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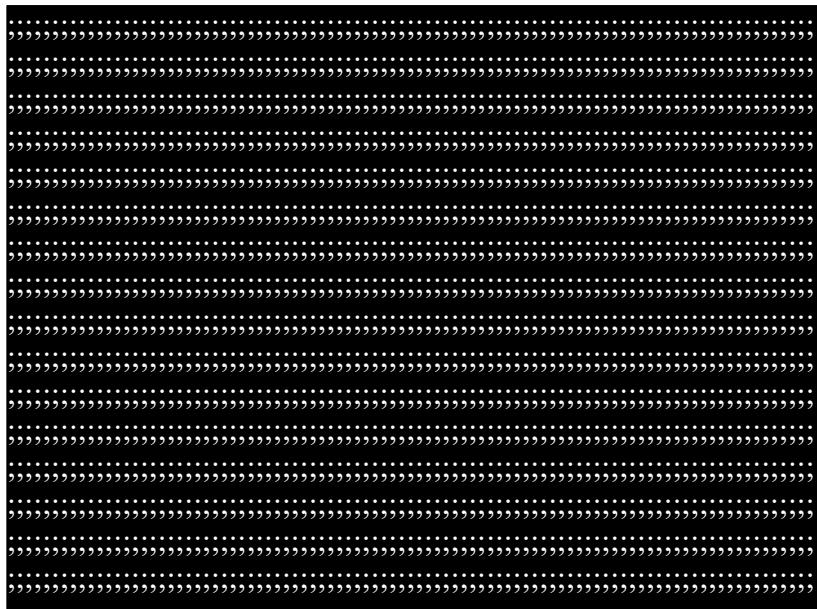
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.....this;.....wills;.....this;.....this;.....smoke;.....
.....I.....went.....for.....a.....walk;.....in.....the.....
.....dunes;.....didn't;.....you.....see.....the.....
.....crown;.....of.....my.....

.....;head;.....;from.....;the.....;of;.....;
.....;your.....;mind;.....;
.....;.....;
.....;.....;
.....;.....;
.....;conclusion;.....;
.....;is;.....;
.....;this;.....;
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.....;
.....;meditate;.....;
.....;with;.....;me.....;

please; again; again; please; walk; with; me;

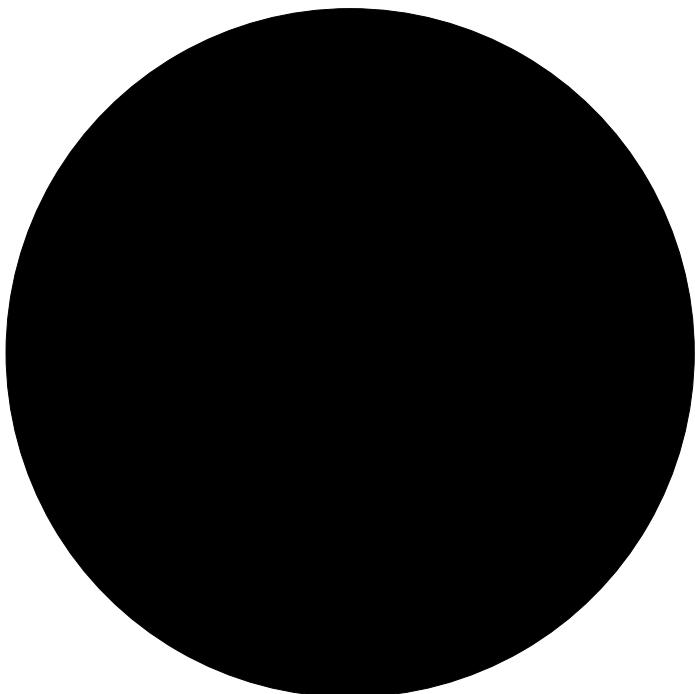


now the inverse of this is



the boatman hesitates too long
the sign on the outside says
'conclusion'
i am on the concrete
and made of tired ligaments
what a line in the sand
and a salt dish to bring
about apocalyptic numbers
what a way to speak
when heard in tired sunrise
sadhu will you eat the bread
no?
no
no?
only this will cure the city
of its need for embellishment
but only song
will
tell

