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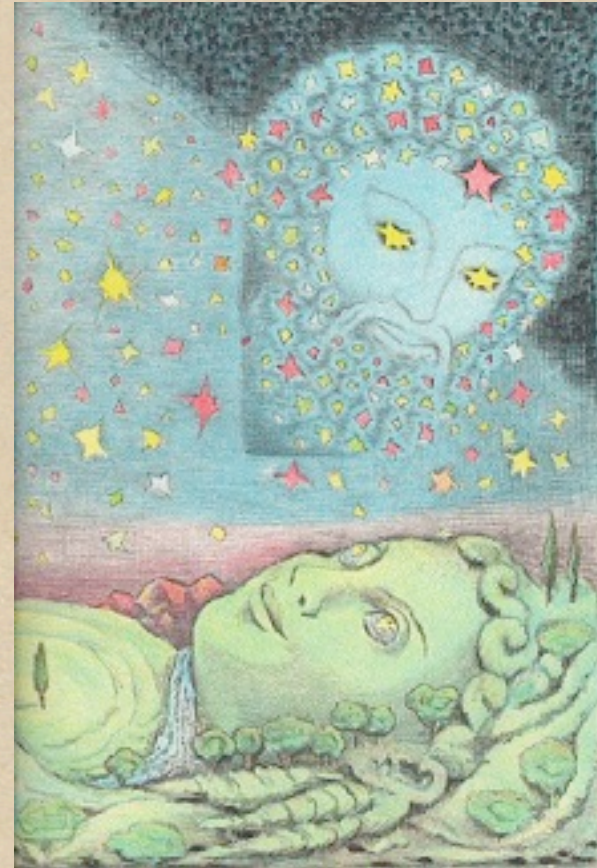
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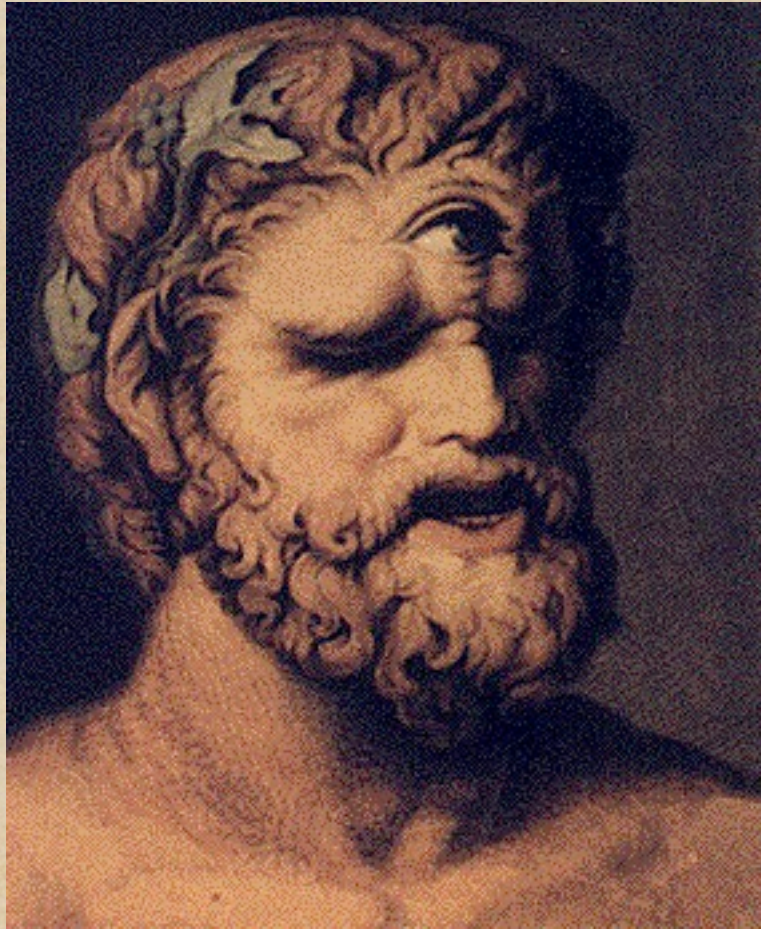
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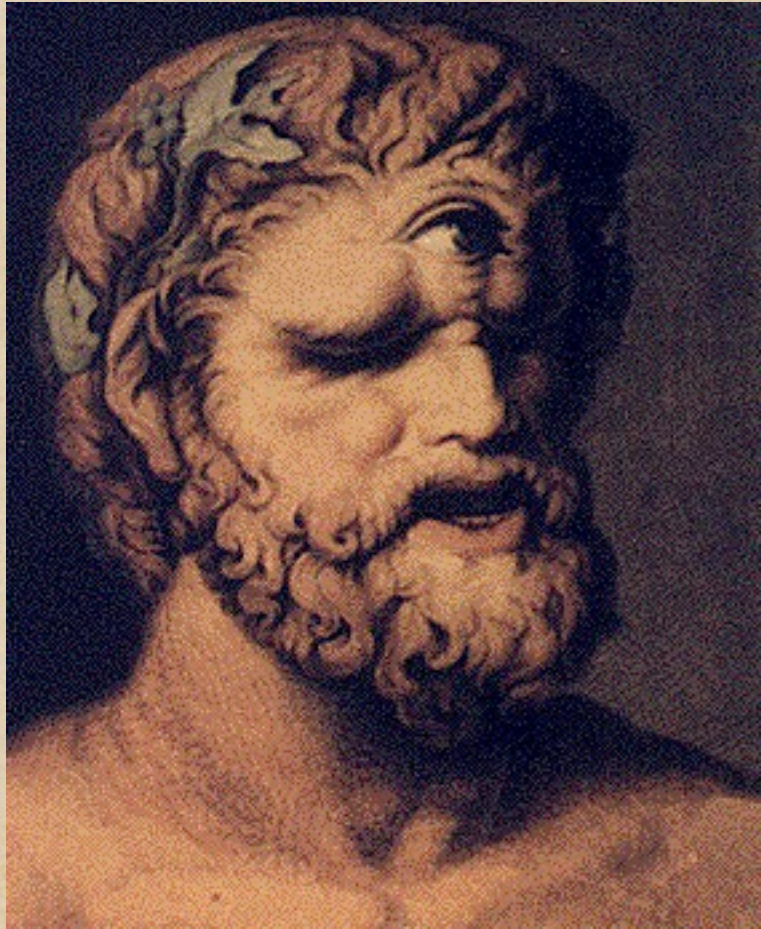
