SURFERS

SURFIN' SANTA, RIDE THIS by Matt Warshaw

Surfers was conceived by a Frenchman and produced in New York City, and for a genuine article of surf culture, it doesn't get much more strange and exotic than that. Yet viewing the work prints for the first time, 1 briefly thought: how coma this book looks familiar? 1 set the question aside and paged on.

And did so with some feeling of relief. These are, after all, busy times for surf world curmud geons, and 1 shouldn't wonder at the incipient tendinitis in my right shoulder after ail that righteous finger-pointing and hand-wringing over the tact that SOUI and Counter-Culture are now registered surfing manufacturers' trademark names; that MTV has designated surfing as an "extreme sport" along with suspension-bridge bungee jumping; and that Disney, Coke, Nike, and Perry Ellis (among a few hundred others) now buy, sell, and trade in the surf world's increasingly crowded business district.

Surfing itself-riding waves for fun, relaxation, challenge, peace of mind-is fine. It's the presentation that seems to be in freefall. This might be proven quantifiably. 1 have a pair of glossy \ surf magazines on the desk before me. Australia's Surfing Life, dated April 1997, has two photographs on the cover, plus 53 words (not counting the logotype), divided into five blurbs, printed in eight different colors, using seven different fonts. Surfer, dated June 1972, has a full bleed photo and a single-color logotype. Nothing more. Big, clean, uncrowded images were the rule. As Surfer publisher John Severson would say, years later, the magazine "was trying to be an art piece." And it was. Which is why 1 notice a droop in my vocational esprit each time 1 pull one or another surf mag tram the mailbox these days and read coverlines such as: "WIN TOM CARROLL.:S BOARD," "1 SURVIVED THE G-LAND TIDAL WAVE!" "SURFIN' SANTA'S HOLIDAY GIFT ...

GUIDE," and "BIKINIS! BIKINIS!"

Commercial forces have taken over. Surfin' Santa has upended his bag of SOUI and Counter Culture TM products and shook it out tram one end of the beach to the other. The art is gone, man. Weil, yeah, except...

Except soma pretty neat projects have turned up recently. Women are producing surf videos that do net visually and aurally beat the crap out of the viewer. Surf installations are turning up in California art museums. Surfer-writers Daniel Duane, William Finnegan, and Thomas Farber have recently given the sport a much-needed literary retrofit. All three promote surfing's virtues, but also ask difficult questions. Farber writes about Jack, a 40-year-old surfer-salesman who feels as if the waves, always the abject of pursuit, are now hunting him: "Jack wenders. At a meeting at his company, one of the managers notices that Jack's monthly calendar is aise a tide chart, and teases him. Jack Gan read the component of envy, of course, but still...is surfing enough to define-to defend-a life?"

Farber gays it is. The men and women in this book would agree. But as photographer Patrick Cariou suggests-and his non-surfer status is helpful, maybe even necessary, in this regard those featured here haven't earned this knowledge by way of the perfect ride, the biggest wave, the world championship, or any of the familiar routes marked out in the

surf media. The satisfaction cornes mostly from the smaller, daily grace notes of surfing. And because surfing doesn't fit organically into the non-surfing world (or vice-versa), this day-to-day process is bath difficult and satisfying.

It's a life, in other words, trying to be an art piece. Cariou honors this choice, and does so by recovering a traditional visual style of big, clean, uncrowded images (that's what looks so familiar), then situating himself within what might actually be called a new surfing ideology. Elements of Surfers are connected to the past, but the book in its complete form glides forward. As it should be with any surfing presentation.

THE SURFERS GAZE by DANIEL DUANE

Surfers don't look like other people. Their bodies-whether adolescent, statuesque, or carnival esque-reflect the work they do, becoming mostly sets of paddling arms and shoulders, with strong backs from arching up while prone. Likewise, the way surfers carry themselves: aven huge men acquire a litheness that only water athletes ever Qat, aloose nimbleness from so much dancing on a surging medium. And their faces carry traces of what they've sean. Surfers like to watch-water, waves, weather, one another's play-go their eyes reflect a lifetime's gazing. The world over, daily surf checks mean standing at a particular piaf or breakwater or dune-or aven just in the room with the best window-and staring out to sea: judging the waves, certainly, but aise looking into the inhuman vast for something that might make the fast worthwhile. Thus, perhaps, the cairn, thousand-yard stares of ail the sunburnt men in these portraits, men who've looked to sea for so long, they seem still to be looking there, aven as their eyes turn inland.

Much of this cairn, no doubt, comas from surfing's unique joys. On the water, more time passes in the waiting for waves than in the riding of them. Hours go by with surfers immersed but not surfing, floating rather th an flying, and just drifting, talking. You get attached to this-to walking or driving down to the beach, crossing the sand, and forgetting commitments for an heur or two. Splashing around in the cool brine, breathing its fish and seaweed smells, letting the salt wash off the day. Yeu get to itch for a liUle daily time in which the shore and ail its busy human con cerns fall away, time in which the mare possibility of a wave keeps your eyes fixed on a wild, silent space where you'll never see anything but the products of storm and sea and sky. Even when someone finally catches a wave, and you're floating nearby, you watch him carve a small wall under so much space that the world seems, if only for a moment, big enough for ail of us; the surfer's arcing motions-and gO, by extension, ail human endeavor-seem sm ail undulations in a world consumed by unimaginably larger cnes.

In the same way a rancher's evening ride on his Wyoming pasture has, no doubt, far more purpose th an merely the bringing in of wayward sheep, so too the long horizons of a liquid prairie bring a lot of peace to a life-a moment in every day when the walls of our rives fall away. Throw in the wild, mindless play of the surfing itself, the summum bonum of the dream, and it's ail more than enough non-linguistic data to distract your anxious mind and bring your pulse and blood pressure back to normal-to keep your body fit and mind more or less clear. You feel it long afterwards, too, as your equilibrium eases out of the rise and fall of water, ebbs and flows for hours after-at home or at work or in bed, a gentle surge and release.

Surfing is play, a source of joy like few people know, a bracing means to recurring,

startling physical experience-even a kind of fountain of youth. So, perhaps, the passion in many of these portraits. 1 once noticed a very beautiful woman-maybe twenty-five years old, with reddish brown hair-walk past a group of male surfers. The surfers (1 was one of them) were watching a clean, powerful set of waves peel off. 1 glanced over just in time to catch a wry smile floating across her lips. She smiled, 1 imagine, in amusement at her anonymity, at the speechless rapture of ail us boys, much like the distracted body language of Cariou's subjects entranced by Uluwatu, Pipeline, or San Onofre: gazing at their primary object of desire, they've become oblivious to themselves and their companions.

