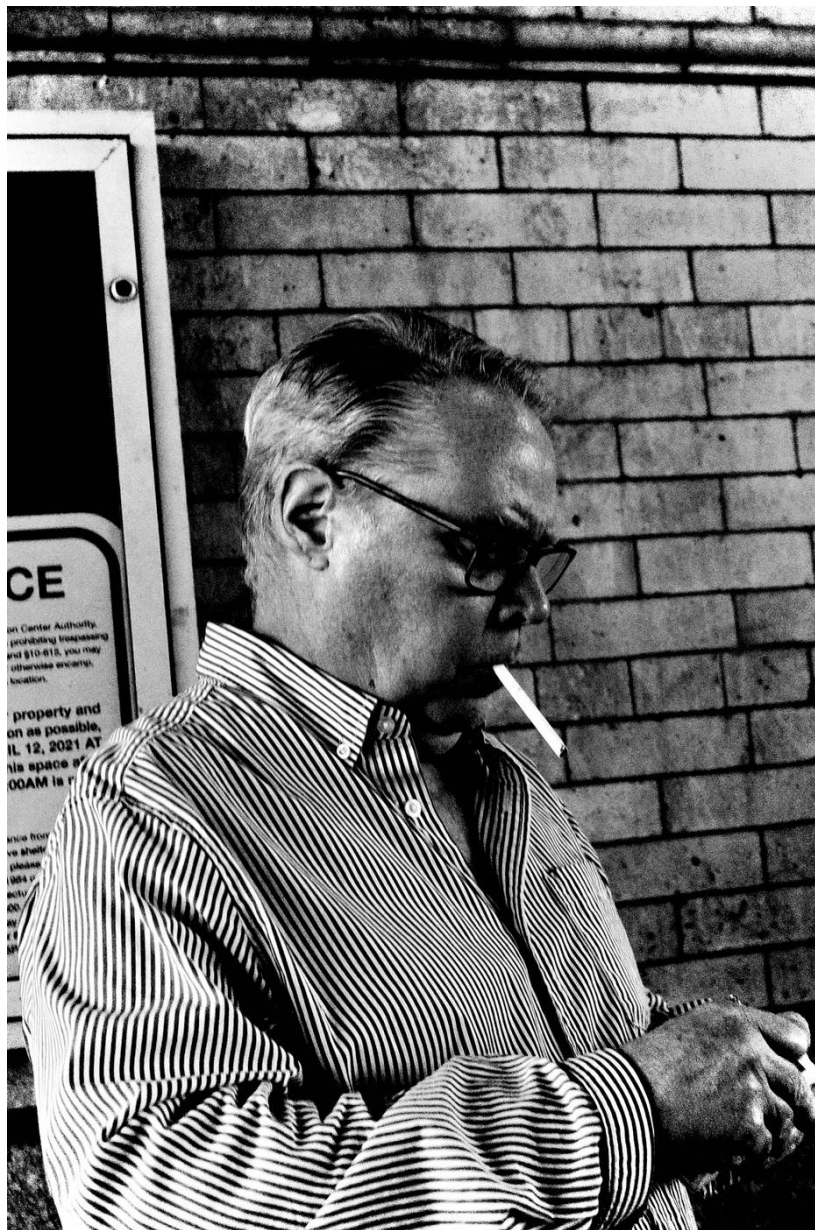






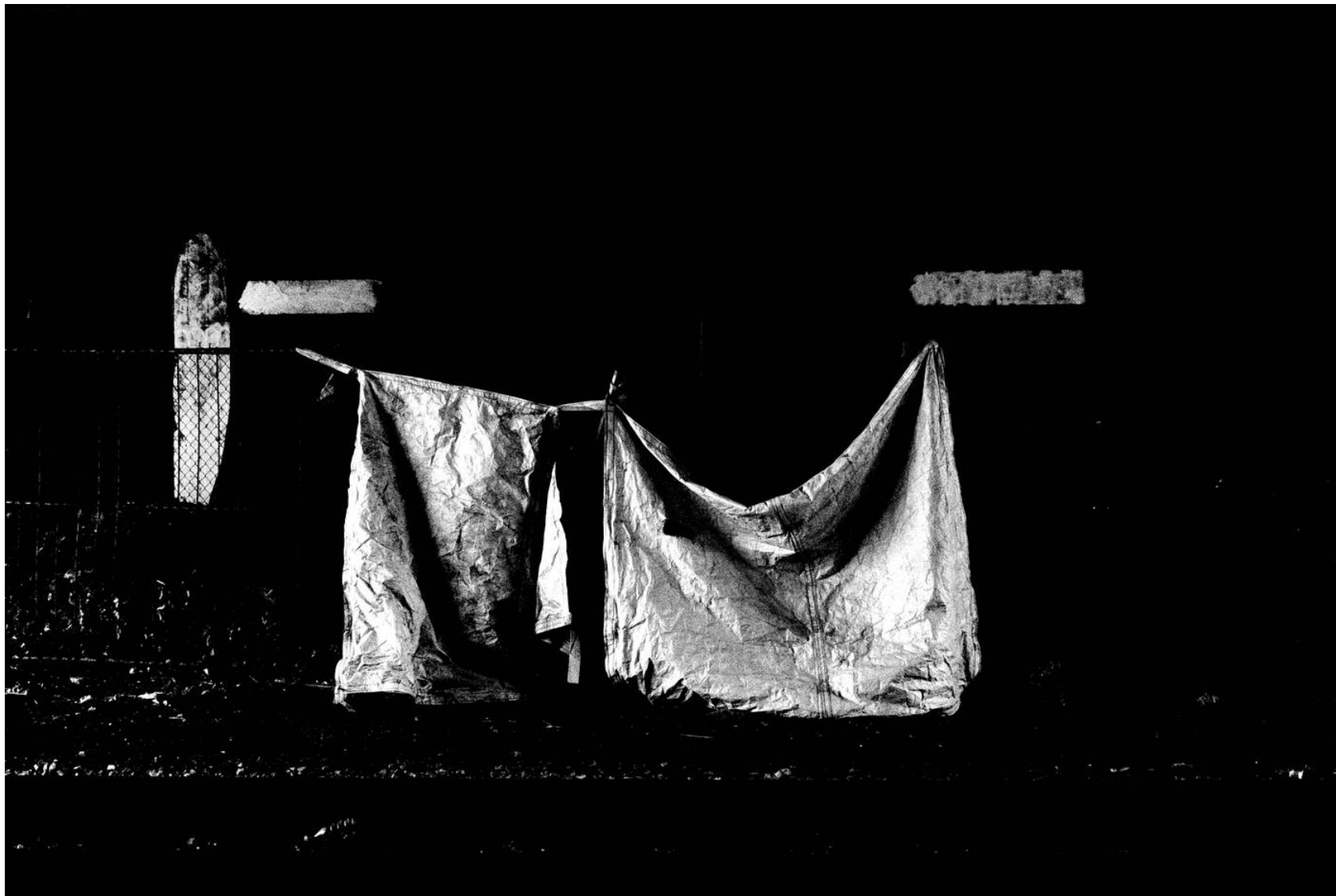


















FLUX\_278 — CONTACT SHEET — 50 FRAMES



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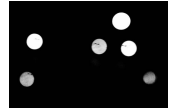
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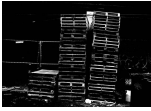
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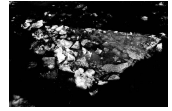
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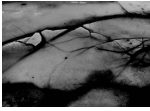
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