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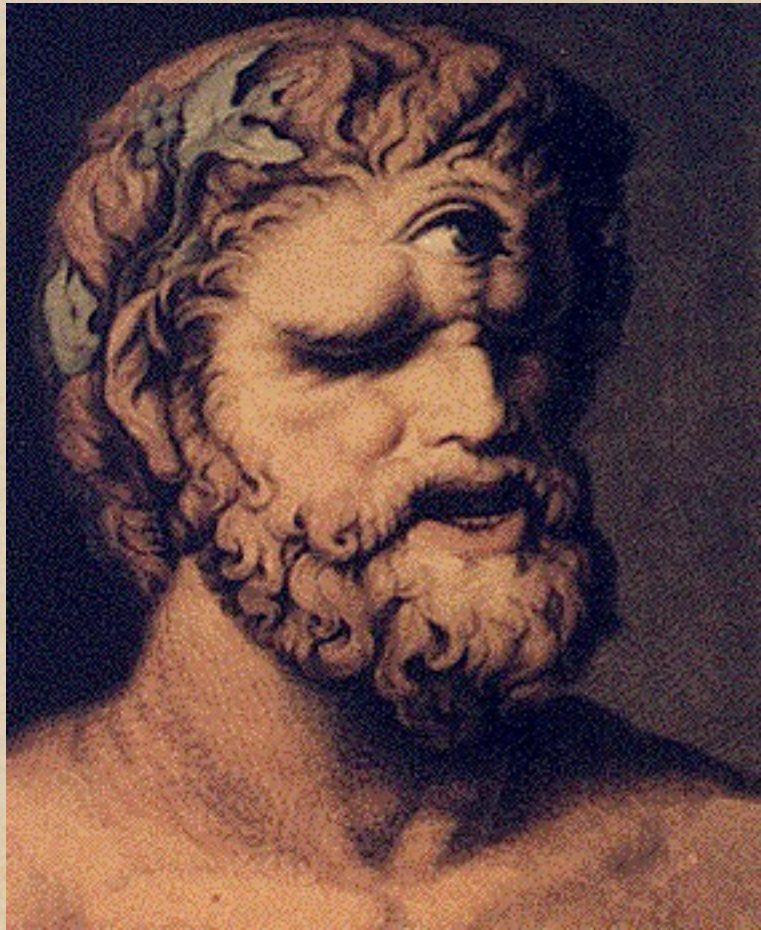


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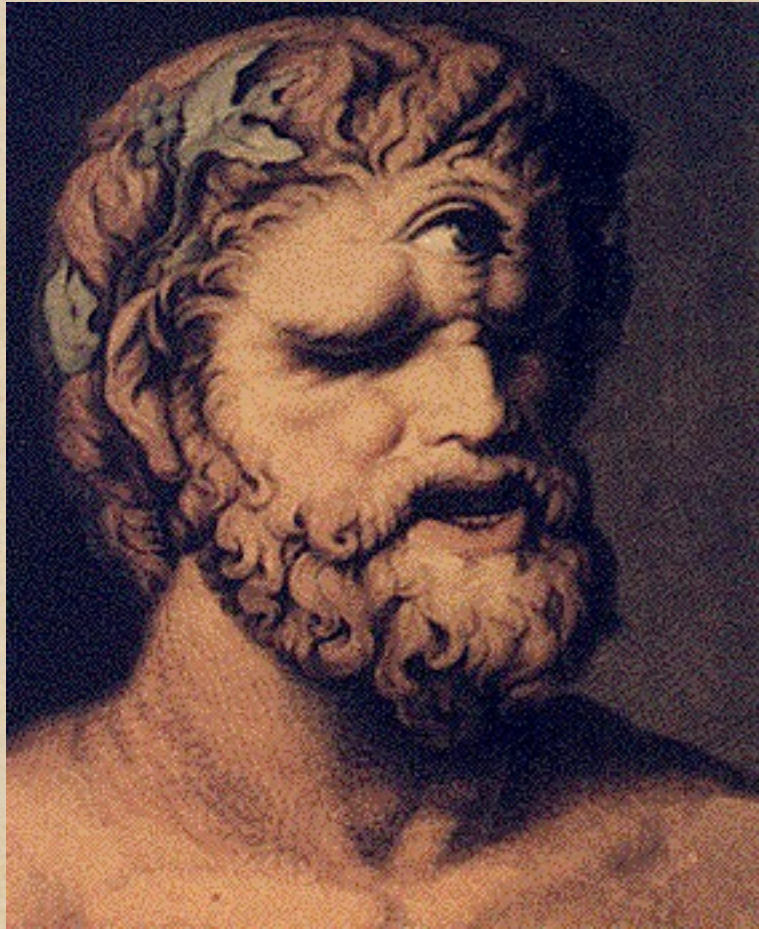


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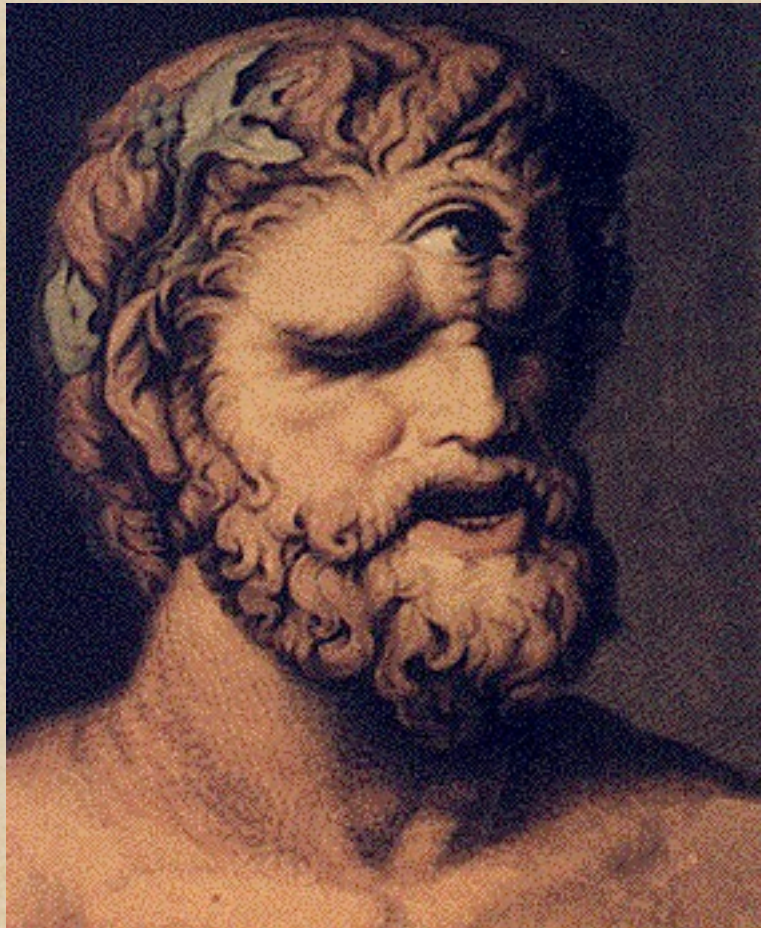
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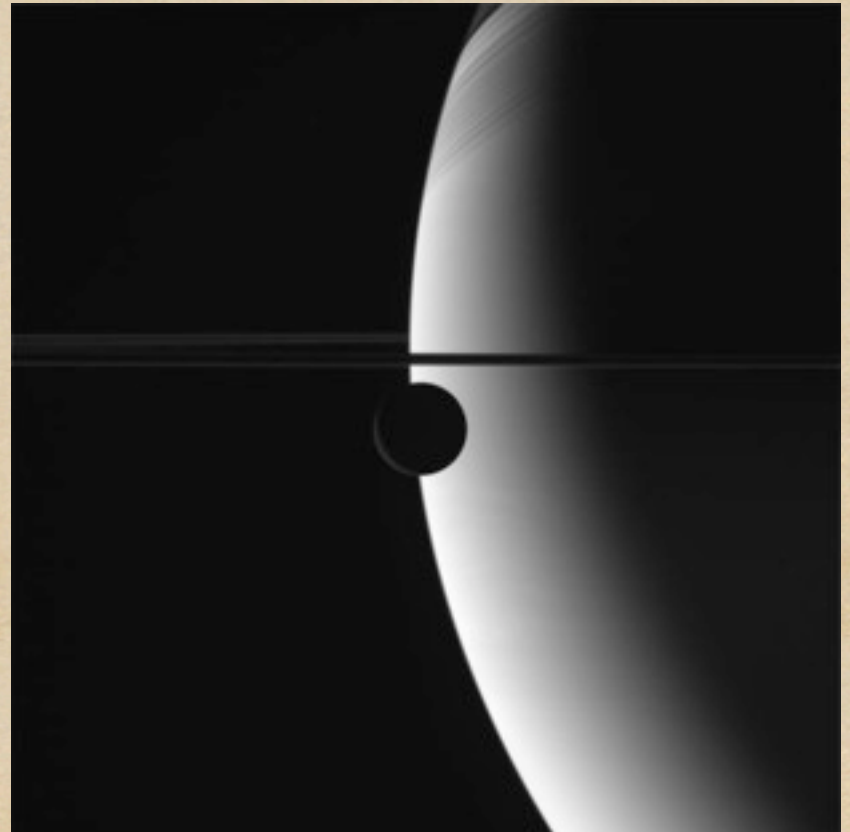