This passion for wave and sport transforms the surfboard into a totem, from Laird Hamilton's giant spear-like paddle board to the shortboards so similar across the globe, rendering surfing a kind of warrior culture, and surfers the tribesmen flaunting their mastery of the tribe's most lethal weapon. Notice the warrior poses in this collection: innocent boy fighters on Hawaii's famed North Shore; a Tahitian kid's delight in holding just half of a broken board; Laird Hamilton staged as the noble white savage in the palm fronds in one scene and carving a longboard cut-back with the stylized lines of a Greek sculpture in another. Witness Christophe Reinhardt, in France, sitting like the bull prince with limbs thick and heavy, gaze surly, posing on a reed throne beneath big boards in a scene reminiscent of Huey Newton under the crossed spears of the original Black Panther propaganda picture.

If there's an independence and strength gained from locating one's primary object of desire in the vicissitudes of ocean waves, there is also a jilted melancholy. Every life has costs commensurate to its gains, things given up long before we knew we had them. For starters, surfing is awfully hard to do. It requires months of floundering just to be functional in the water, then years to achieve any kind of competence. True mastery is simply not available to those who don't start young.

And the conditioning-the tremendous paddling strength and lung capacity requireddemand constant maintenance. Acquiring the skill, therefore, will have cost net only a great deal of energy, but everything you could've gained by using that energy elsewhere. Perhaps more costly is the fact that rideable surf requires a truly rare combination of underwater topography, offshore depths, distant storm patterns, and prevailing winds. It only happens on patches of lucky land here and there-by no means ail the world's coastlines. Which means that from Brazil to California, France to Moorea, surfers' lives go down on stretches of coast chosen net for hotels, sunshine, or great nightlife, but for purely physiographic factors. Not only are Chicago, Paris, London, Rome, Moscow, Hong Kong, and Tokyo obviously out of the question, but the fickleness of surf means one has to live in Montauk rather than Manhattan (one helluva commute), or San Francisco rather than Montauk (no Wall Street), or even Santa Cruz, or North San Diego County or Haleiwa. Places chosen first for their surf and last for the vitality of local job markets. There are, of course, wonderful sides to surf towns. Like ski towns, jogging camps, and university campuses, they take on the character bath of the desire invested in them and the sacrifices made to live in them. Yeu feel the absence of things its denizens have forsworn (good museums, bustling industry and commerce), and the others they celebrate as trade-offs (great health, low stress). Cari ou captures the flat essence of such places: the tawdry simplicity of a bullshit session at the funky Sunset Beach Store; of a local on a concrete seawall in Peru (beside an umbrella advertising "Inca Kola"); the cid functionalist housing prajects of Rio de Janeiro's surf ghettos; a meticulously restored

cid surf car below a California bluff. At the Morra Bay power plant, a man walks away from the parking lot and across the dunes, leaving industrial culture for a moment in the wild. On Easter Island, it's the post-colonial incongruity of a chipped and faded cid saint watching benevolently as someone trims a peeler before a cruise ship at anchor-surf at the mar gins between worlds. These are places deeply loved by those who want what they have, but quite forgettable to everyone else-places to visit, but net to settle. And if yeu grow up in one of these places-or move to them for waves-surfing may be the reason yeu never leave, why you don't go off to a distant college or take a promotion requiring relocation to a big city. Surfing might loom, then, as the one great drama of your life, the one for which others were passed by.

More costly still: even in surf-blessed regions, good surf only happens when it happens; distant storms and local conditions have to match up just right with local tides. Whole months can pass in the heart of the surf season without a single good afternoon. Then, unannounced, 9:30 AM to noon of a four-day stretch might turn out to be the year's only Great run of classic conditions.

If you missed it, you missed the whole thing. The whole sport. Which means, in addition to Great cities being off-limits, a surfer must also forgot the rewards of fixed hours, rigid appointments, long work weeks-things that ail happen to be universal trade-offs for membership in advanced industrial economies. Creative exceptions to the rule-doctors, and other traditional professionals fight hard for the kind of flexibility surfing demands. But you can be sure there are no truly committed surfers on the board at Goldman Sachs, or even among the partners of the biggest L.A. law firms. They don't have the freedom to reschedule their days based on the caprices of weather and water.

Ali of this rearranging of a life-around locale, free time, physical commitment-means that even as the surfer indulges a hunger for freedom and for water time, he or she holds at bay many of our culture's communal hungers. Our ritualized material aspirations have to be ignored, or at least resisted in order to justify the decision net to pursue them; and for that, our culture always makes you pay. No wonder, then, the fierce pride and defensiveness born of giving your best years and your best energies to something everybody's heard of and nobody understands, something that never gets you promoted or married or anything else. Also no wonder, finally, the brooding wariness of Cariou's subjects. No problem when the subject looks towards some distant object-when he can gaze off like the ancient mariner-but when he must turn his eyes into the lens, a suspicion appears. Just as Cariou captures the youthful delight and pride in his subjects' eyes, he dwells also on the brooding inwardness awaiting these boys, the hunted and hungry visages of eider men who've stayed put, chased a single passion, given up many things, and claimed others without apology. And with that cornes a worry-so deftly captured by Cariou-that the subject's essence can be taken for the wrong reason, that a life with no more nor legs net joy than your own is being seen as a type, a caricature. Cariou's North Shore portrait of Buttons Kaluhiokalani is emblematic: Don't look at me that way. Don't rip me off. Don't think you know what I'm about.

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Photographer **Patrick Cariou** has traveled the globe, from the North Shore to Peru, from Tahiti to Brittany, tram Long Island to Easter Island, searching out net only the world's great living surfers and legends, but also the dedicated, unsung wave riders living on and surfing distant shores and out-of-the-way breaks the world over.

In **Surfers**, his first book, Cariou nails it-with expert aid in the form of writer and surfer Dan Duane and surf writer gadfly Matt Warsaw-distilling the inimitable surfers' drive, will, and lifelong devotion to the sport, the tribe, and the way of life.

Surfers approaches the world of the wave with rare form: alternately stark and sinewy, lush and haunting, Cariou's intimate duotone portraits feature the famed (Laird Hamilton, Buffalo Keaulana, Sunny Garcia, Rabbit Kekai, Jack O'Neill, Greg Noll, Joel Tudor, Brock Little, and Buttons Kaluhiokalani among others), and the plebian (locals of every size and color, tram Uluwatu and Sunset Beach to Biarritz and Puerto Escondido), and captures with unmatched and understated flair the sun, salt, and wave-and what Duane aefines in his cool, detached essayas "The Surfer's Gaze"-dissolving legend and local alike into one poly-pigmented, wave drenched, and steely-eyed visage of dedication and quiet, profound passion.

