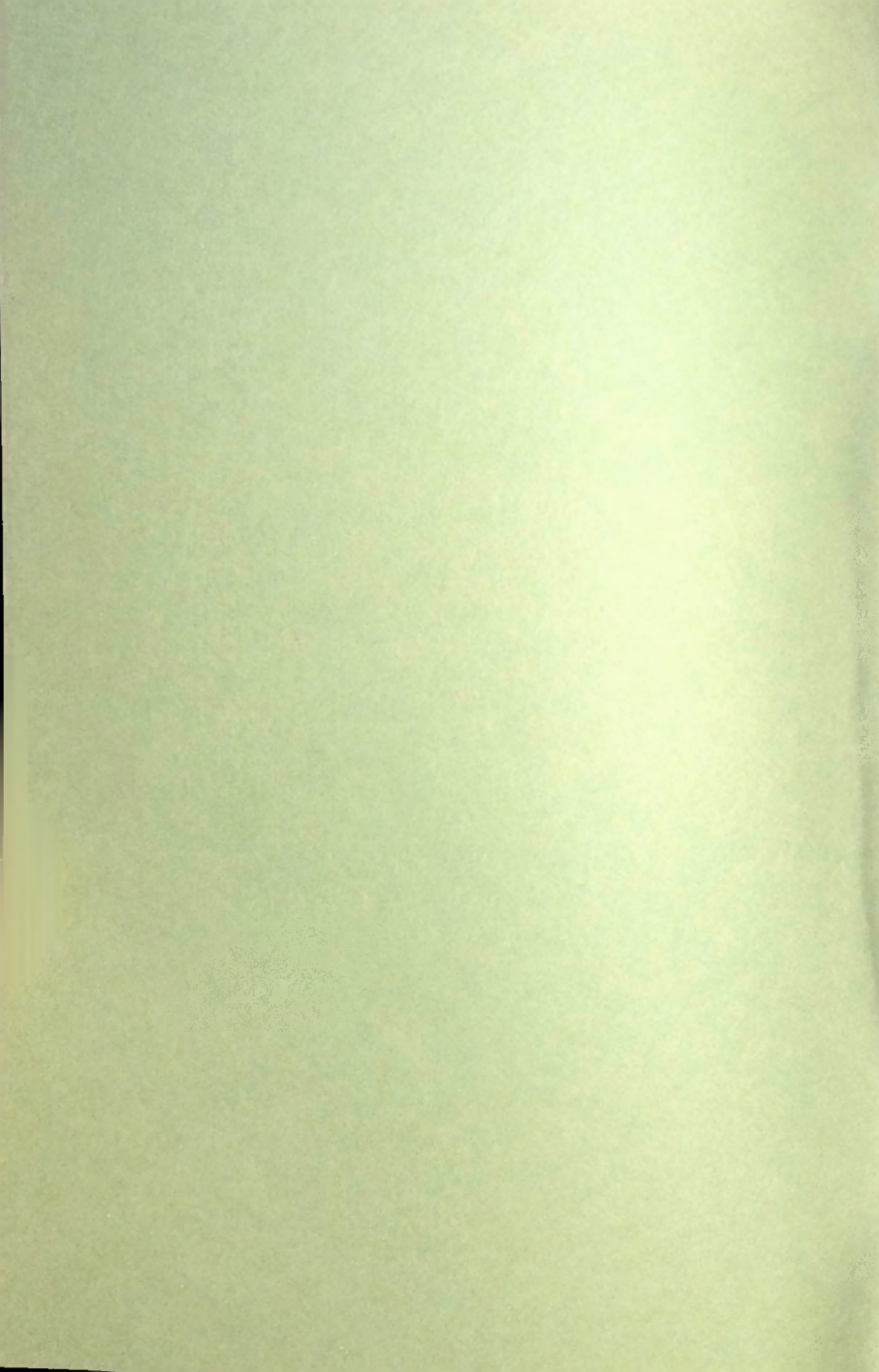


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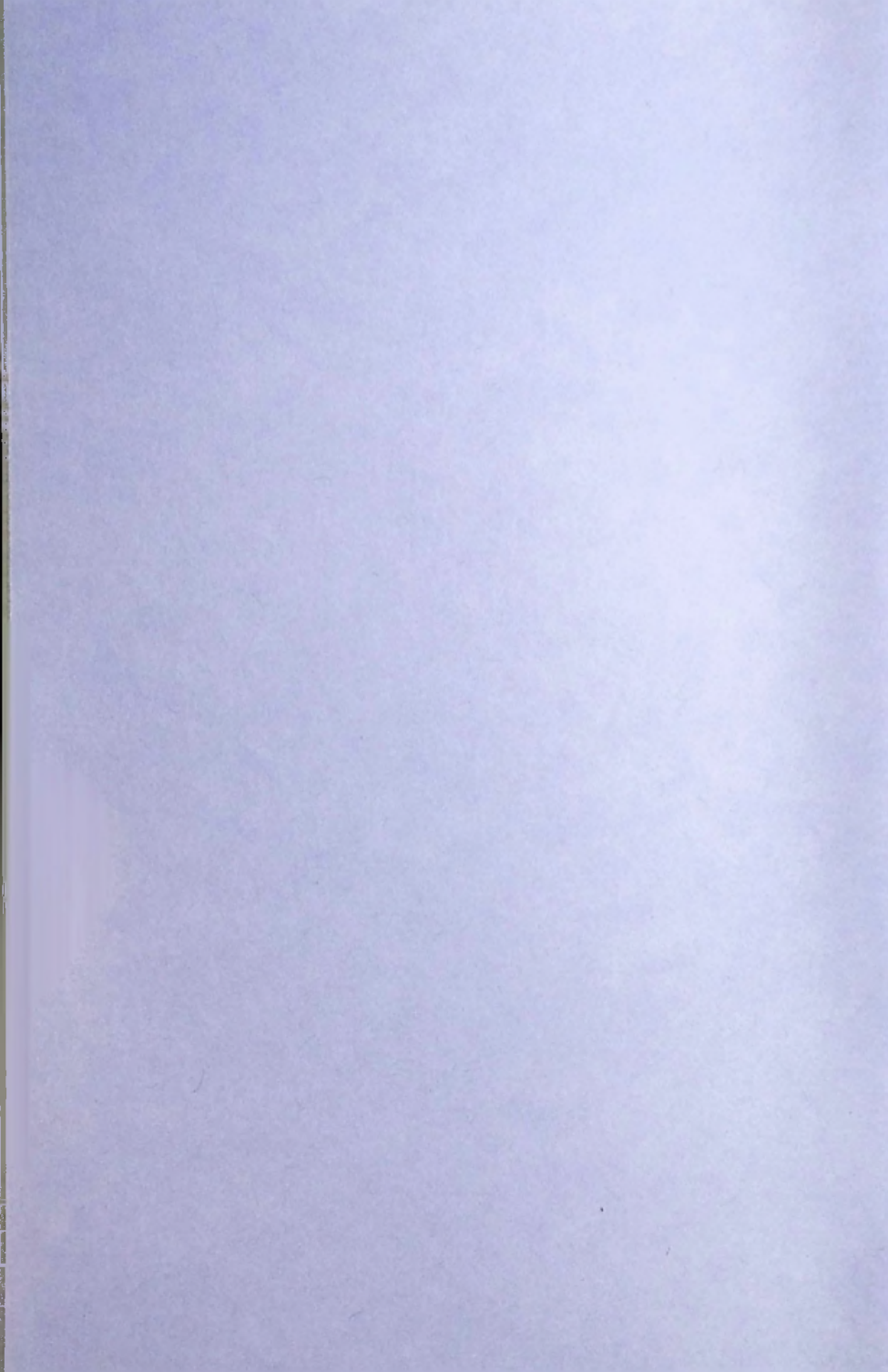
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9/11 migration  
wondering what else  
the geese know

