

Joiners

Made and Taken

David Hockney

- Between the years of 1982 and 1987, David Hockney experimented heavily with photocollage, creating works he calls joiners.
- A joiner consists of a series of photographs taken from different viewpoints, arranged (overlapping) to form a single piece. By taking the pictures from carefully selected viewpoints, and arranging them in the right way, Hockney is able to change the apparent shape of space and introduce the element of time into the work.
- In his very earliest works, he used a Polaroid camera.

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- As the complexity of the joiners increased, he moved to using a Pentax 110, this allowed him to hugely increase the complexity of the pieces.
- His longest Polaroid joiner took 5 hours to complete, his longest Pentax joiner took 8 days of photography alone.

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- Hockney's works have strong links with Cubism, in that his motivation for producing them was to introduce three artistic elements which a single photograph cannot have:
 - Layered time, space and narrative
 - Hockney points out that a single photo expresses a single instant, and so cannot represent time or narrative

Narrative, Layered Time, & Space

- In *Fredda Bringing Ann and Me a Cup of Tea* (1983), the photocollage shows Fredda at all stages of her journey from the house, down the steps to the garden, a simple narrative.
- A good example of layered time is in *Steve Cohen, Ian, Gary, Lindsay, Doug, Anthony, Ken* (1982), which depicts a group