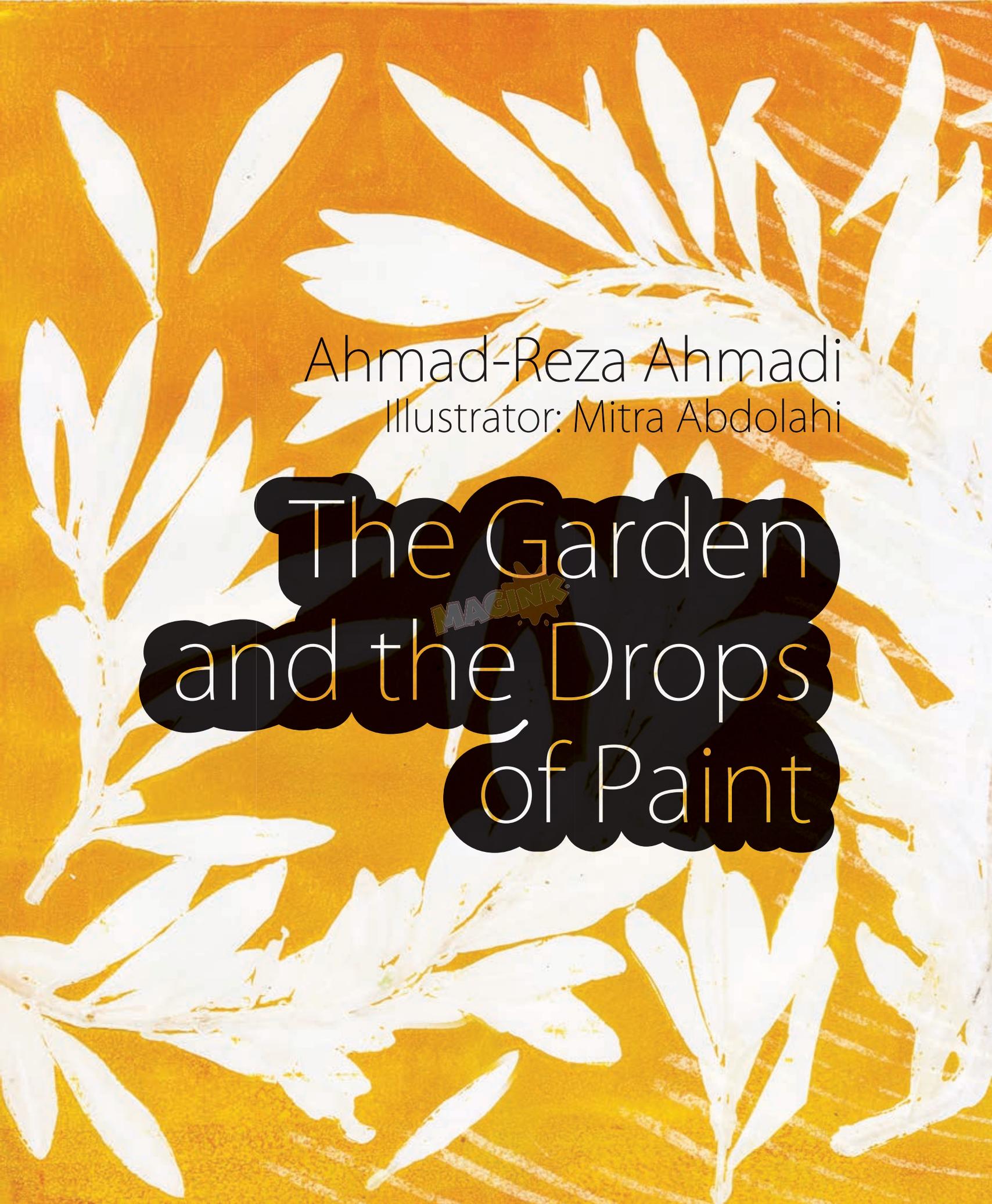


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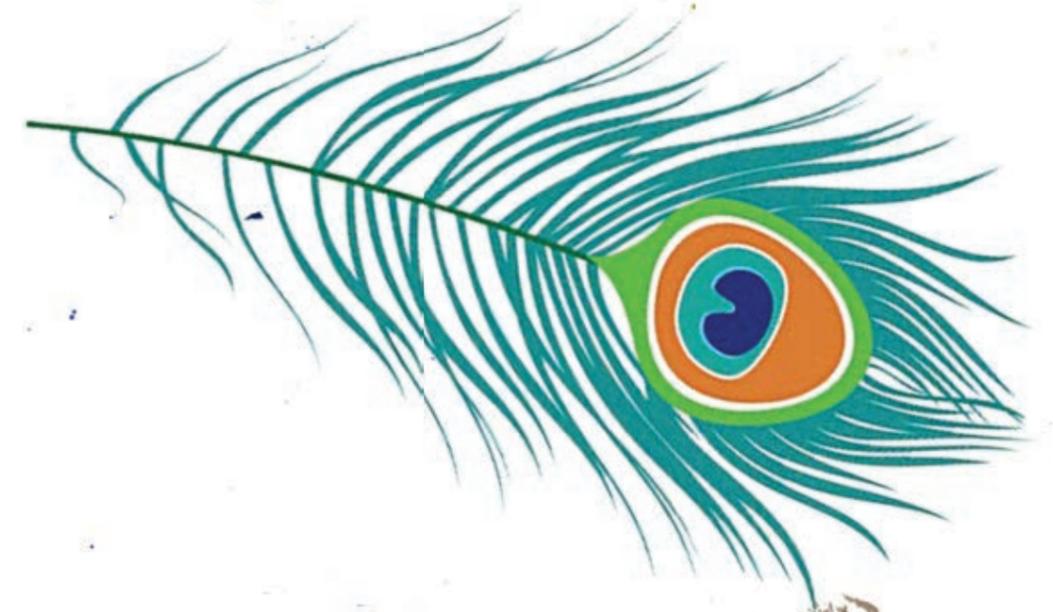
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The little boy and the little girl were siblings. Alongside their home lay a garden with its gate always closed.



There was a building in the garden with a balcony where a peacock would at times go to for a brief moment before returning.



The siblings and the neighbors were all curious to find out whether the garden had any residents.

Through their bedroom window opening to the garden, the siblings would watch the garden every day.



On a Saturday morning, the little boy poured a drop of yellow paint on a white sheet of paper. The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw sunflowers sprouting out of the soil.





The background is a white sheet of paper with various botanical illustrations and a large green paint splash. In the top left, there is a green plant with several leaves and thin roots. In the top center, there are a few green leaves. In the top right, there is a large, dark green paint splash with several smaller green dots around it. In the bottom left, there is a single green leaf with a stem. In the bottom center, there is a green plant with a long stem and a single leaf. In the bottom right, there is a stylized plant with a red stem and grey leaves. The word 'MAGINK' is written in a pink, stylized font in the center of the page.

On Sunday morning, the little girl poured a drop of green paint on that white sheet of paper. The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and noticed grass sprouting out of the soil.





The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw lilies sprouting out of the soil.

On Monday morning, the little boy poured a drop of blue paint on the white sheet of paper.





On Tuesday morning, the little girl poured two drops of red paint on the white sheet of paper.