Mix in Cariou's surreal color seascapes and find yourself in a surfer's daydream (or in Matt's Irrepressible intro "Surfin' Santa Ride This"), rich in colors of ocean mist and coastallight, anticipating, in filmic fashion, that climactic breaking doubleoverhead on your elephant gun stashed away for far tao long; tao long for this job, for this life.

Evocatively designed by award-winning art director **Sam Shahid**, Surfers is a luxurious and unique addition to the weil tread topography of longboard homages, and while keeping with the tradition of classic art photography publishing, an authentic insider's look into the surfer's zeitgeist.

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PATRICK CARIOU

HIGH UP in the mountains and the forests resides the conscience of the world, bearded men close to God, living off what God provides, praying, meditating, often thinking about what it's like down there, in Babylon.

The Babylon system, in which NOTHING is free.

In the 1940s, in the hills just north of Spanish Town in St. Catherine, Jamaica, a man named Leonard Howell ran a community called Pinnacle, where he founded the Rastafarian movement.

On the one hand Howell was a travelled man of the world, a business man with an office in Kingston; on the other hand he provided a place where Rastas could live and work in peace.

In those days no Rasta could board a bus or enter a shop. Most people reacted to the presence of a Rasta in their midst with the apprehension they might feel towards a ragged beggar. Or worse: a ragged beggar who was also a lunatic.

A Rasta friend once described his astonishment at meeting a post Marley locksman and realizing for the first time that locks could be a style, one that didn't invite rejection. The old man found this so hard to believe because he had experienced nothing but scorn tram everyone but another Rasta his whole life.

For the most part Rastas from Pinnacle didn't wander far from home in those days, but those who did felt like John the Baptist in Galilee: so wild looking were they, covered in dust from the unpaved roads, that children would run from the sight of them. They projected the humility of the social outcast but bore the high stride of a visionary on the move, till they got back to the refuge that Leonard Howell had created at Pinnacle, where there was water for washing, natural food to eat, herb to smoke, and meditation to share.

The prime effect of ganga is to loosen the conditioning of the mind, and as the citizens of Pinnacle sat and reasoned together, they turned the many doctrines of the day upside down, ideas accepted as gospel. Far tram accepting white supremacy in the days of the British Empire, the Rastas not only refused to acknowledge the English king, they identified an African king whom they began to worship, and whom they predicted would halt the advance of Europe into Africa, a prophecy which came true. Ras Tafari Makonnen, crowned Emperor Haile Selassie I, was revered as the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, King of Kings, and could claim direct decent tram David and Salomon, Kings of the chosen people.

But while the Rasta might be able to quote chapter and verse to justify his beliefs, any young British civil servant, had they served in India, would have confirmed that the Rastafarians in Jamaica in the late forties and throughout the fifties were treated much more like untouchables than like Sahdus. Pinnacle was raided and destroyed, Howell was sent to the lunatic asylum, and the scattered Rasta brethren went to live in a slum called Dungle along the waterfront on the outskirts of Kingston. Here too they were bulldozed out of their shacks to become "wolves in sheep's clothing" or "rent-a-dreads" at sunsplash concerts on the beach at Negril. But many became ski lied craftsmen, artists, singers, and musicians. Some became businessmen, and some preachers, even religious fanatics. But these are net the Rasta that Patrick Cariou sought out with his camera. He searched for and found the brethren who left Pinnacle and headed for the hills.

In the mountains of Jamaica their descendants still live, close to nature and what nature provides, reflecting on how happy they are to be living a life in lion, where almost everything is

free, the air is pure, the earth is rich, rainfall is abundant, and where one can build a bamboo home big enough to house the largest family. Here is where they can grow the best food and ganga in the world, and meditate in the way good herb often brings, thinking about what ifs like living in Babylon, where nothing is free or unpolluted.

As a Rasta farmer says,"When you consider that when God give you a seed it will produce a thousand more seeds if you cafe for it, but when Babylon sell you a seed you still need chemicals to grow it-drug addiction 1 And now they bring seed that give you back no seed at ail! Not even one much legs a thousand!"

One of the several conceptions that Rasta established decades ago, before it became widespread, was the idea of ital living as living the natural life. Rastafarians knew instinctively that pesticides were poison, that fertilizer inducing false growth was unnatural, and that to place oneself at the mercy of synthetics without control of the source of supply was dangerous. They also knew that herbs and medicines extracted from roots and plants could cure more than the body: they could sustain a physical and spiritual strength unknown to those addicted to mass-produced food. Long before the ecological movement and the "Greens" took up the cry, Rasta was preaching the ital way of life as an article of faith, and invented a vocabulary to express it.

Opposed to the ital way of living and the concept of lion is Rasta's concept of Babylon.

Babylon was where mankind first stopped roving and built a city. Babylon, between the two rivers on the plain, was where man first accumulated more than he could carry. Babylon was where owning more than you could move led to such a piling up of treasures for the rich, such a display of wealth and force to protect it, that mankind began to drift away from dependence on God to a dependence on the material items that Babylon had to offer.

Babylon doesn't produce anything natural; it only uses up what's there, and as it reaches further and further into the natural world, more and more of those who used to live in lion start to starve. So where do they go? They go into Babylon as refugees, to a life they never planned for, to a life they don't understand, swelling Babylon, making it more desperate and greedier than ever.

Nuclear threat, industrial pollution... it's obvious to Rasta the highest authority is guilty of the greatest crime, that for the most part rulers are a criminal class, and-needless to say-the ruling class regard those with a meditating mind as due for some serious discipline.

Babylon is not just a ward to Rasta. Babylon is not merely an idea, an abstraction for Rasta. For Rasta, Babylon is a brutal reality.

When Patrick Cariou got a taste of it he was flung into a tiny cell packed with humanity but with no windows, with nothing to sit on or lie on except a floor caked with the accumulated filth of many years, with nowhere to relieve himself except in an open communal can, with only very little revolting food to sustain hi m, pushed through a small slit in an otherwise solid iron door: one of countless millions around the world held for doing nothing at ail to cause harm, living for a few days what many others have to live ail their lives.

Most of those heads bowed in captivity are not bowed in shame, but in thought.

Tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands and millions ail over the world, their bodies in chains, their heads bent in captivity for having the revelation that the religious fanatics and the political fanatics and the class fanatics and the color fanatics are telling them they must give over their freedom to fulfill some ridiculous fantasy of maniacal devising.

The function of Babylon comes from the conditioning of minds crippled with dogma. The ones who will lock you up for a beer in Tehran, and put you in a chain gang in Alabama for smoking a spliff. The ones who'll arrest you in China for thinking your own thoughts, in Cuba for expressing them. Communists, Fascists, Monopoly Capitalists.

For Rasta, the keeping alive of ganga in the world, known to them as herb, is a holy mission. What else has helped as much as the spirit of herb to bring together people all over the world, united in an experience and state of mind which encourages mankind to see and name and confront evil? What else has enabled countless millions to float over the divisions that divide mankind, leaving behind the prejudice that has kept them penned up in their own little corners? What else has urged so many to think and act in the spirit of one consciousness?

We have one world trade and one world communication systems, but what we really need is one world justice system; it can be either a simple design worthy of universal respect or a monster of debate and petty legalism. De minimus non curat tex.

If you can be put in jail for ganga anywhere in the world, why not two hundred lashes for adultery, or ten years in the penitentiary for meditation? If one world justice system strengthens petty law instead of universal freedom, the next century will be a long descent back into an electronic dark age, like the history we've just emerged tram, when rulers ruled through their minions and everybody else was a slave to their whim and fancy, held in the grip of one dogma or another for as long as anybody can remember.

World justice must not crush the innocent, and in places like Jamaica today there is a vast threat to illiterate intelligence. It was understood for thousands of years that intelligence gained firsthand from experience was at least as valuable as knowledge learned second hand from books. When one considers that much of the progress of mankind over the ages was made by people who couldn't read and write, it is outrageous that dozens of petty bureaucracies would cause a man or a woman to lose their livelihood from the inability to fill out a form. Not ail the Rastas are illiterate, by any means, but it is not disputed by many that illiterate intelligence is the most profound, as it is learned tram organic experience.

There has been no growth in the economy of Jamaica for the past 25 years. The effect has been one of increasing desperation, violence, and division for the ambitious. The result has been that the assumptions of the middle class have been shattered while the strengths of the simple Rastafarian life have become more evident with each passing year.

Most people cower and wilt under the assault of the Babylonian forces of the whole world, but the Rastas in Jamaica stand tall and preach repentance to the self-righteous.

I remember as a child of eight riding my horse to a building site where Rastas from Pinnacle were working to build a house, and meeting with maybe 20 of the two hundred or so Rastas in the world. They made sandals out of old tires, and they looked as though they were straight out of the Old Testament. They talked to me about the bible because in those days I loved bible stories, and

the Rastas knew their stories fowards and backwards. They looked ferocious, but in fact were very friendly to the little white boy on a horse.

I have lived to see Rasta spread around the globe. Rasta music, Rasta hairstyle, Rasta food, Rasta religion, Rasta flags, colors, and concerts. Rasta satellite broadcasts. Rasta as a worldwide movement. I've seen all of the above spread from Jamaica to the other islands of the West Indies, to England, to North America, to Japan, to France, Germany, Italy, West Africa, Southern Africa, Brazil. Rasta is now all over the whole world.

The amazing thing is how fast it happened, how easily it happened. How it has caused a revolution in the popular consciousness without shedding a drap of blood for ideology.

Bob Marley held a concert outside of Paris-one of the most ancient capitals of one of the world's strongest religions-and he pulled more people together to hear him sing his "Songs of Redemption" than assembled for the Pope two days later.

Why did it happen?

Because Rasta doesn't represent just Rasta; Rasta is a banner for a spirit worldwide.

The spirit of freedom, the spirit of pride, whether you're rich or poor. The spirit of relaxation. The spirit of speculation. The belief of unification.

The spiritual home for this is still rooted in the mountains of Jamaica in these strong simple people.