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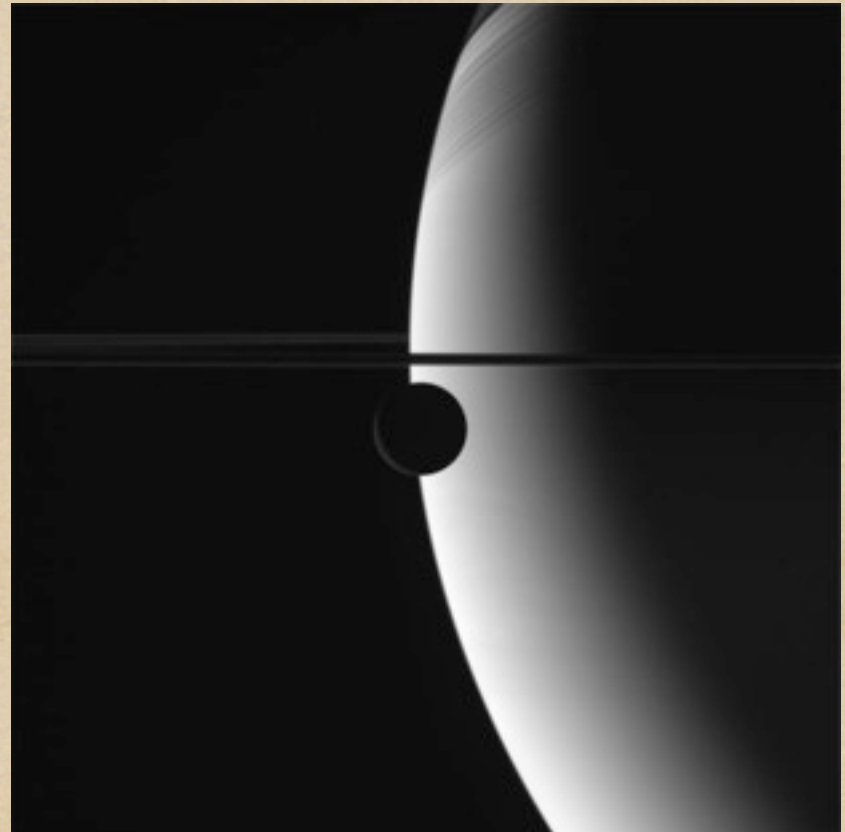
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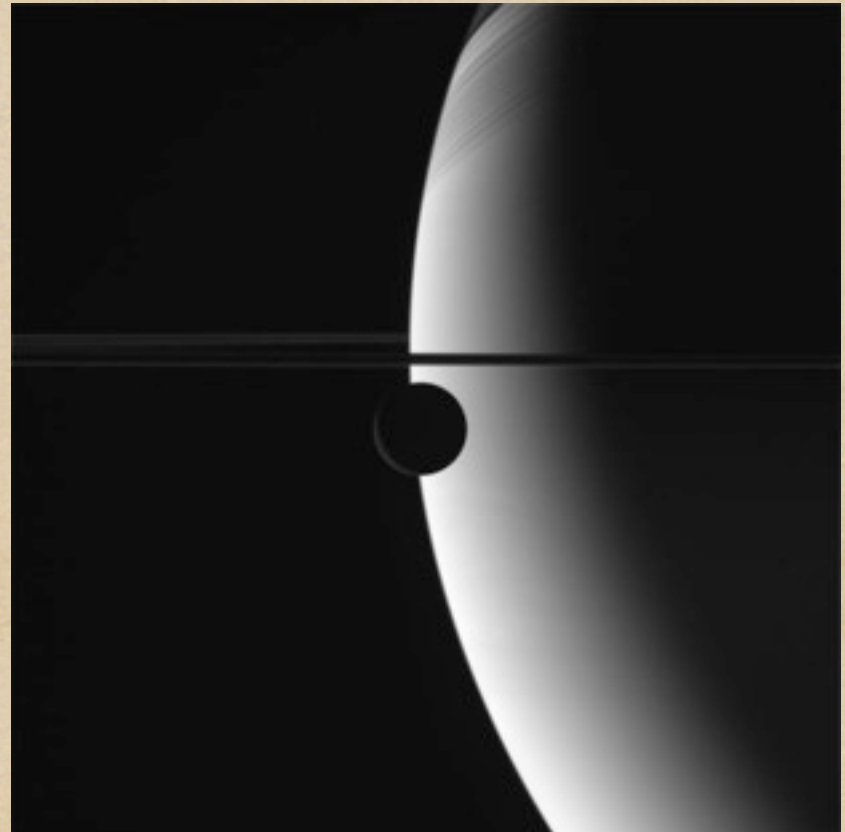
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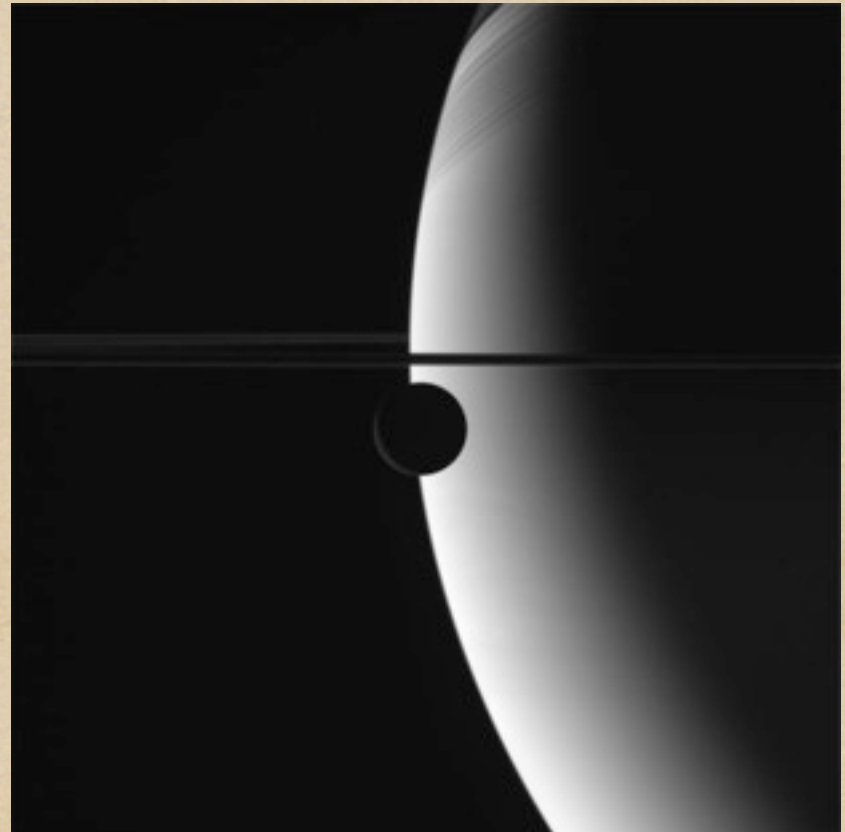