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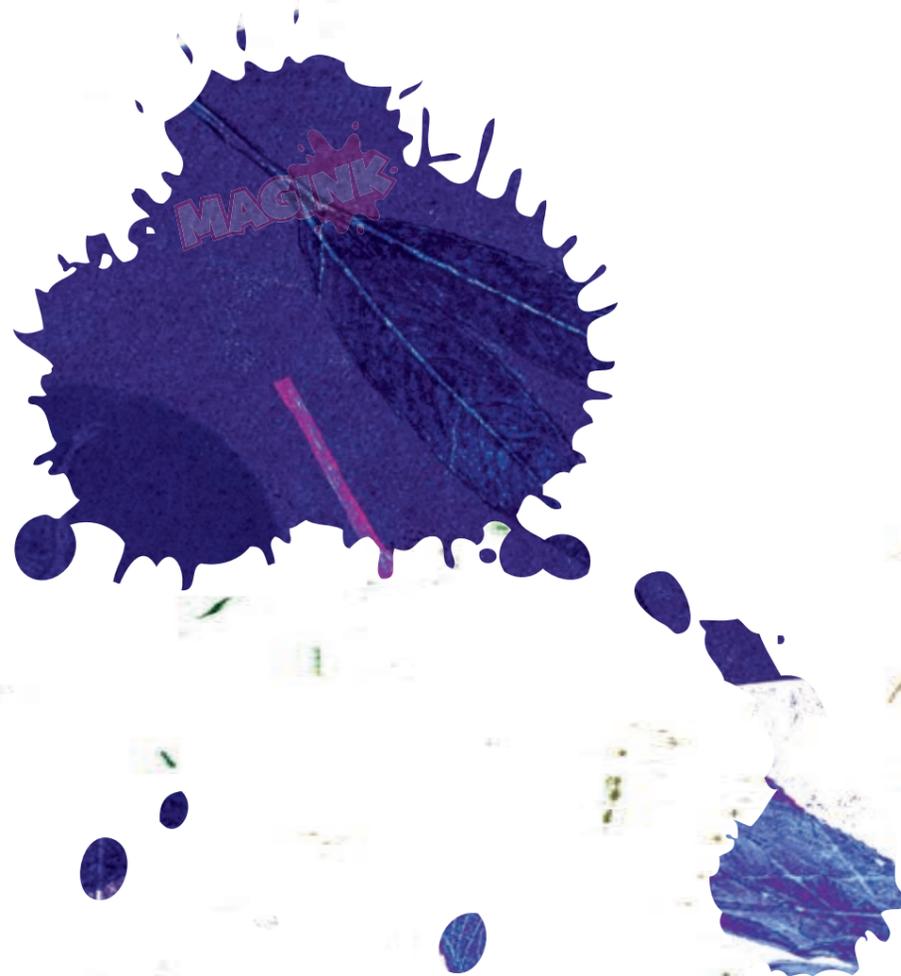
The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw roses and corn-poppies sprouting out of the soil.

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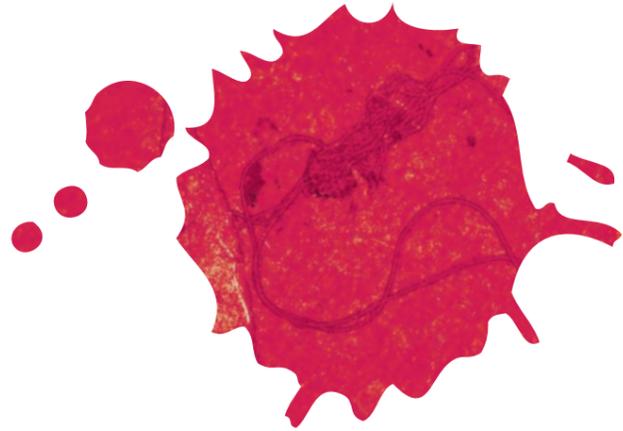
On Wednesday morning, the little boy poured drops of violet paint on the white sheet of paper.



The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw pansies sprouting out of the soil.







On Thursday morning, the little girl poured a drop of white paint, a drop of pink paint, and a drop of orange paint on the white sheet of paper.



The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw white, pink, and orange primroses sprouting out of the soil.







On Friday morning, the little boy drew the garden gate on the white sheet of paper.



The little girl wiped out the gate that the little boy had drawn with an eraser. The siblings stood by the window watching the garden and saw that the garden no longer had a gate.







On Friday afternoon, the siblings and all the neighbors went to the garden. They picked the sunflowers, lilies, roses, corn-poppies, pansies, and primroses. A moment later, an old man showed up with the peacock on the balcony.