see the way
the circle
is
reshaped



see the way it has no ears

the ripped and torn thing

comes huddled down the streets

without lip service paying mind to alphabetics

cosy in an unspent way

cold to the touch and closing

a felt and tired thing

given superficial liability

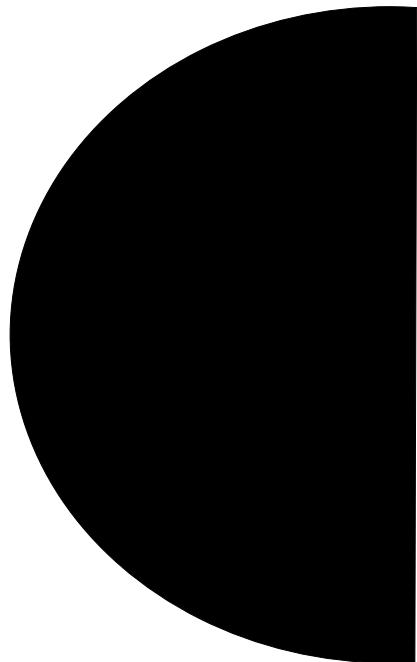
not a special treat but a blast

the tower has toppled over

the swing has been broken

the radio is out of service

the skull has been retouched



oh
this
melancholy
way

SAID: 'where are you coming?'