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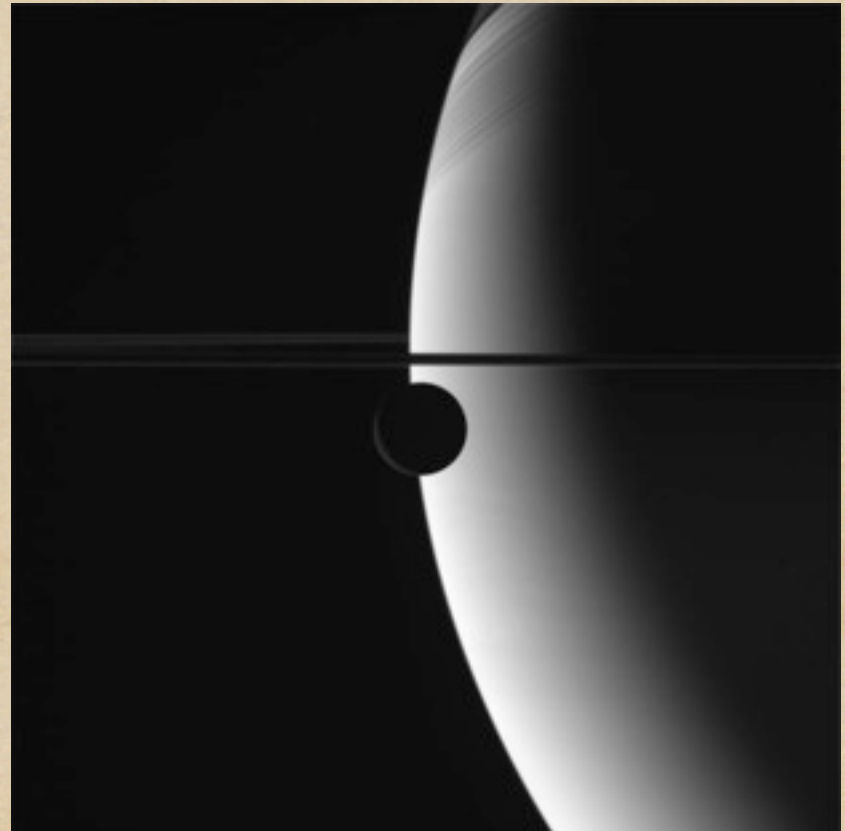
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- ◆ Next Rhea wrapped a large stone in blankets and gave it to her husband in place of the baby. Cronus was fooled and greedily gulped down the stone.

