

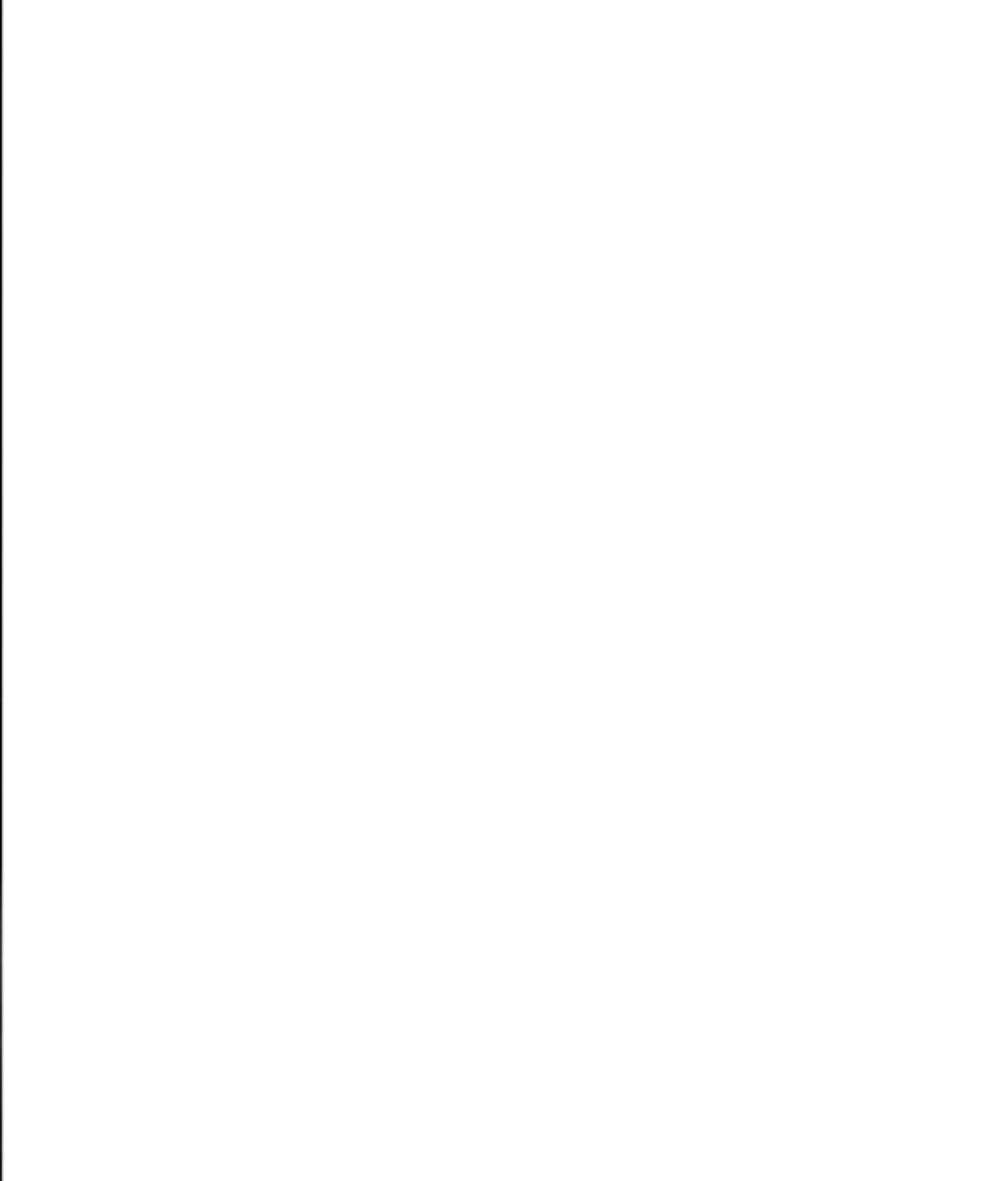
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Bloodline, AIDS and Family

Zimbabwe and Malawi

During 2005 alone, an estimated two million adults and children died as a result of AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.













Pride in Death

Palestinian “Shaheeds”

Since the early 1990s, suicide bombings targeting Israeli civilians have gained currency among a number of Palestinian groups resisting the Israeli occupation of Arab land taken in the 1967 war. Valorizing the concept of “martyrdom” among Palestinian youth, they have influenced a new generation of “Shaheeds” many of whom die in emulation of their heroes.