of friends chatting. Since all the friends are continually moving and talking, and there is a space of time between each photo, the whole conversation is present in the joiner, but it is presented at once rather than sequentially (as in a film).

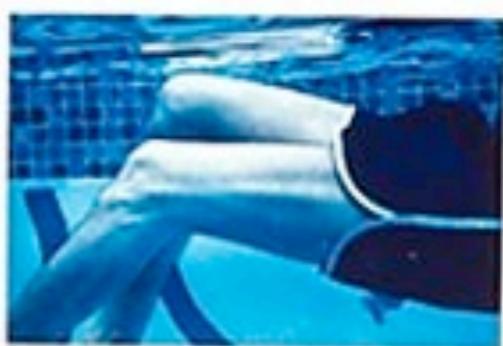
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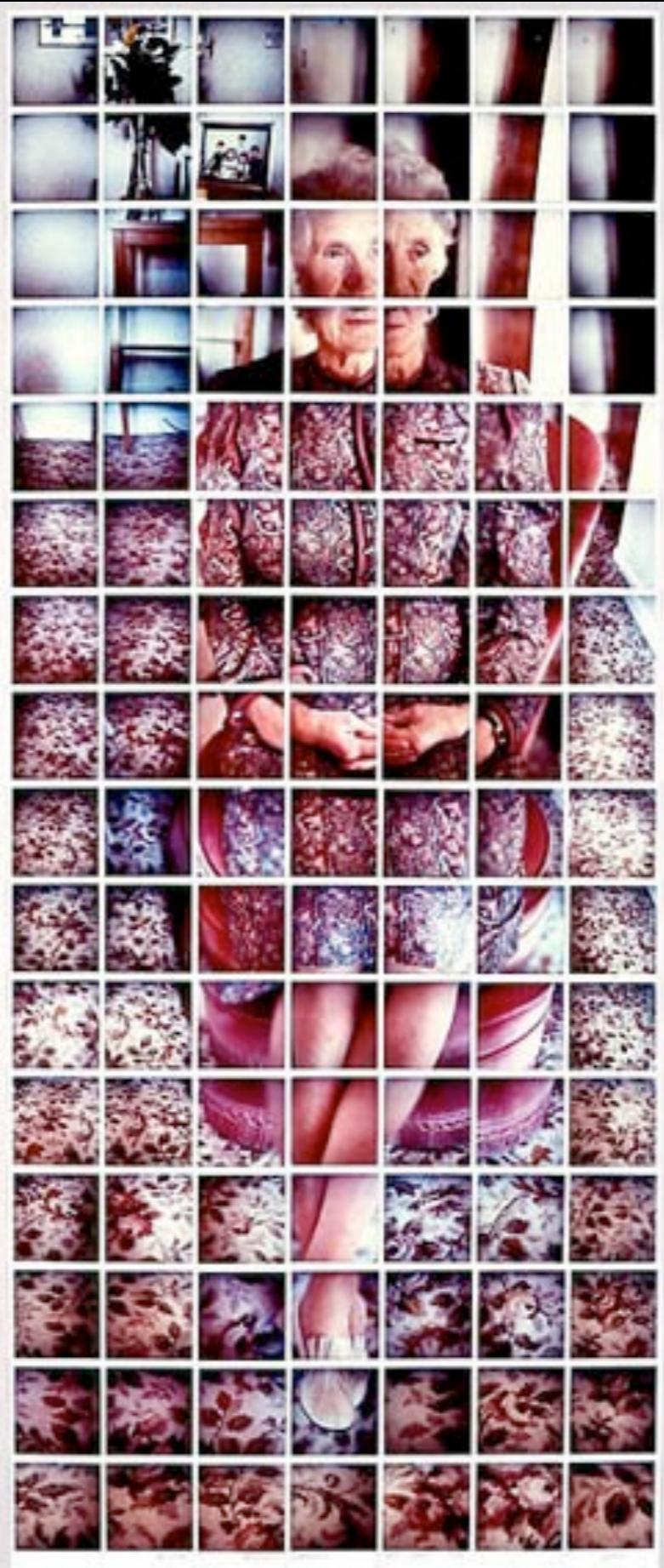