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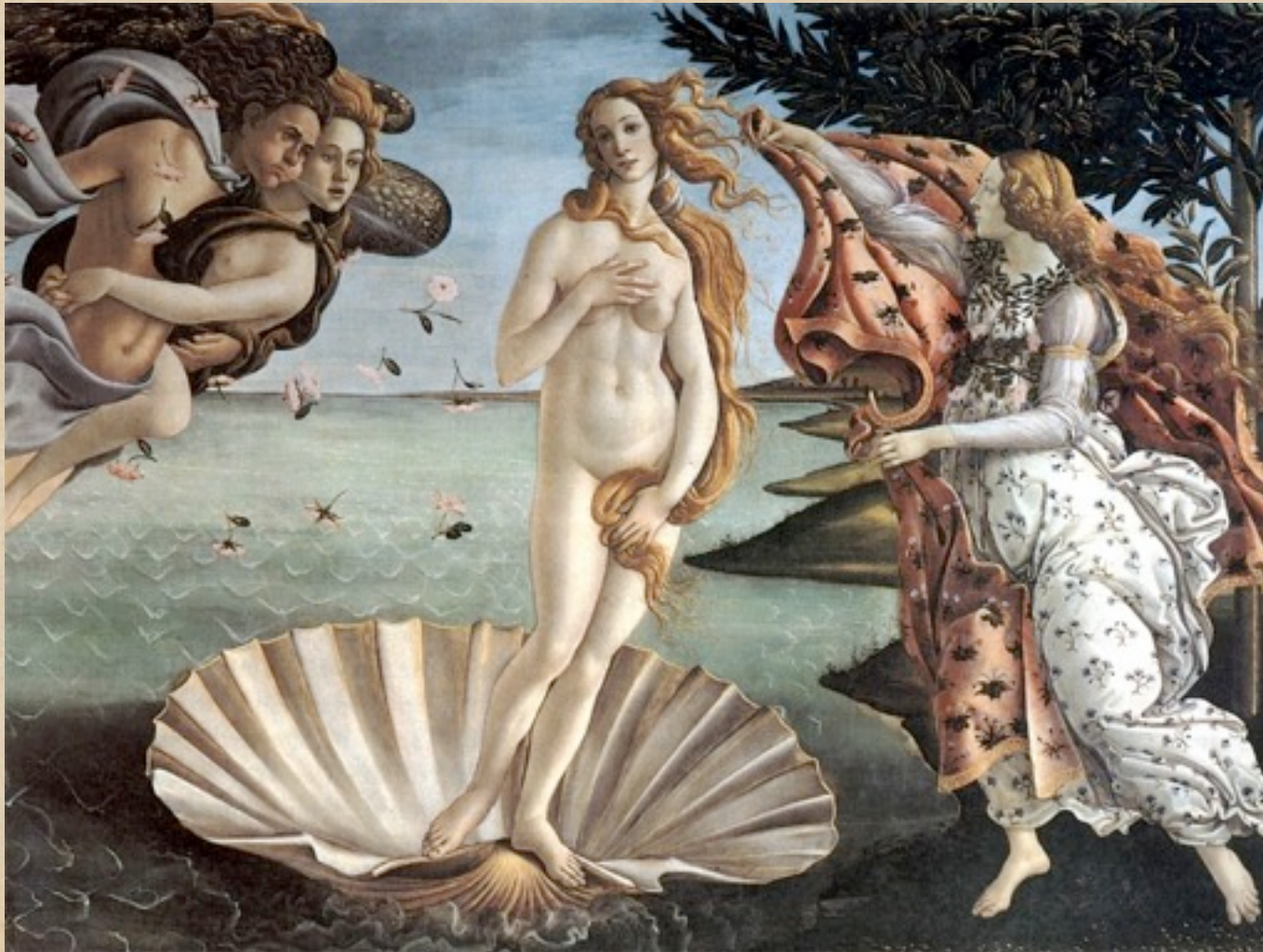
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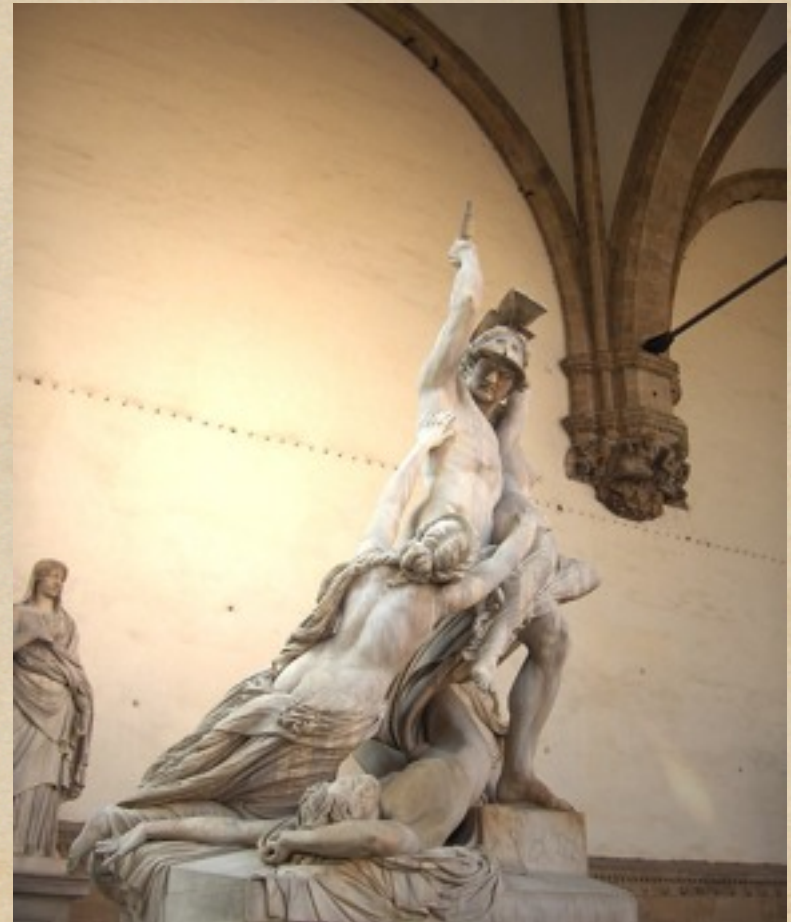


Birth of Venus

by Botticelli