more anthrax  
eating all the chocolate  
from our survival cache

Afghan refugee camp  
vultures follow  
Red Crescent workers

paper  
cranes  
sag  
on  
the  
weeping  
willow –  
fine  
rain

Hiroshima Remembrance

Tokyo bullet train  
ginkgo trees  
flash by block by block

electric teapot –  
Kyoto hotel  
night light



jasmine thrown  
to Buddha  
returned in smoke

giving Buddha another coin  
incense stick  
finally sticks

descending Fugi in fog  
tour guide  
lectures on suicide

watchout, shogun,  
tourists coming –  
nightingale's song

Kabuki actors  
taking their bows –  
pansies in the breeze

Japanese tourists  
fly to Canada  
maple viewing time



waiting in the ER  
hospital flag  
at half staff

poster  
in  
dermatologist's  
waiting  
room –  
*sun*  
*showers*

religion: *none*  
just a picture hook  
on my hospital room wall

feeling better  
editing signage  
on the ICU ward

wedding march steps  
getting to know  
my two new knees

50<sup>th</sup>  
birthday  
bouquet  
the  
rose  
drops  
its  
last  
petal



50 – something  
*curriculum vitae* still  
only two pages

•

job hunting  
in today's mail  
*Welcome to AARP* card

she  
gives  
us  
the  
B&B's  
bridal  
suite –  
we  
talk  
of  
separation

slip of the tongue  
he kisses  
my *nickels*

extra valentine  
thinking of  
my exes

he  
tells  
me  
of  
his  
vow  
of  
celibacy –  
the  
pie  
cools



magnetic  
word  
falls  
to  
the  
kitchen  
floor –  
*sweep*

haiku workshop  
on cadence and beat –  
the clock chimes

bankruptcy  
judge  
asks  
if  
the  
poems  
have  
value

woman in 8F  
prayer book tucked inside  
the safety brochure

*Jesus Saves* bus  
out of gas  
on the freeway

tv sage  
lectures on  
silent meditation

parkarma



Columbus Quincentennial  
Indian paintbrush  
line the parade route

museum teepee  
cobwebs crisscross  
the smoke hole

on the mother-of-the-bride's  
bedside stand  
wilted cucumber slices

last season's clothes  
heaped for recycling –  
the snake sheds its skin

another 100-year flood  
not shaking  
the rain stick

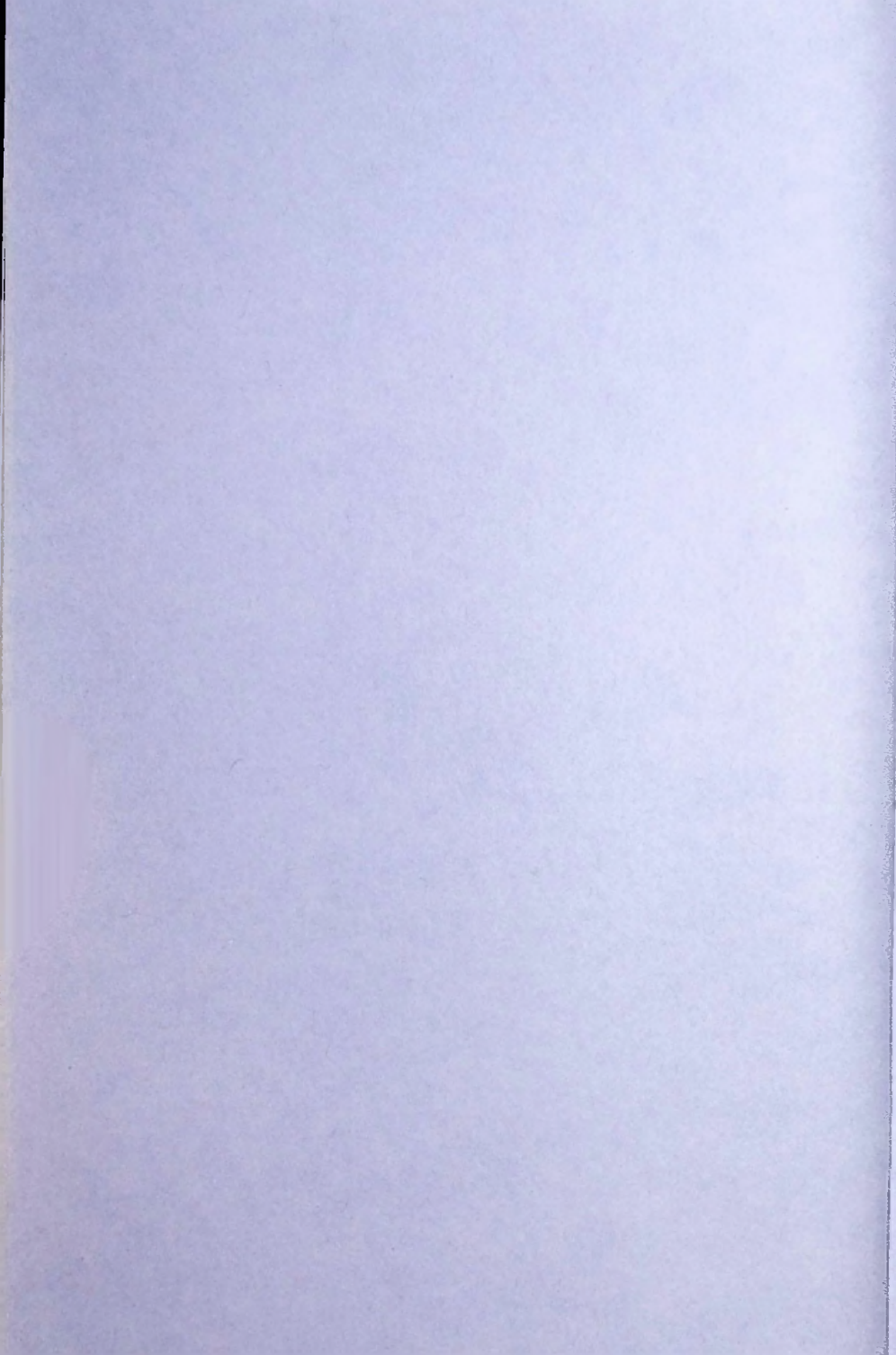
Ozone Action Day  
sailboats race  
into grayness