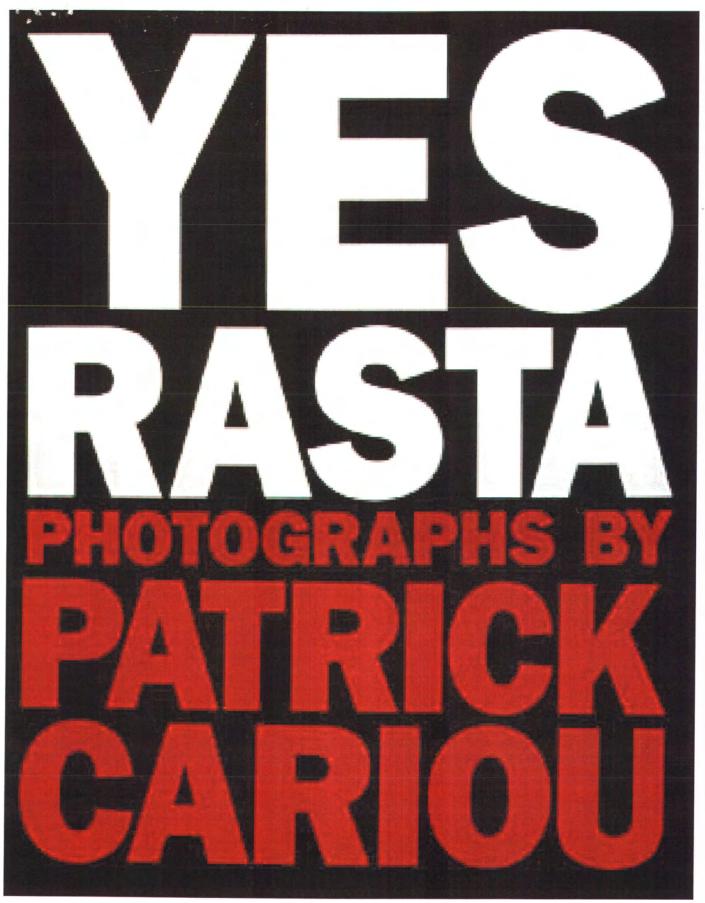
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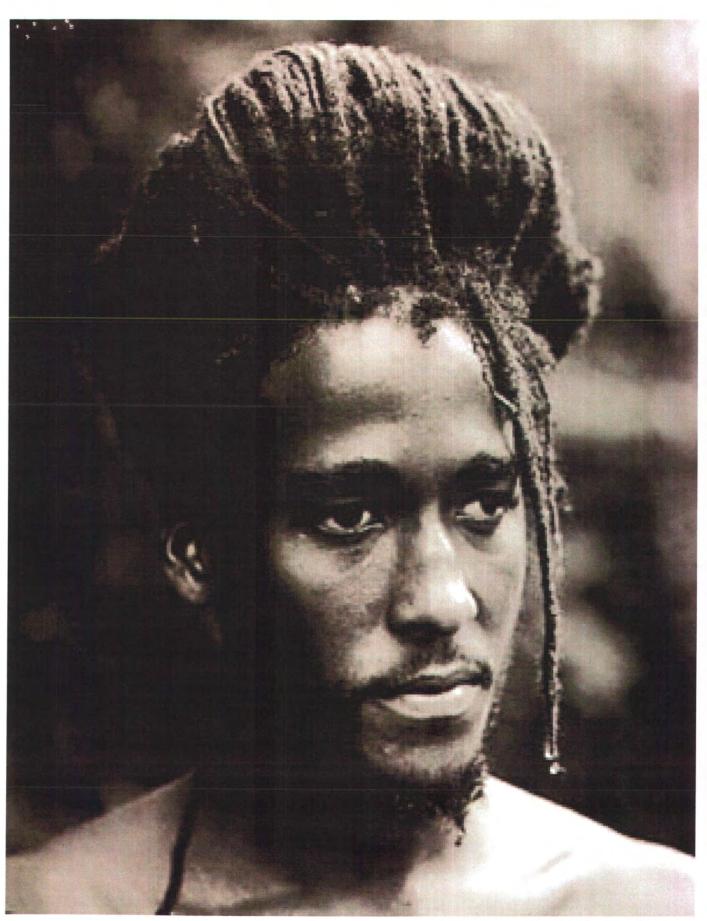
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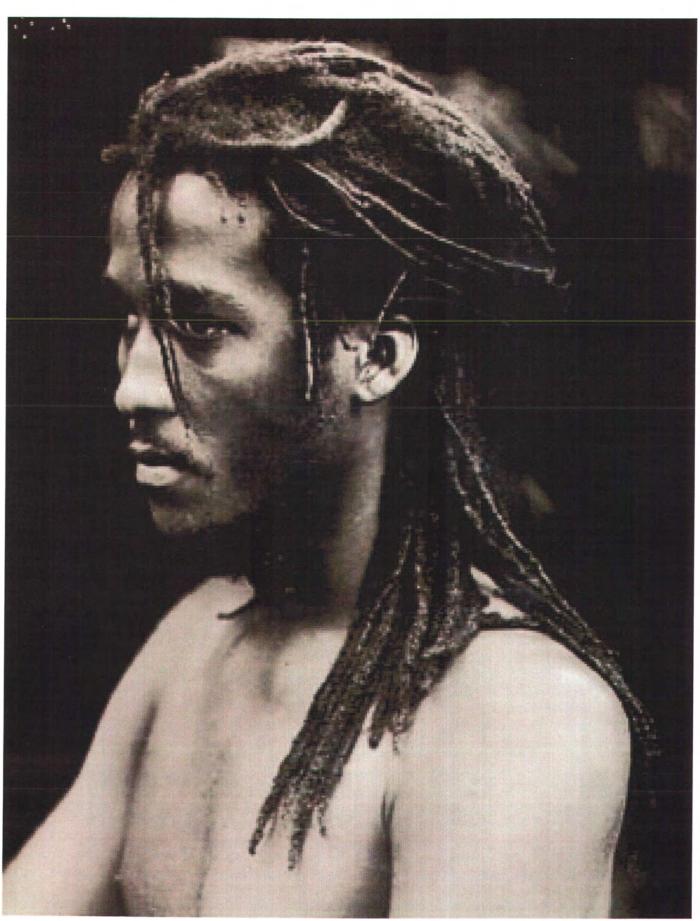
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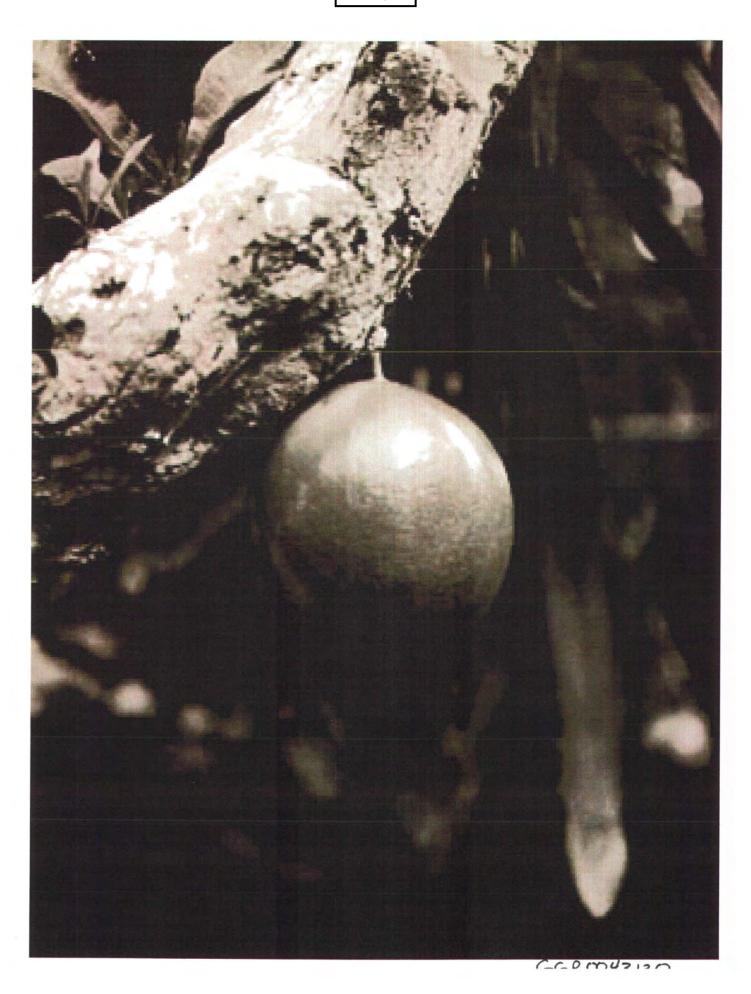