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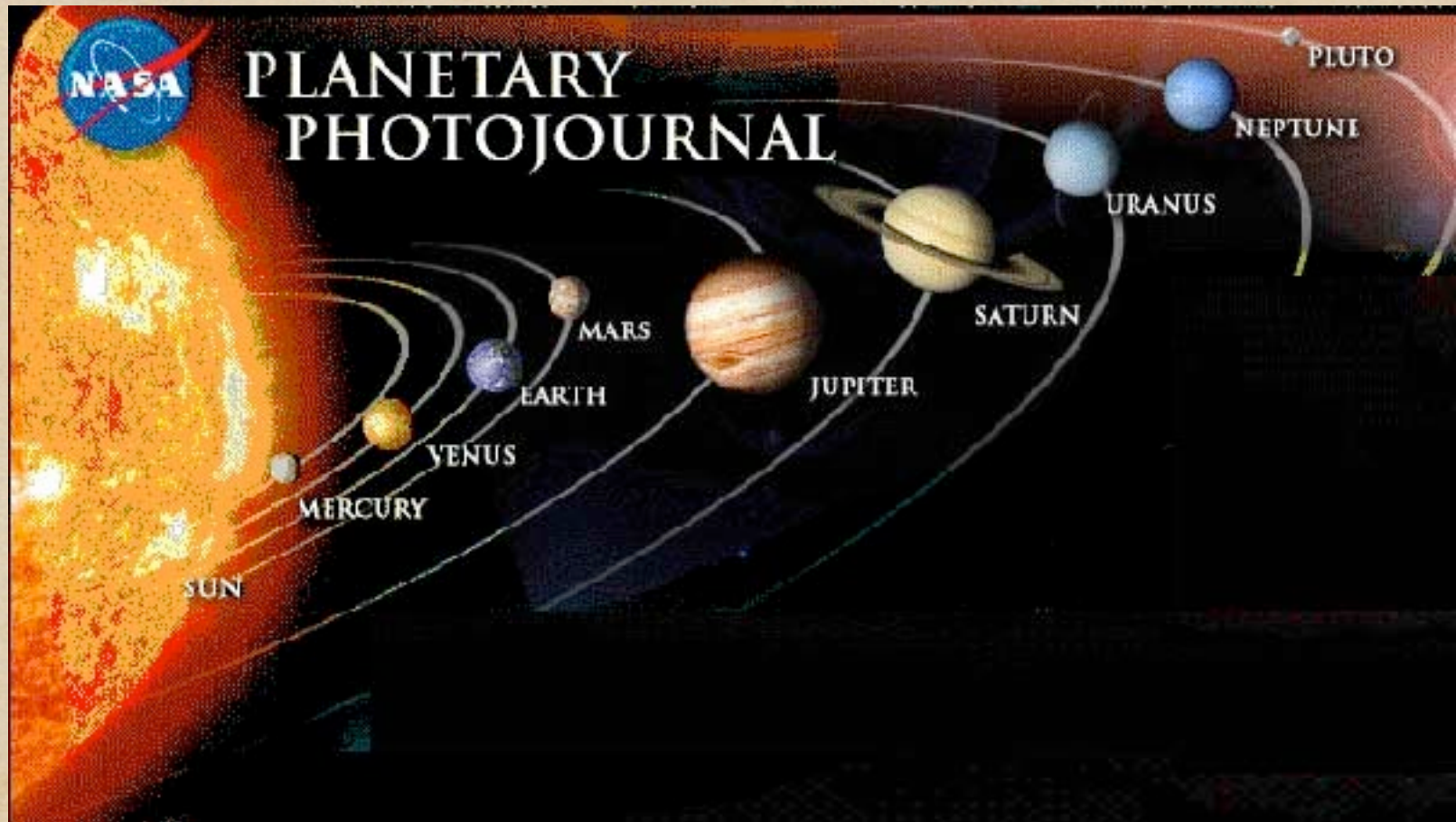
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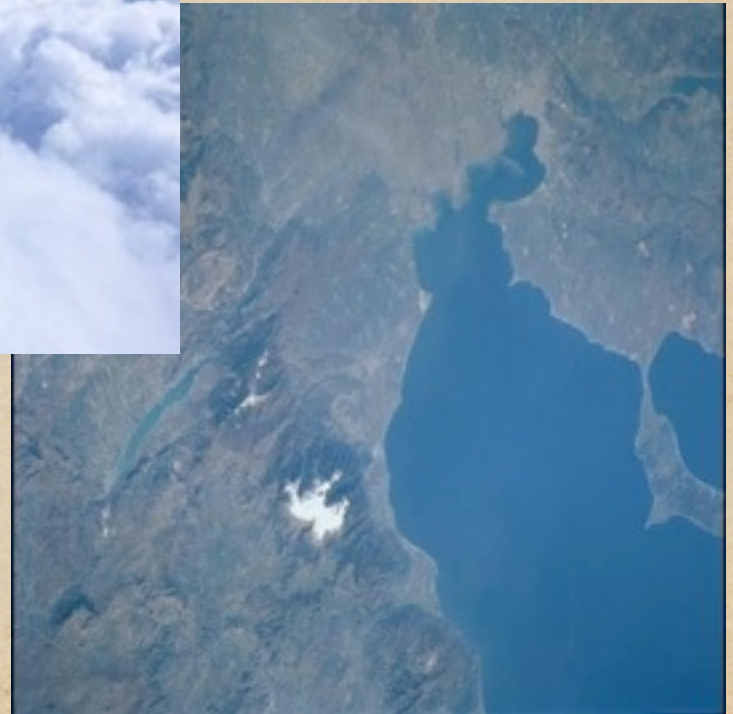


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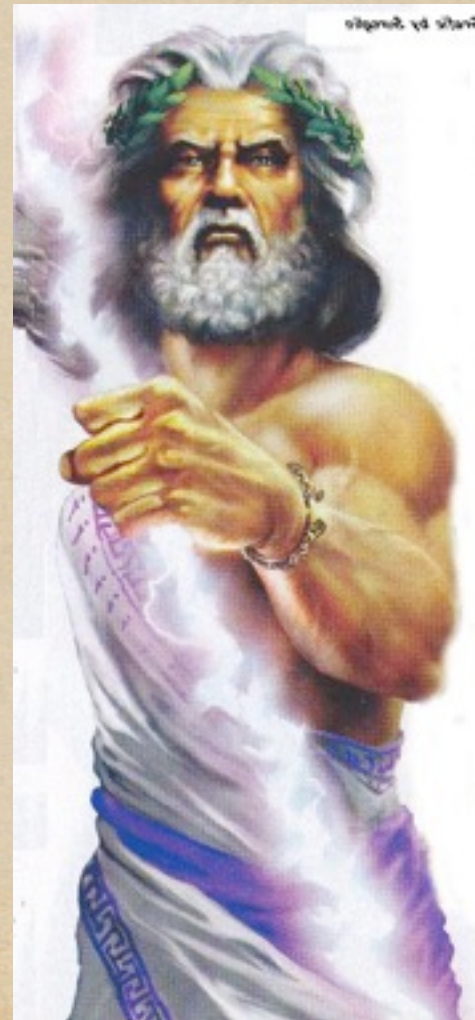