State of the Union  
the eagle circles  
its prey

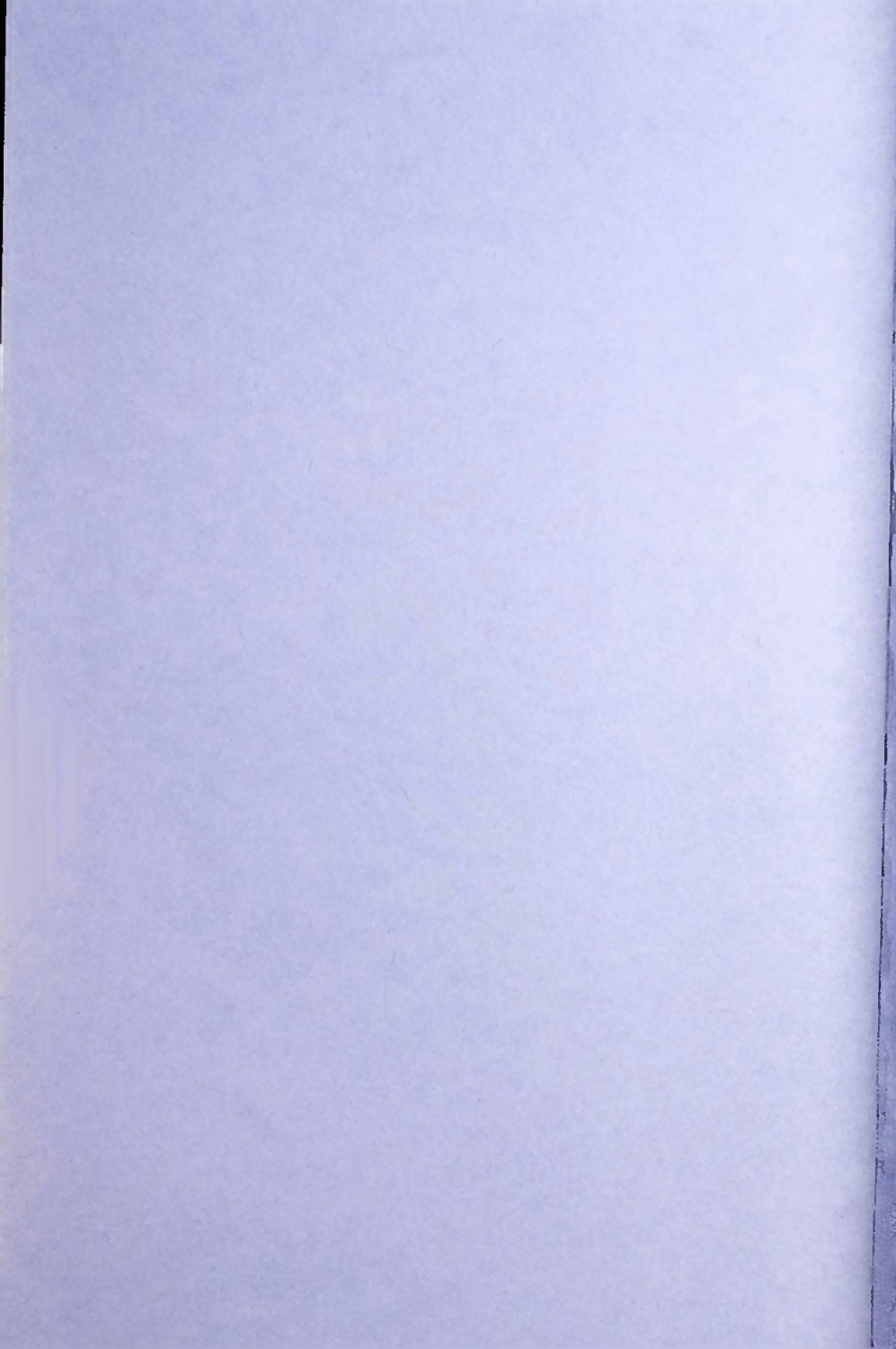
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