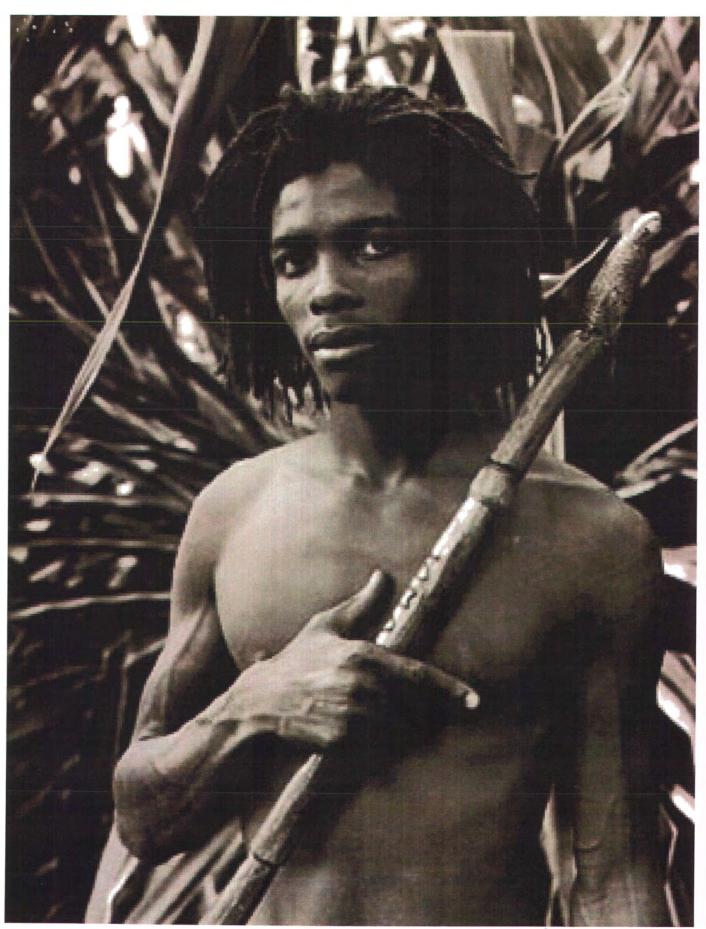


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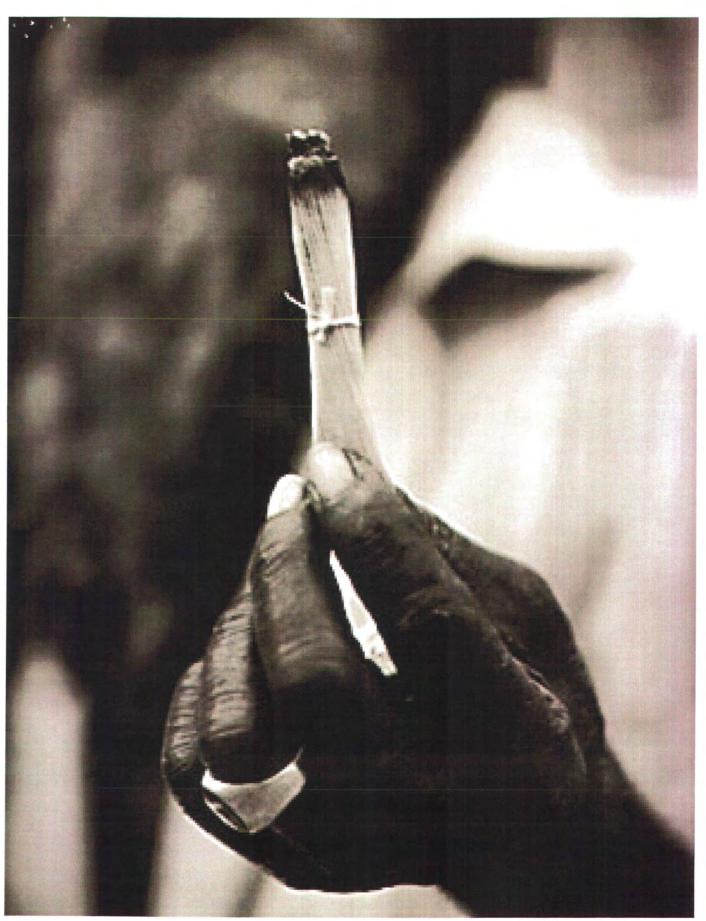