With a smile on his face, the old man told the little boy and the little girl, "I leave this garden and this peacock together with the grass and the flowers in your good hands".





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No one saw the old man...

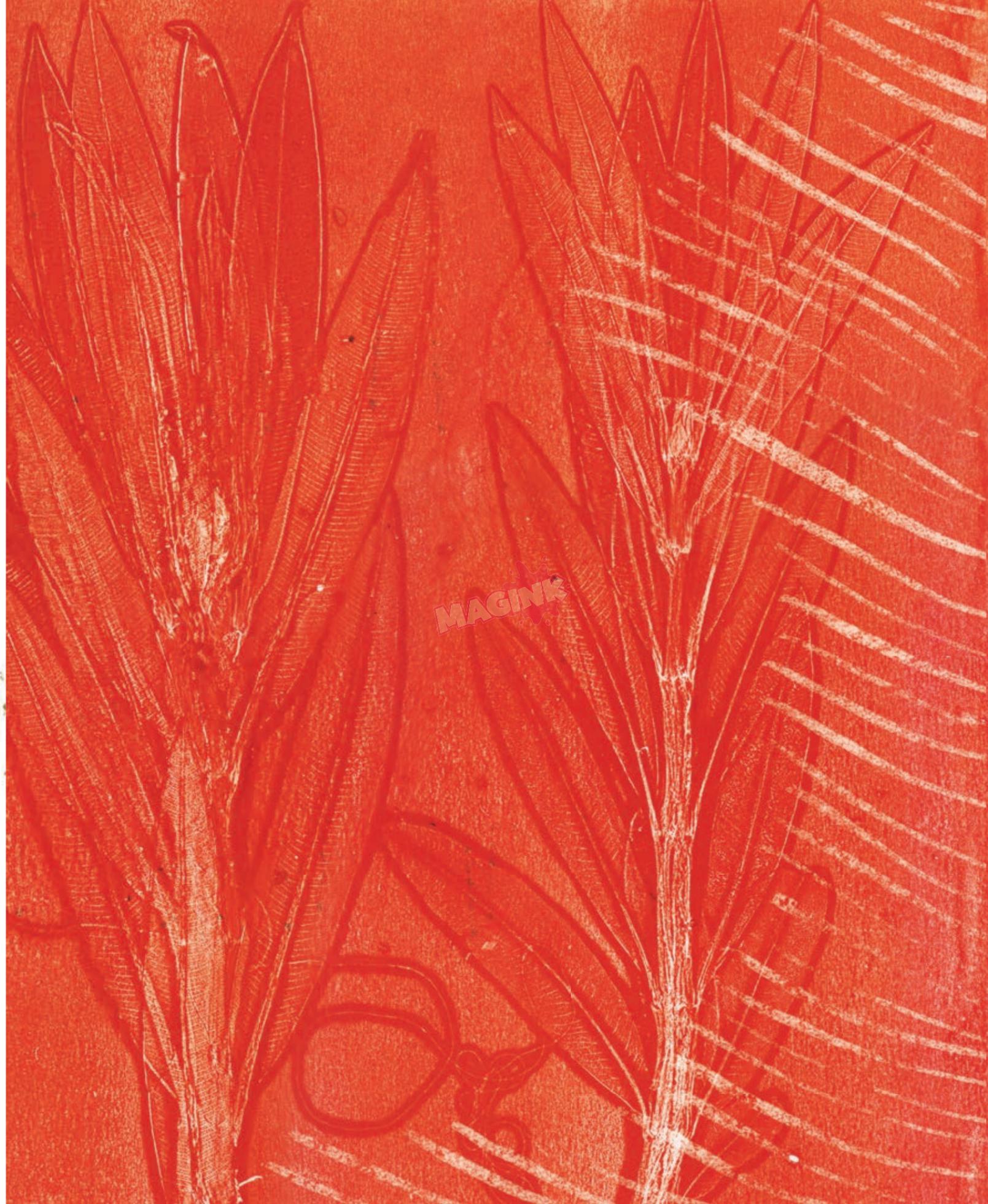
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