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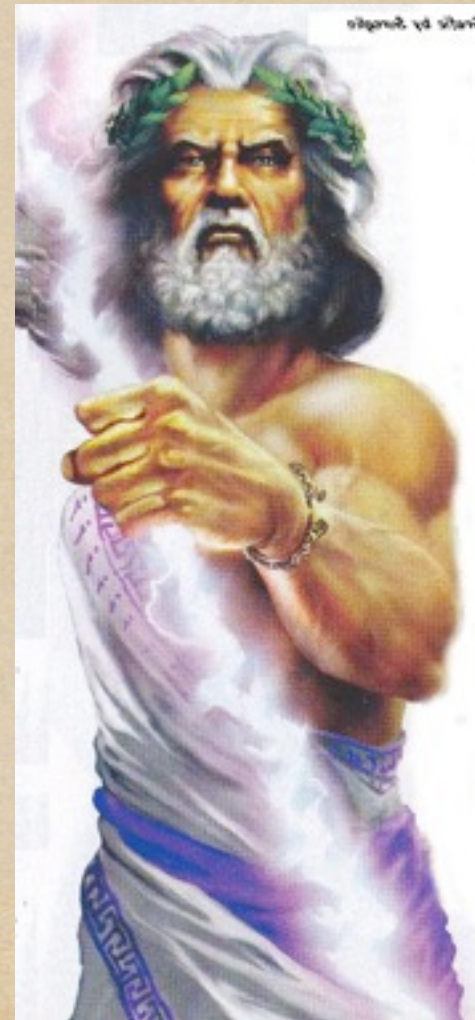
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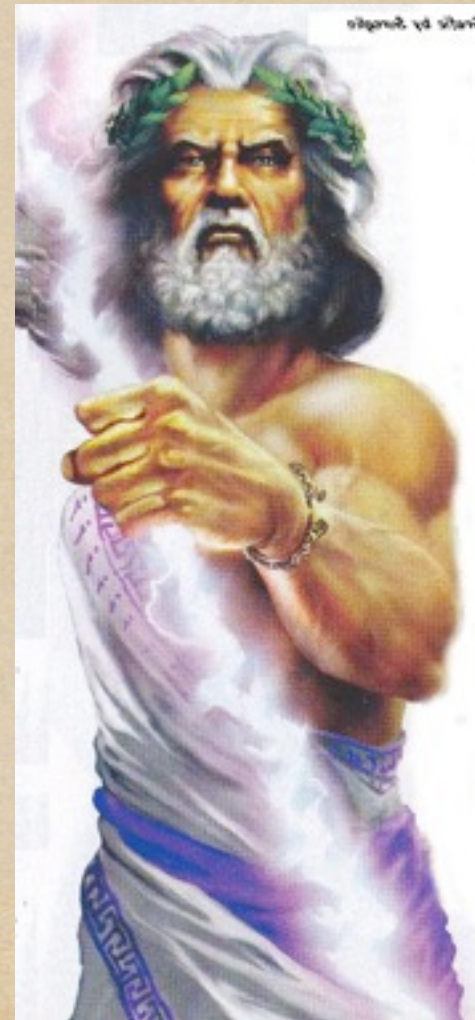
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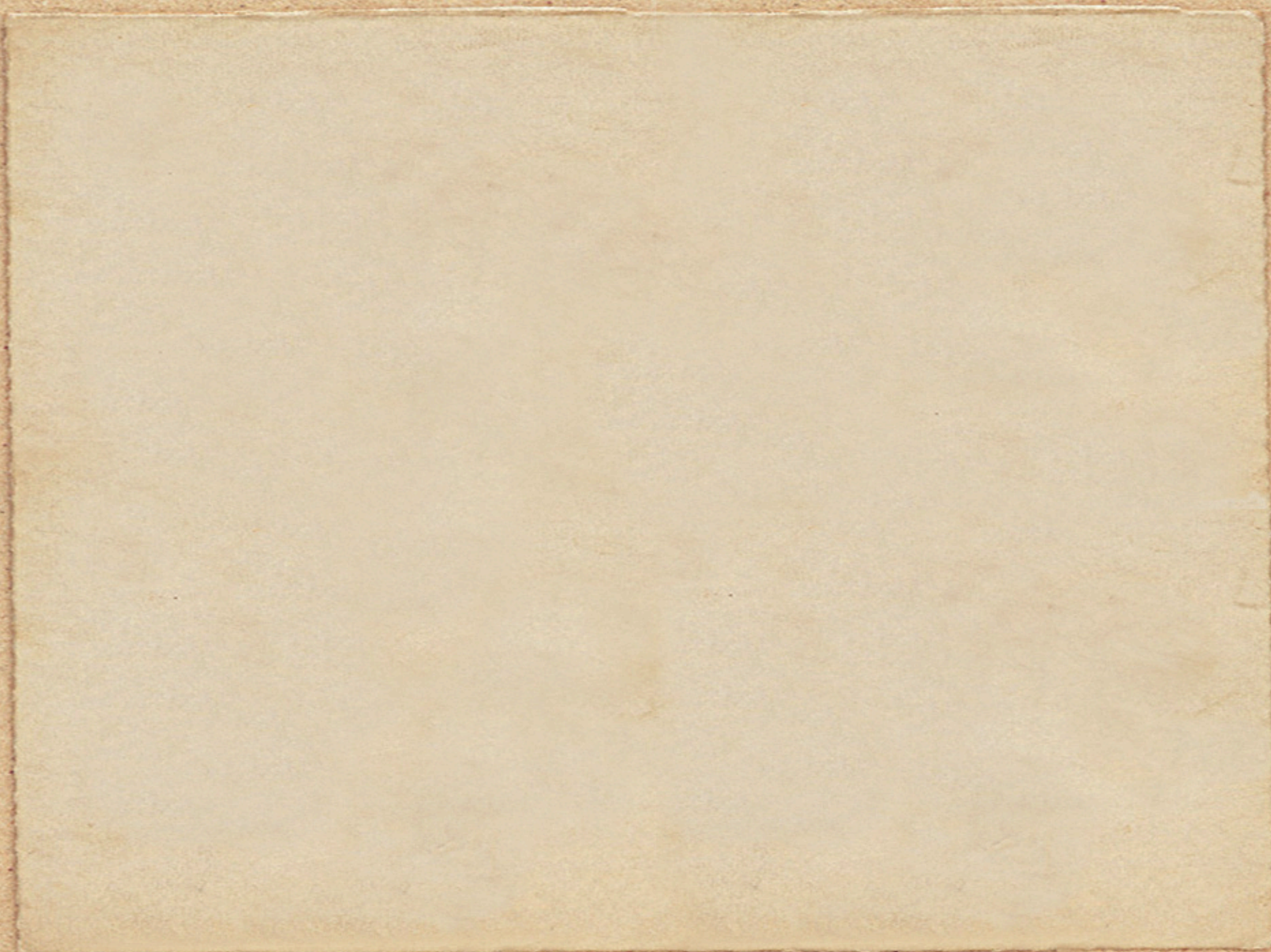
