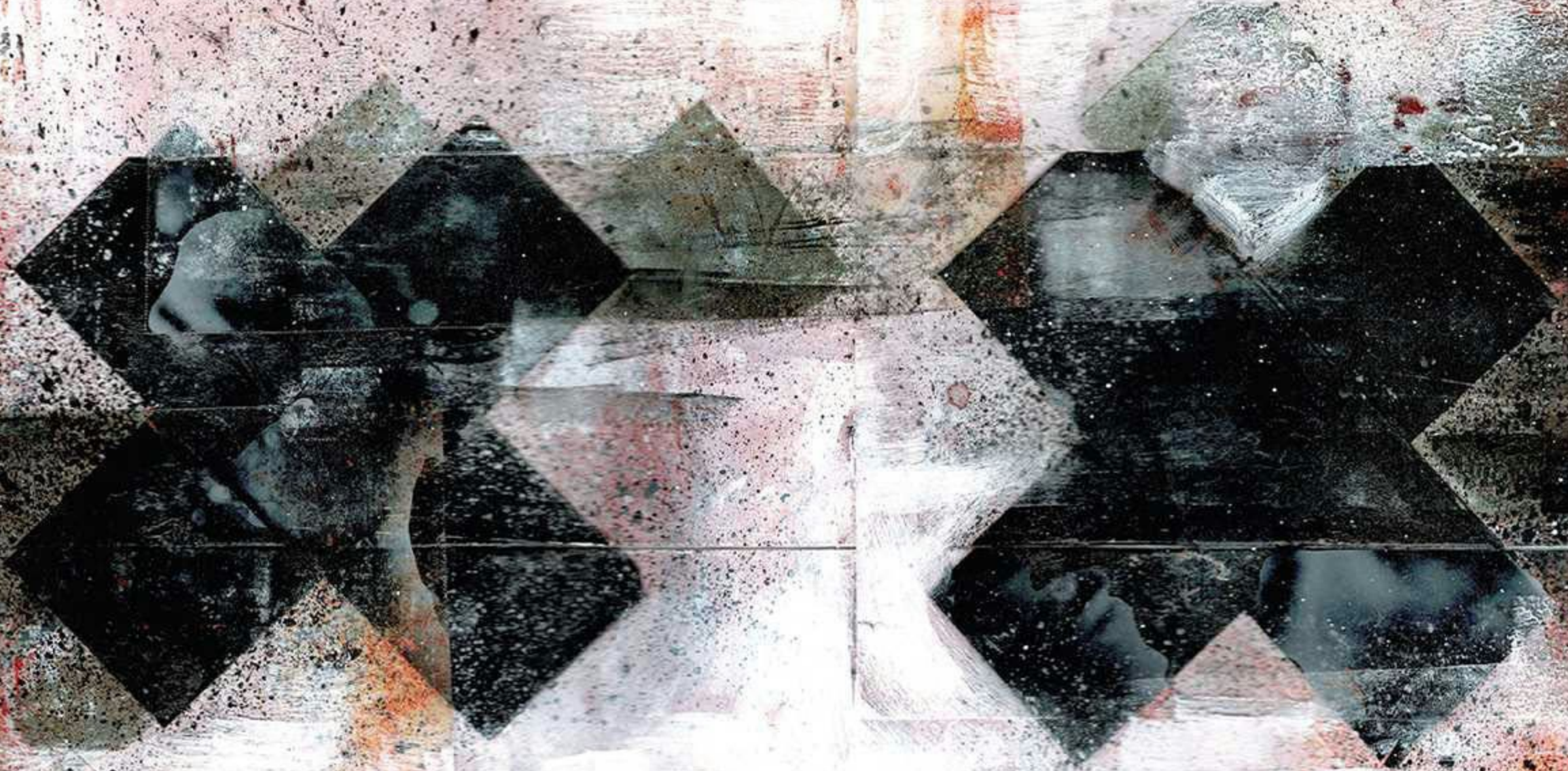




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IT'S CAPITALISM.

HERE, SIT DOWN. HAVE A FRENCH FRY.



YOU'RE GLOATING.




HM.


YOU ARE SMARTER THAN THAT.

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT, I'M GLOATING. I WON. YOU LOST.

THE COLD WAR IS OVER.



OH, SO YOU'RE DELUDED NOW. YOU THINK THE GREAT SOVIET BEAR IS GOING TO RISE AGAIN.



NO. STORIES END. OUR STORY IS OVER. A NEW STORY BEGINS. MAYBE THERE WILL BE GREATNESS IN IT. I PERSONALLY DOUBT IT.

THESE WILL BE OUR YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS. THEN, MAYBE A BEAR AGAIN. WHO CAN SAY. I WON'T LIVE TO SEE IT.



WE AREN'T LIKE THE LITTLE ARMY MEN IN THEIR COSTUMES WORKING IN INTELLIGENCE, PLAYING JAMES BOND.

WE ARE MUCH STRANGER AND SMARTER. OR AT LEAST WE SHOULD BE.

YOU SAY THE COLD WAR IS OVER. YOUR PEOPLE THINK THAT NOW YOU GET HAPPILY EVER AFTER. BUT THERE IS NO "EVER AFTER."

THERE WAS POWER IN A BALANCE. TWO POLES OF THE WORLD. NOW IT IS THE AMERICAN EAGLE ASTRIDE THE WORLD, AND EVERYBODY ELSE BENEATH ITS TALONED FEET.



BUT YOU DON'T THINK THE COLD WAR IS OVER.

WHAT IS THIS "OVER" YOU KEEP TALKING?



DO YOU THINK THEY WILL LOVE YOU, LORDING YOURSELF OVER THEM? THEY HARDLY LOVE YOU NOW.



YOU KNOW, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER WORLD.

THE ONE WHERE WE WON.



THAT'S ~~THE~~ I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE IDEOLOGICAL PURITY OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF LIES.