- There is the spatial aspect to Hockney's joiners. He explores this theme in *Pearblossom Highway* (1986), in which the left side of the picture consists of scenic elements, and the right side consists of road elements, corresponding to the fact that the passenger seat is on the left and the passenger enjoys the view, and the driving seat is on the right and the driver looks at signs, etc.

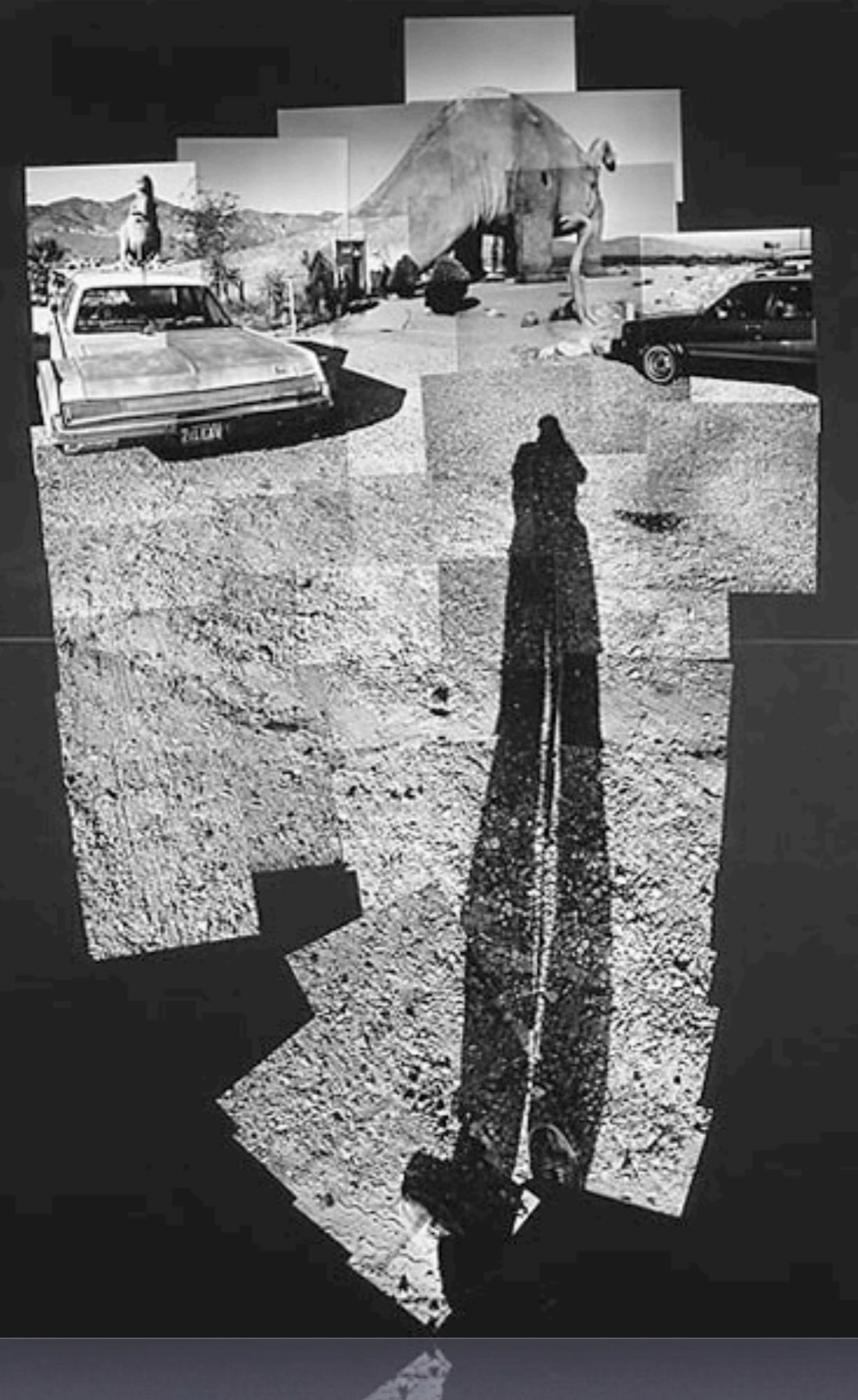






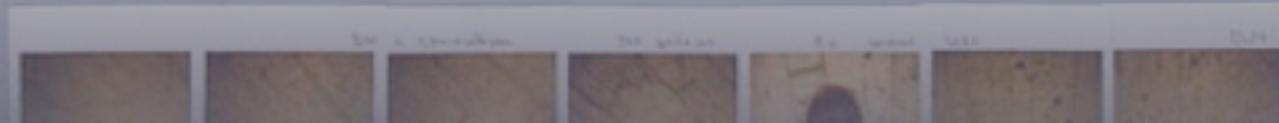








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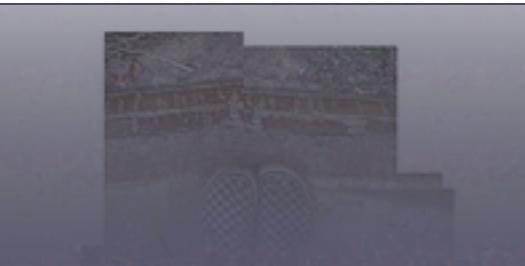
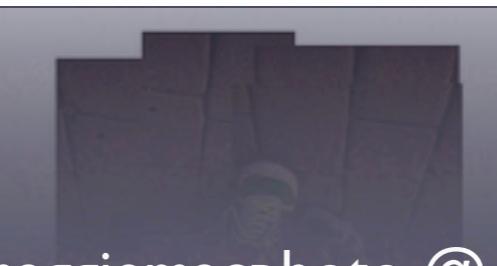
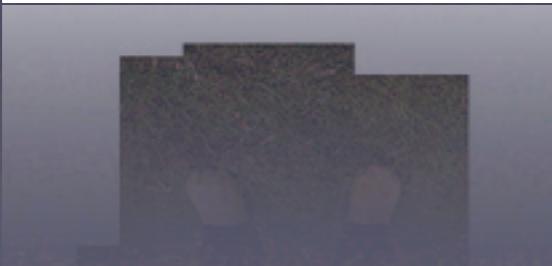




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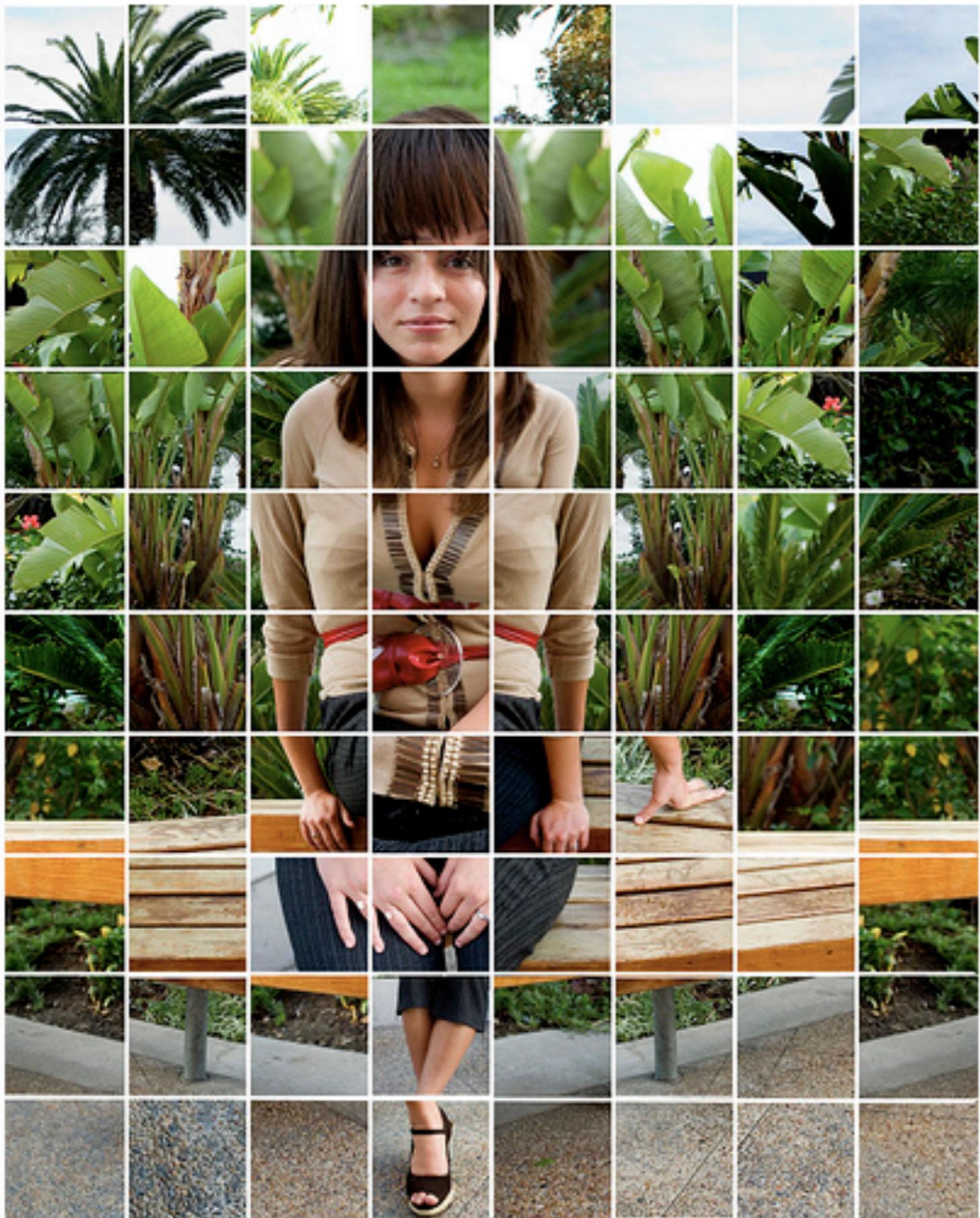