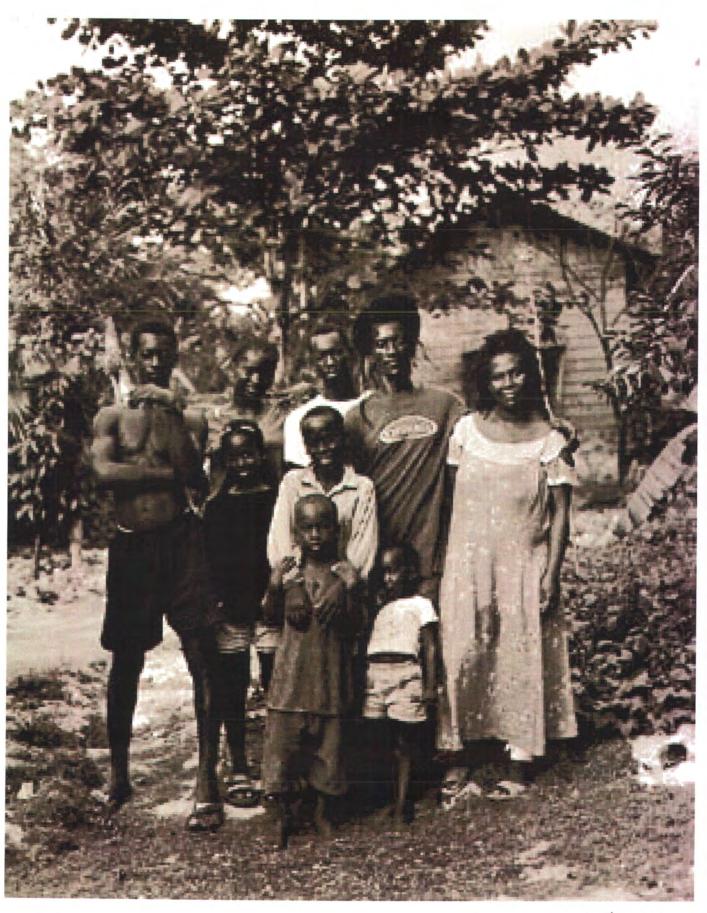
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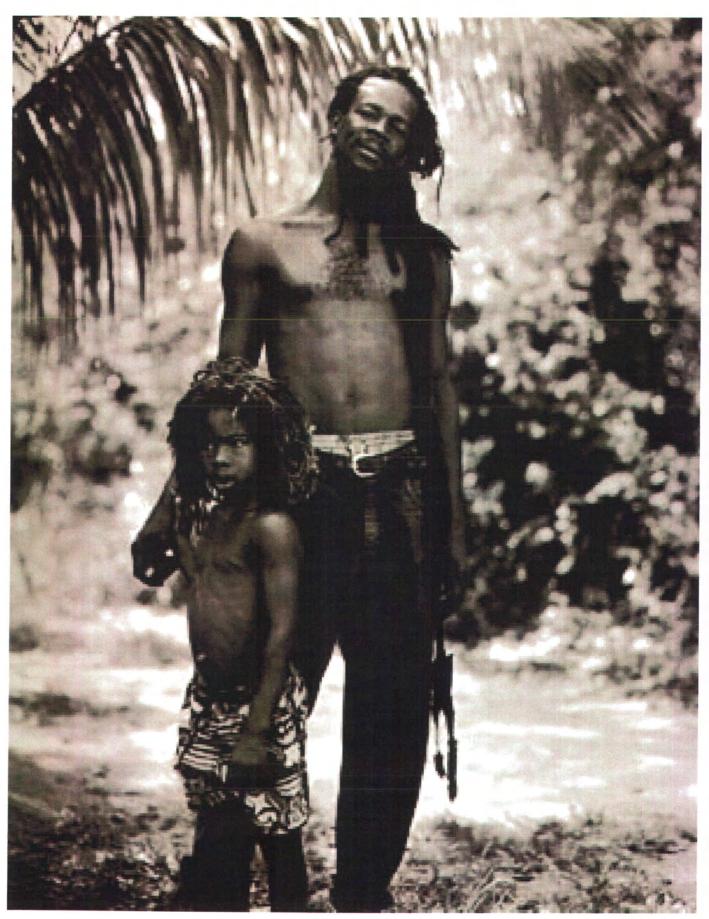
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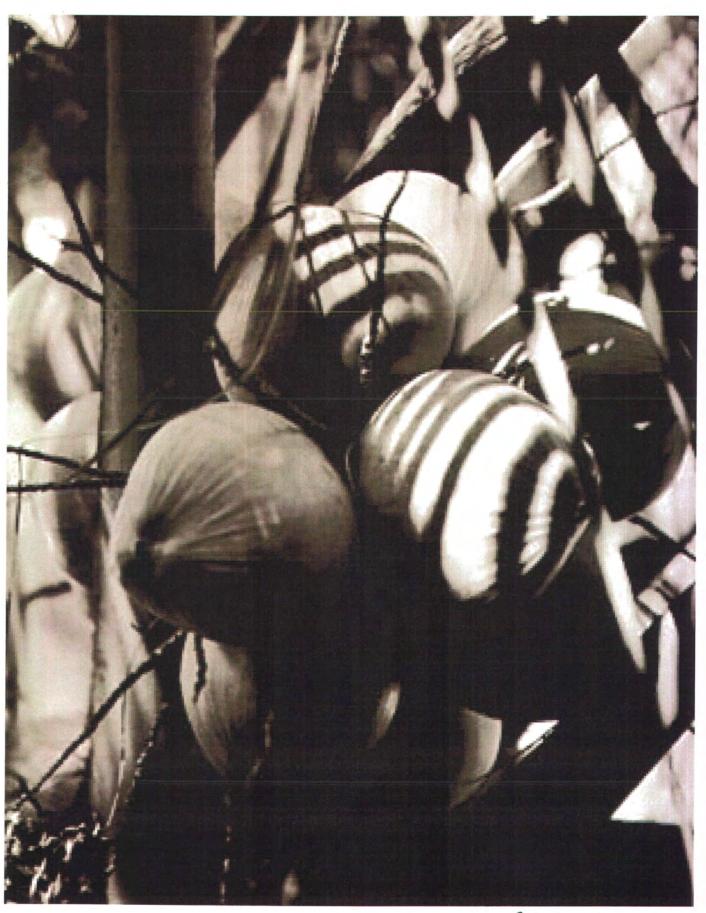