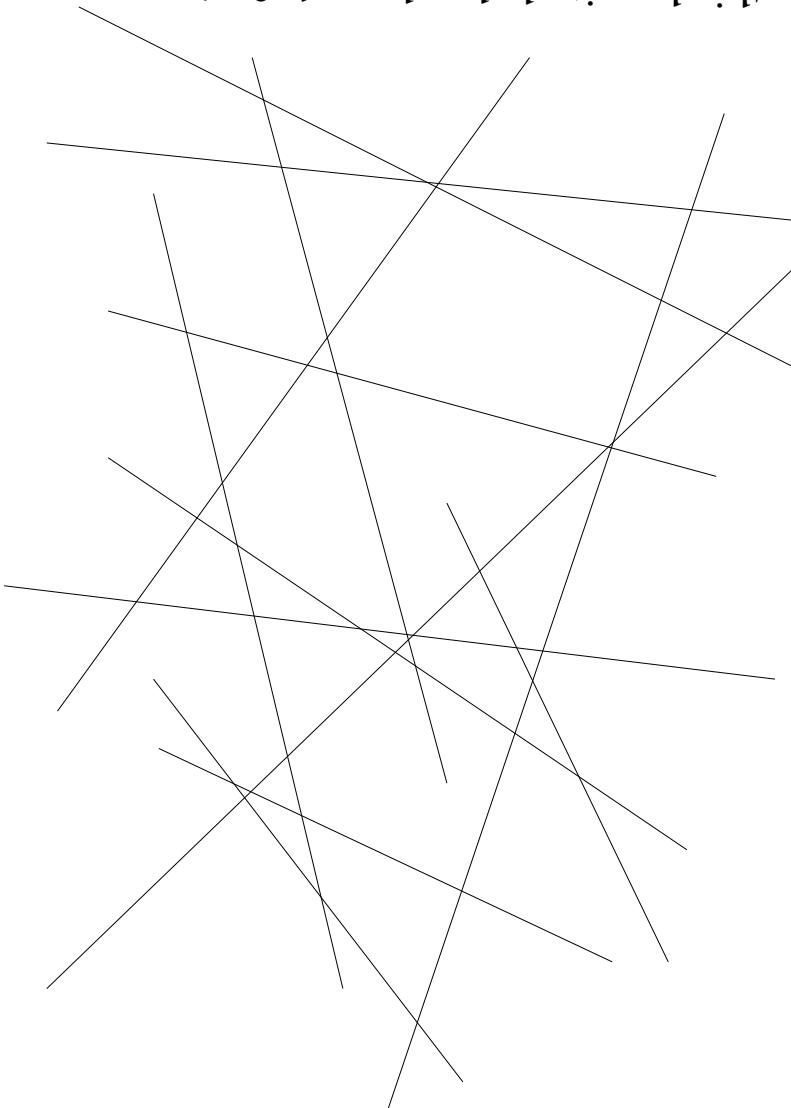
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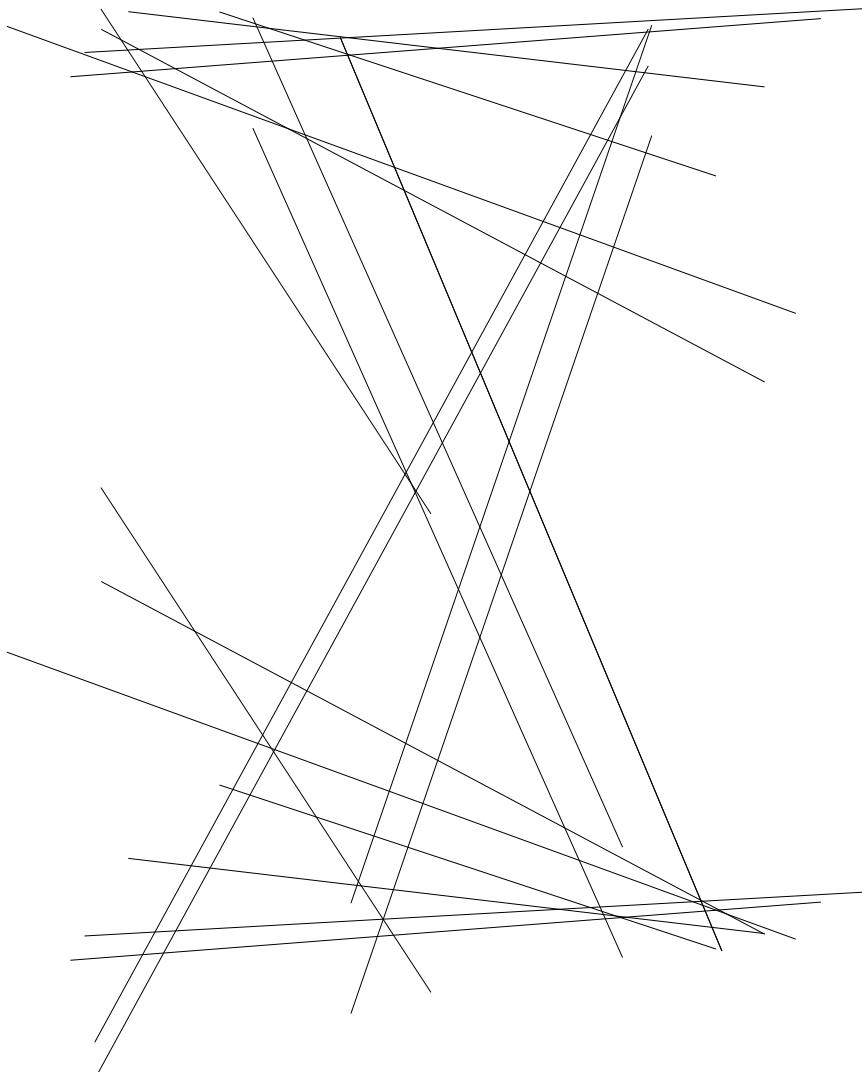
SAID: 'where are you leaving?'