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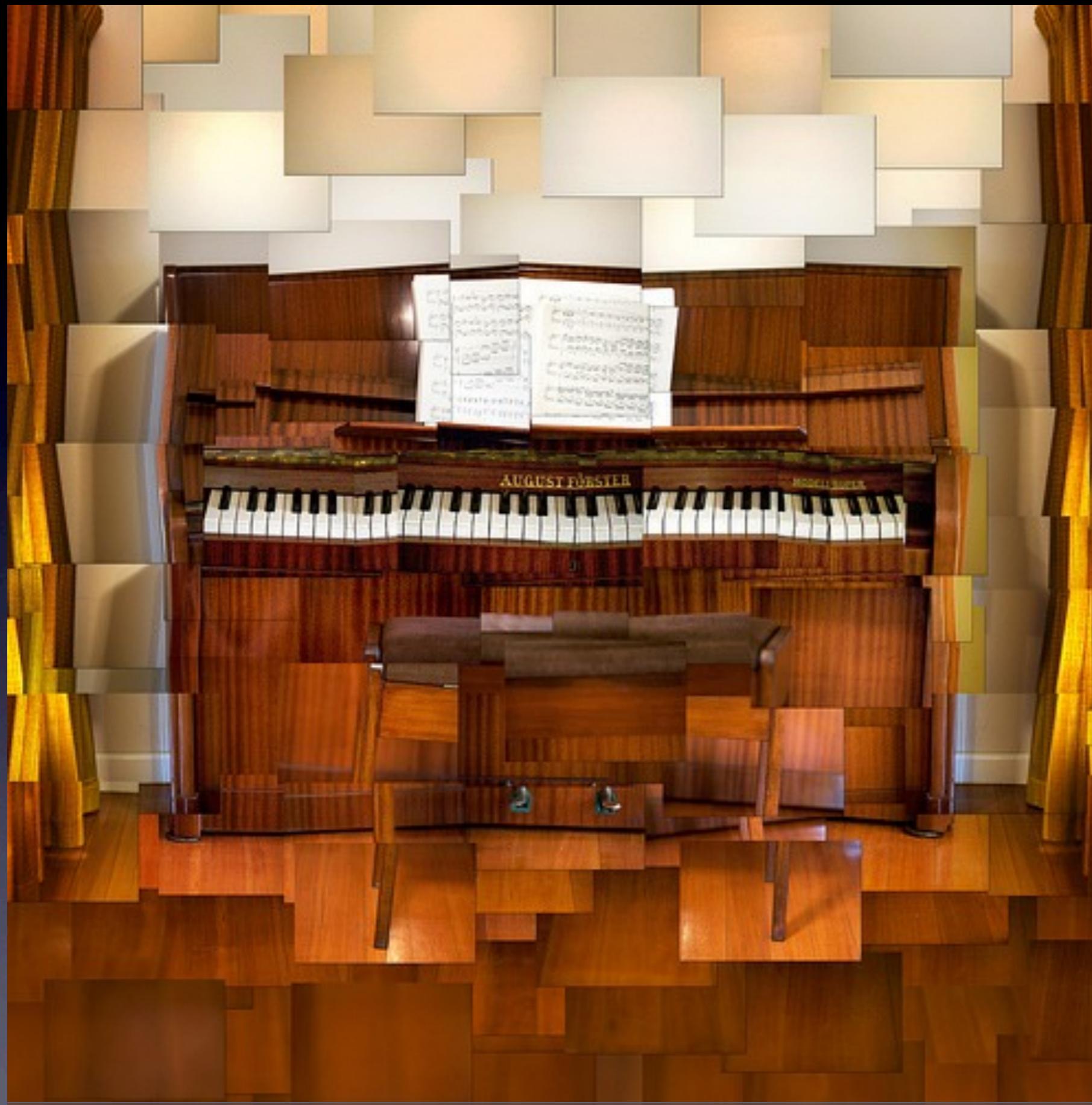
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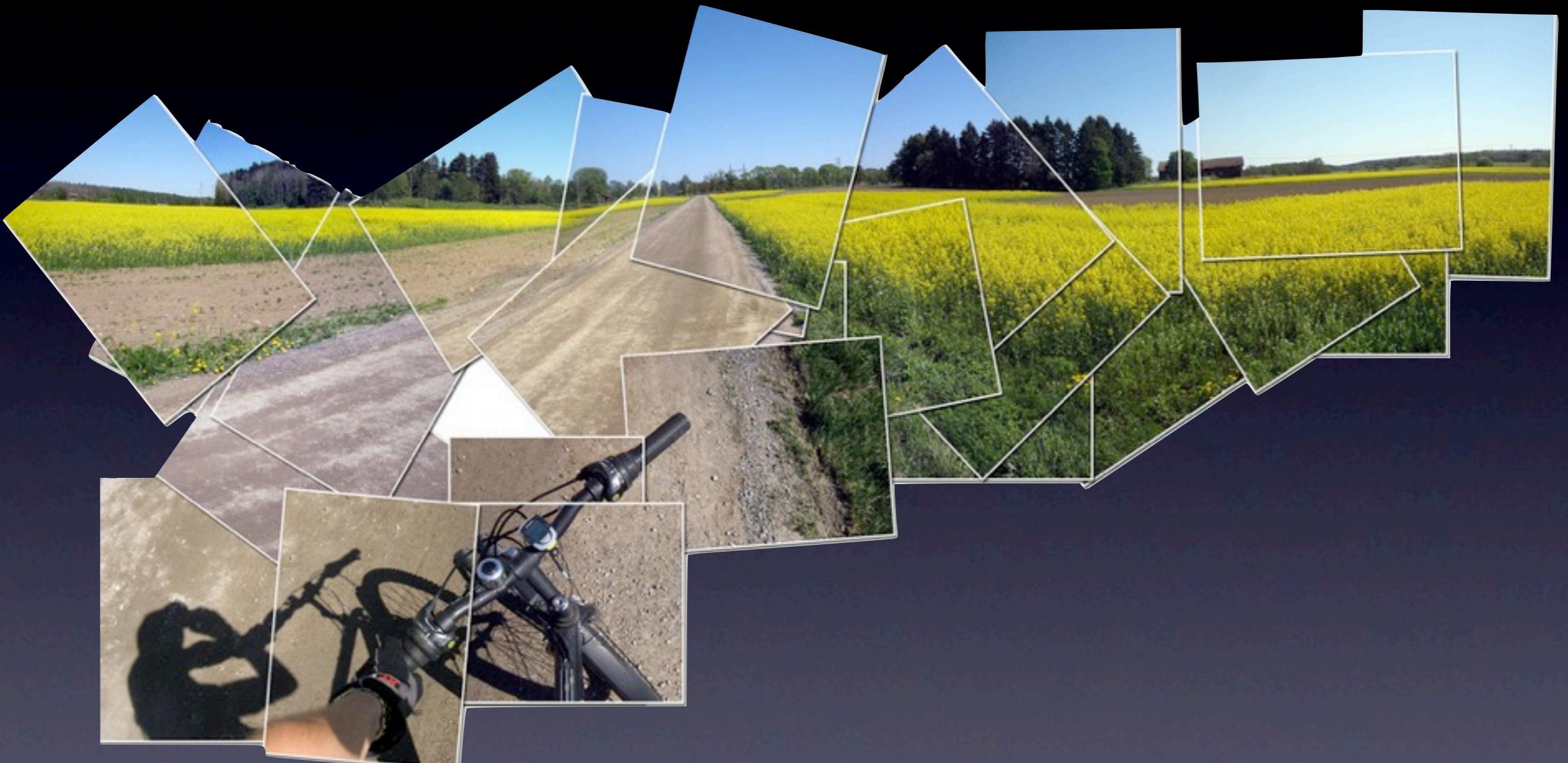
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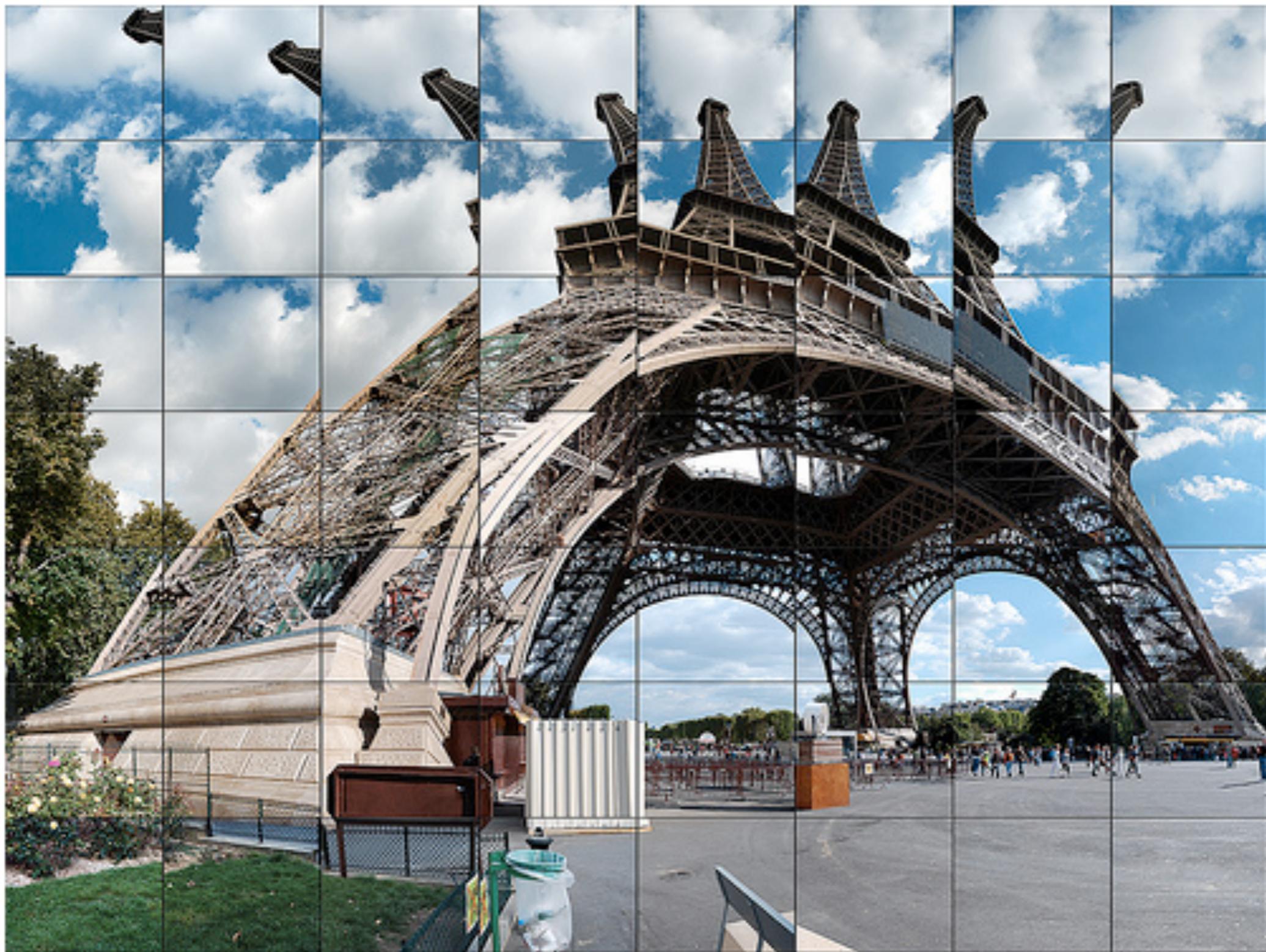
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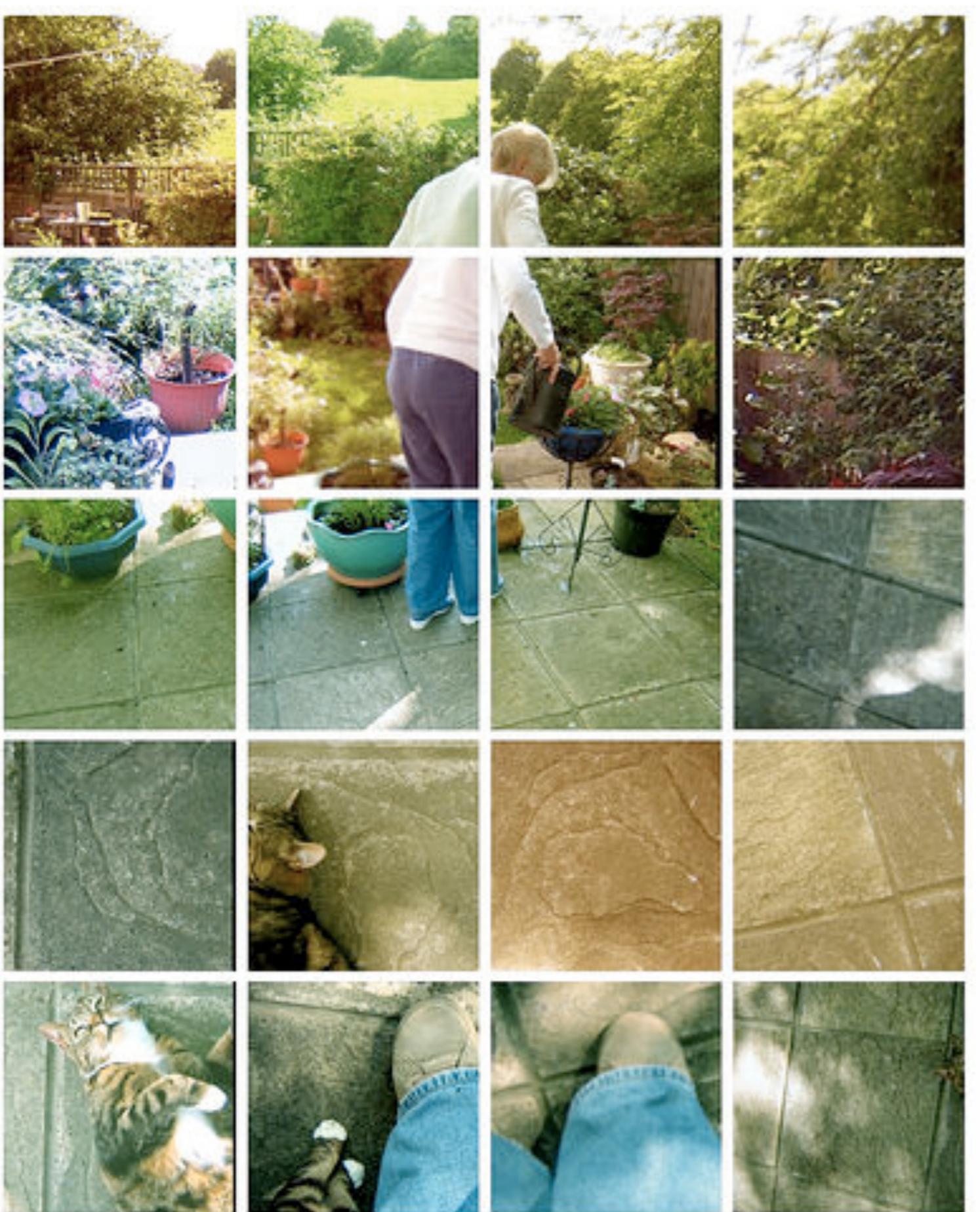
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