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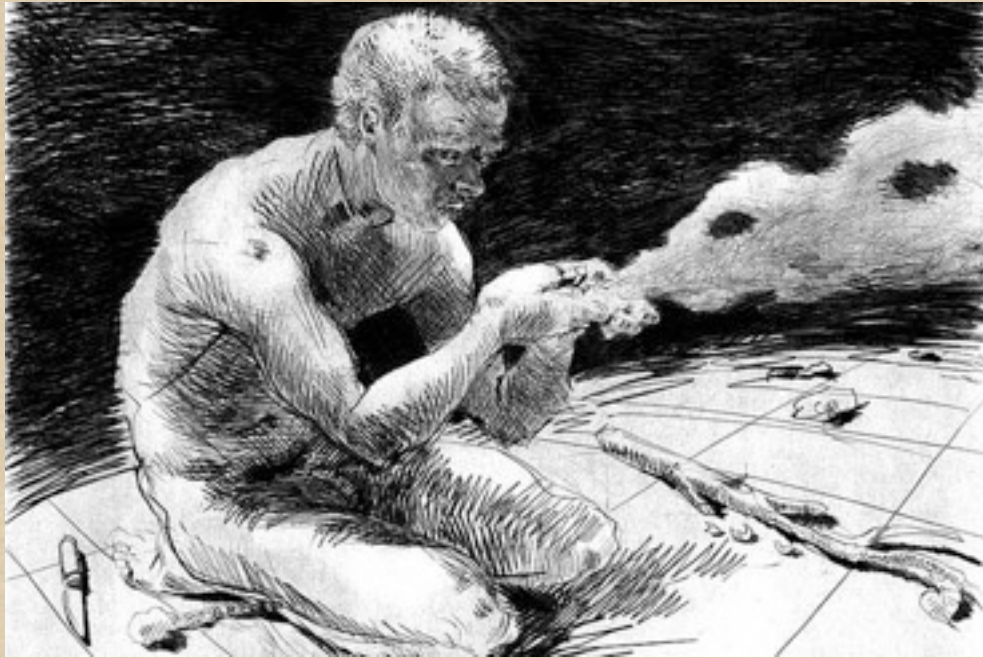


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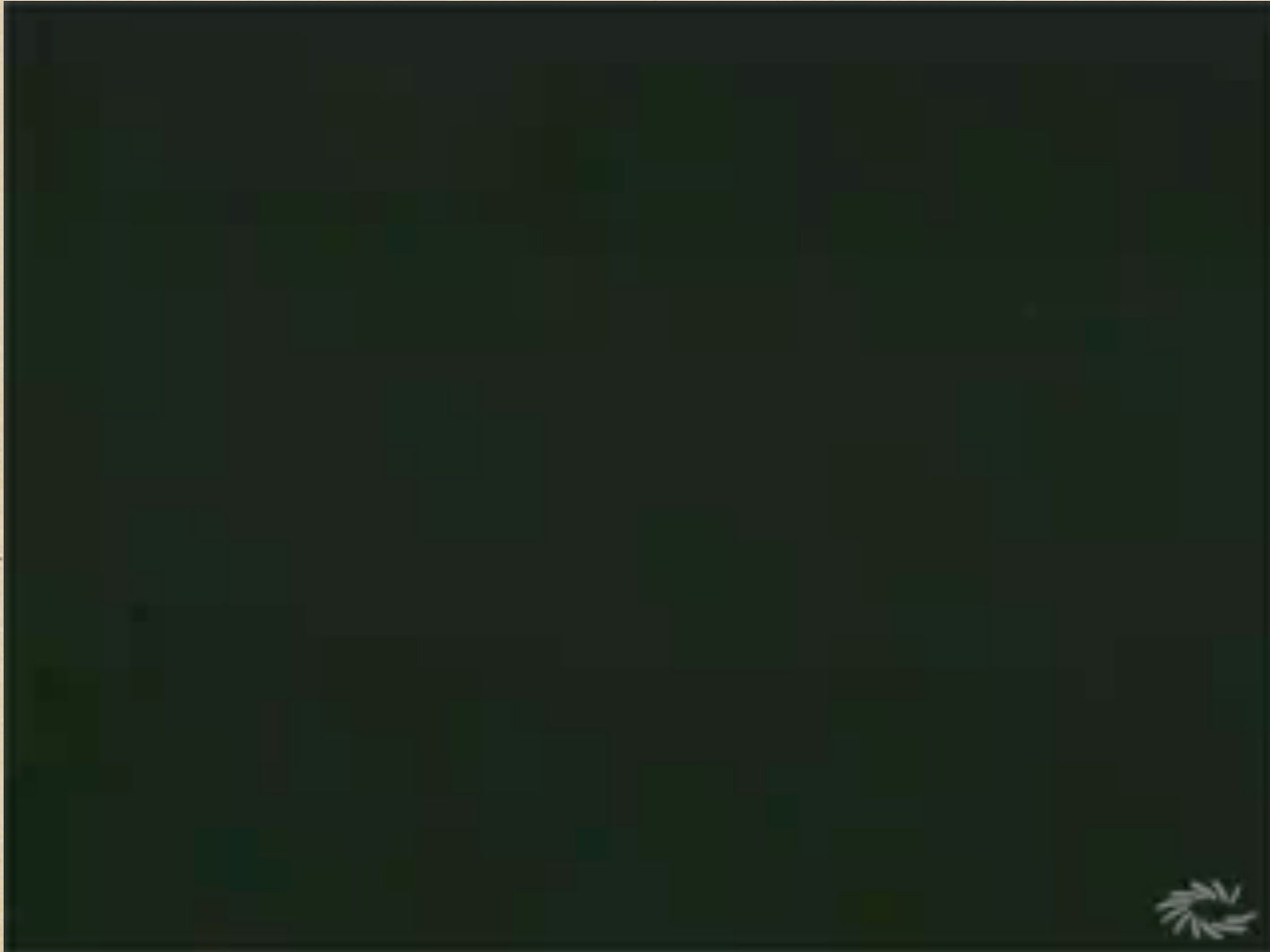


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