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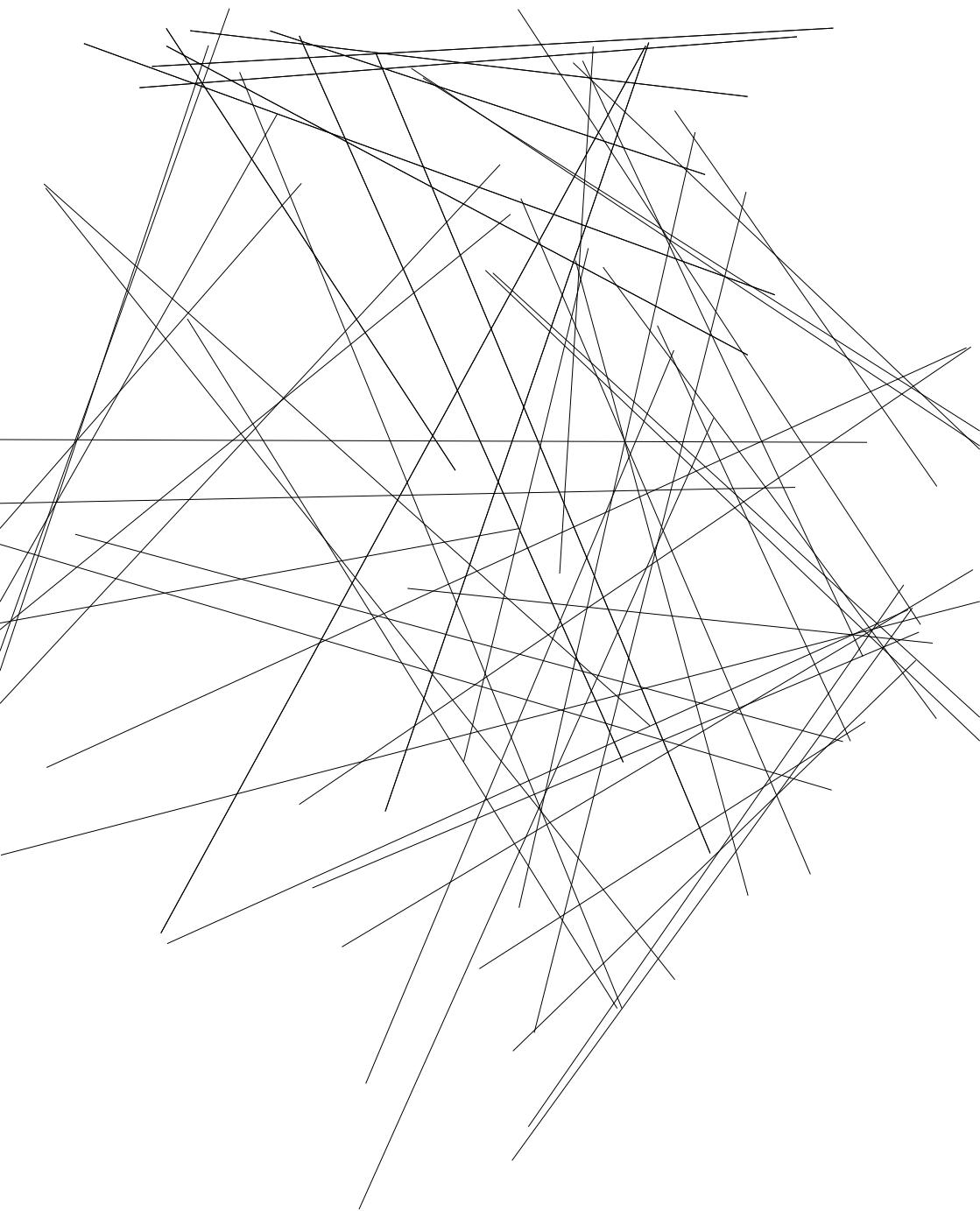
*the explanation is
in...*

this longitude has been left alone





this longitude has been left alone



left

alone

left alone

.....;the;.....
.....;total;.....
.....;lack;.....
.....;of;.....
.....;sleep;.....
.....;is;.....
.....;a;.....
.....;cause;.....
.....;and;.....
.....;a;.....
.....;contusion;.....
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.....;that's;.....
.....;the;.....
.....;
.....;way;.....

.....,that;.....,was.....,always;.....,the;.....,way.....

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