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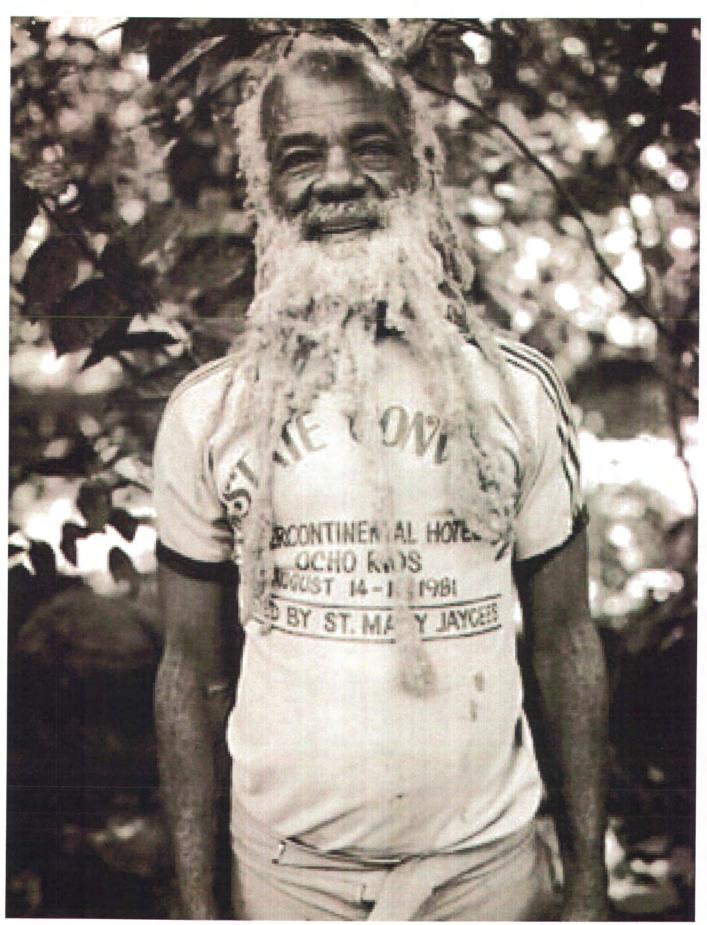
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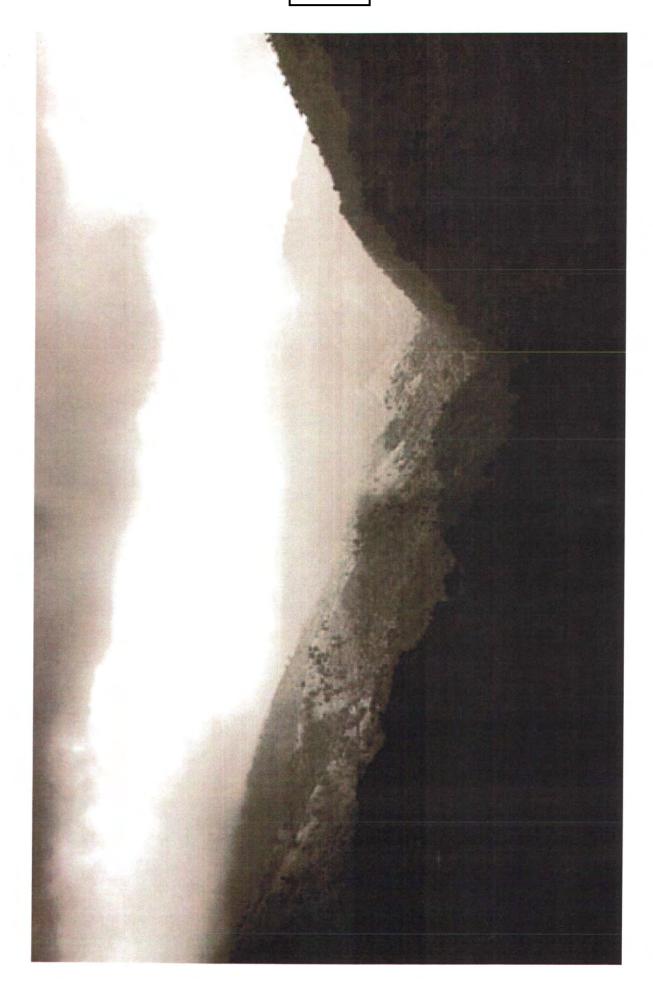
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4	-	4	landscape, but there was a lot of marijuana
5	there actually a few days. We talk about	5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
6	photography. He told me that he had been	6	so I was like maybe I have to be easy on that.
7		7	But, you know, I really like the
8	We talked about his favorite	8	project and, you know, I show him a few things
9	photographer, that it was Mary Ellen Mark, a	وا	that I like in the book. But nothing was like
10	wonderful woman. And he was here for a short	10	settled and we didn't choose the photo that day,
11	time, but he said, well, if you go to Paris call	11	you know.
12	me, you know.	12	Q. And you also looked at the Surfer
13	So later on I went to Paris	13	book at the same time?
14	actually, not for him, for personal reason. And	14	A. We did.
15	we also had another - I call him again, I say	15	Q. And did you talk about putting
16	I'm very interested, I'd love to do the show.	16	certain of the Surfer prints in the show?
17	So we also had coffee in the morning	17	A. Yes, the Surfer actually I ask him
18	at Cafe del Esplanade.	18	and he told me that will be easy because he had
19	Q. This is in Paris?	19	some copies also in New York. I was trying to
20	A. Yes. That's where I live in Paris.	20	see when can I get them but, you know, he was
21	Q. Do you recall when that was?	21	what I remember also is at the time – I think
22	A. I knew it was for sure after	22	the reason also he was in New York, he was
23	September-October. I don't - I mean if you	23	preoccupied because he had done a project about
24	need to know I can look maybe in my agenda.	24	gypsy work and he was trying to find somebody to
25	But it was shortly after his visit.	25	help him to edit the gypsy work to turn it into
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47 1 Celle 1 Celle 2 show would last? 2 A. He was supposed to come before 3 A. I don't remember if we discussed Christmas because I was telling him that the 4 that. But usually it's a month or six weeks 4 time was running, and after Christmas I felt 5 that I know. 5 like, wow, Christmas, you know, everybody -6 Q. And the proposal to make it a solo 6 nobody don't do anything. 7 show, was that your proposal or his? 7 So I wanted to pressure him to try 8 It was my proposal. 8 to come before the end of the year so to give me 9 Q. And why did you propose that? 9 really the material and we could pick together hο Because I thought the material was the show. 10 very strong in the book. I thought about also 11 11 Because I didn't know if he had 12 the timing, you know, like this is a subject 12 everything printed, we might have to print extra 13 that you think about people going out, and it's 13 thing, and then you need the framing. So, you not a winter show, it's like surfing. It's a 14 14 know, it's time consuming. 15 summer show. 15 You know, I wanted him to commit. 16 And I usually do solo show most of 16 And he told me that he will probably come back **h**7 the time. And because, as I said, I really 117 in November. h8 118 loved the material in the book, I thought, you Q. Come back in November of '08? **1**9 know, it was worthy. And also because of the 119 A. Of 2008. November-December he will 20 subject, I knew I had a lot of people in the 20 come back. 21 entertainment business that will be very 21 Q. And did he come back in November 22 attracted to that. 22 of 2008? 23 Q. And the Surfer photographs you 23 A. No. talked about doing, were they portrait-type When did he next come back or when 24 25 photographs as well? 25 did you next have contact with him? 1 Celle 1 Celle 2 A. Yes, portrait of surfers. I mean 2 A. I saw Patrick actually recently beautiful image of like some of them - one is 3 3 I think because he came to do his deposition Joel Trudeau, as a young surfer, who is now like 4 he told me. 5 in his 30s, but he had photographed him in 5 Q. From the time that you had this probably 2000. So it was a very, you know, it 6 meeting in Paris - which was sometime in the 6 was a long, long project. 7 fall of 2008, correct? 8 Q. So the idea was to do a show of A. Yes. 9 portraits by Patrick Cariou? 9 Q. When did you next speak to him? 10 A. It was - the Surfer I couldn't do 10 A. When I next saw him after that -11 portraits only because he had a lot of beautiful 11 I'm trying to - I think I saw him once. 12 photos of the surfer in the wave, so it was 12 Yeah, I think he came in New York -13 13 mixed yeah, he came in New York because of this 14 Q. And then back to, if I could, the 14 situation we are here today. meeting in Paris - which I understand was the 15 Q. Because of the lawsuit? 16 next meeting after the lunch meeting in 16 17 New York? 17 In the summer maybe. I can't 18 A. Yes. 18 remember. 19 Q. What was discussed there? 19 Q. Summer of '09, 2009? 20 A. What was discussed there was that he 20 A. I can't remember. He came in 2009. 21 will try to come before the end of the year in 21 I know he came to the gallery because he saw my New York to get all the prints together. 22 22 show, but I can't remember what time exactly it 23 Q. Before the end of 2008? 23 was. I think it was in the spring. I think the

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Q. The gallery was open in the spring



Yes.

Okay, go ahead.

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