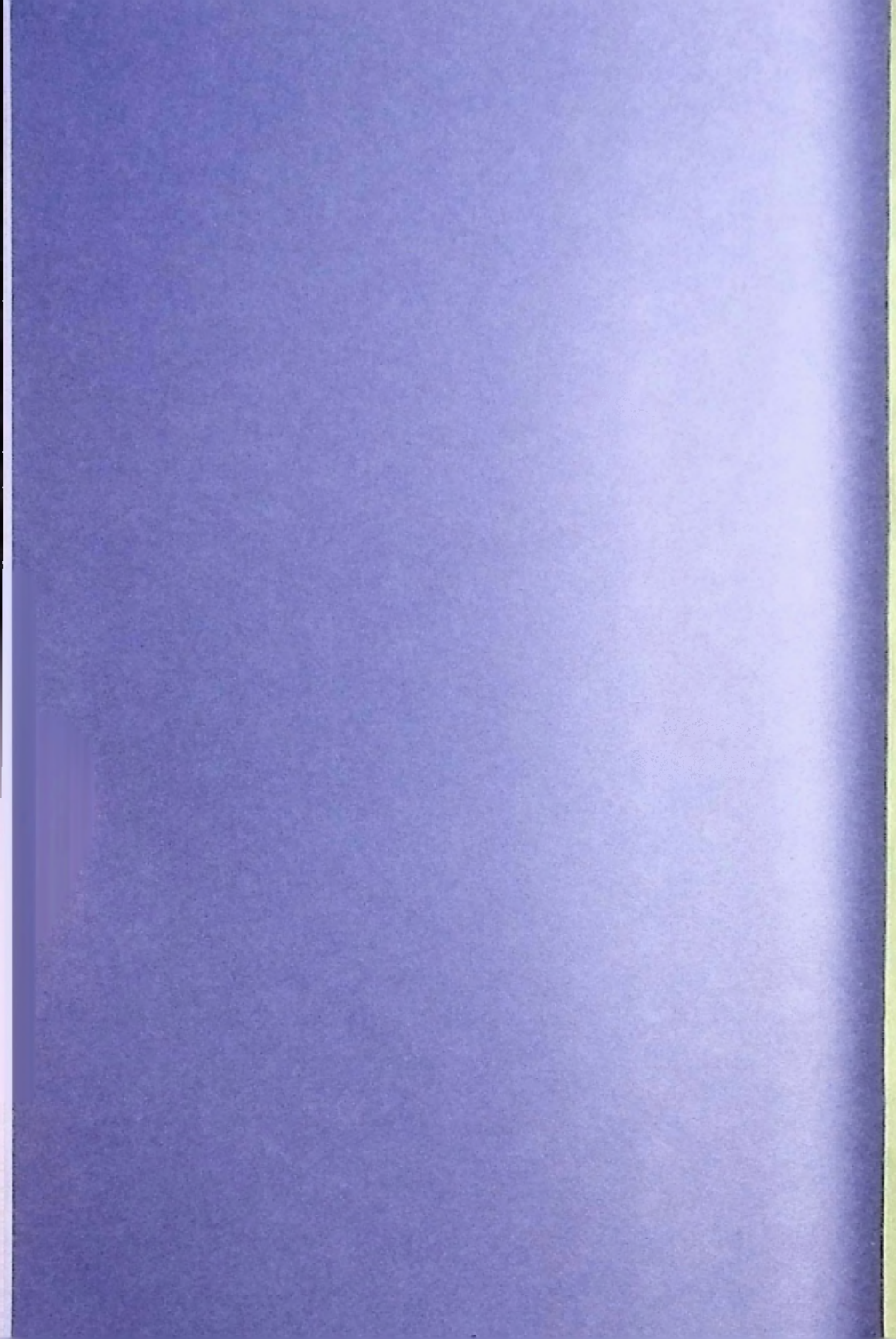
















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