Holy Land

Gaza

In July 2005, Israel unilaterally abandoned all of its settlements in the Gaza Strip, putting an end to twenty-six years of occupation. Eight thousand Jews among more than a million Palestinians, the settlers had lived a strange duality in pastoral palm-lined communities surrounded by concrete walls, barbed-wire, radar, and the full weight of the Israeli military.







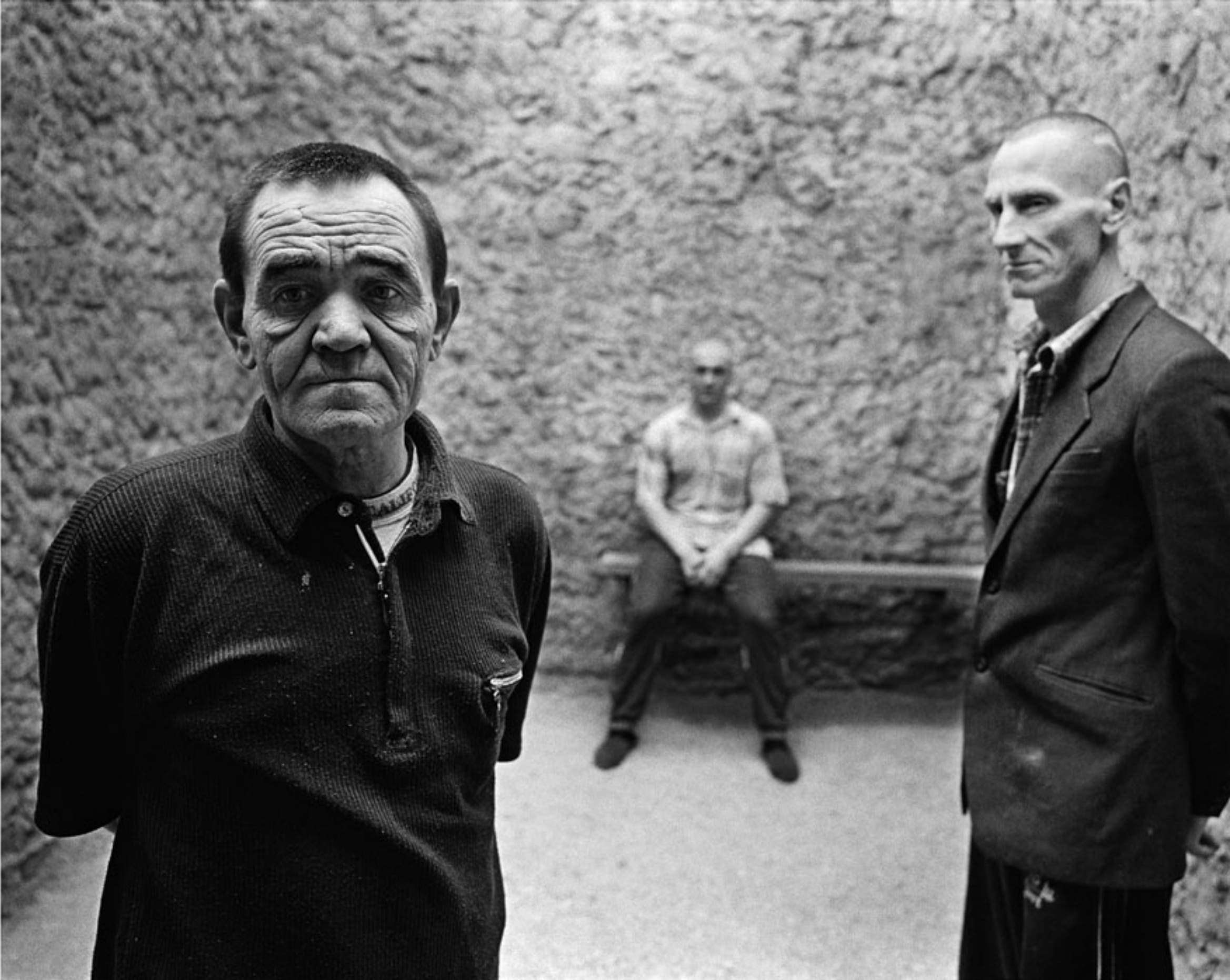
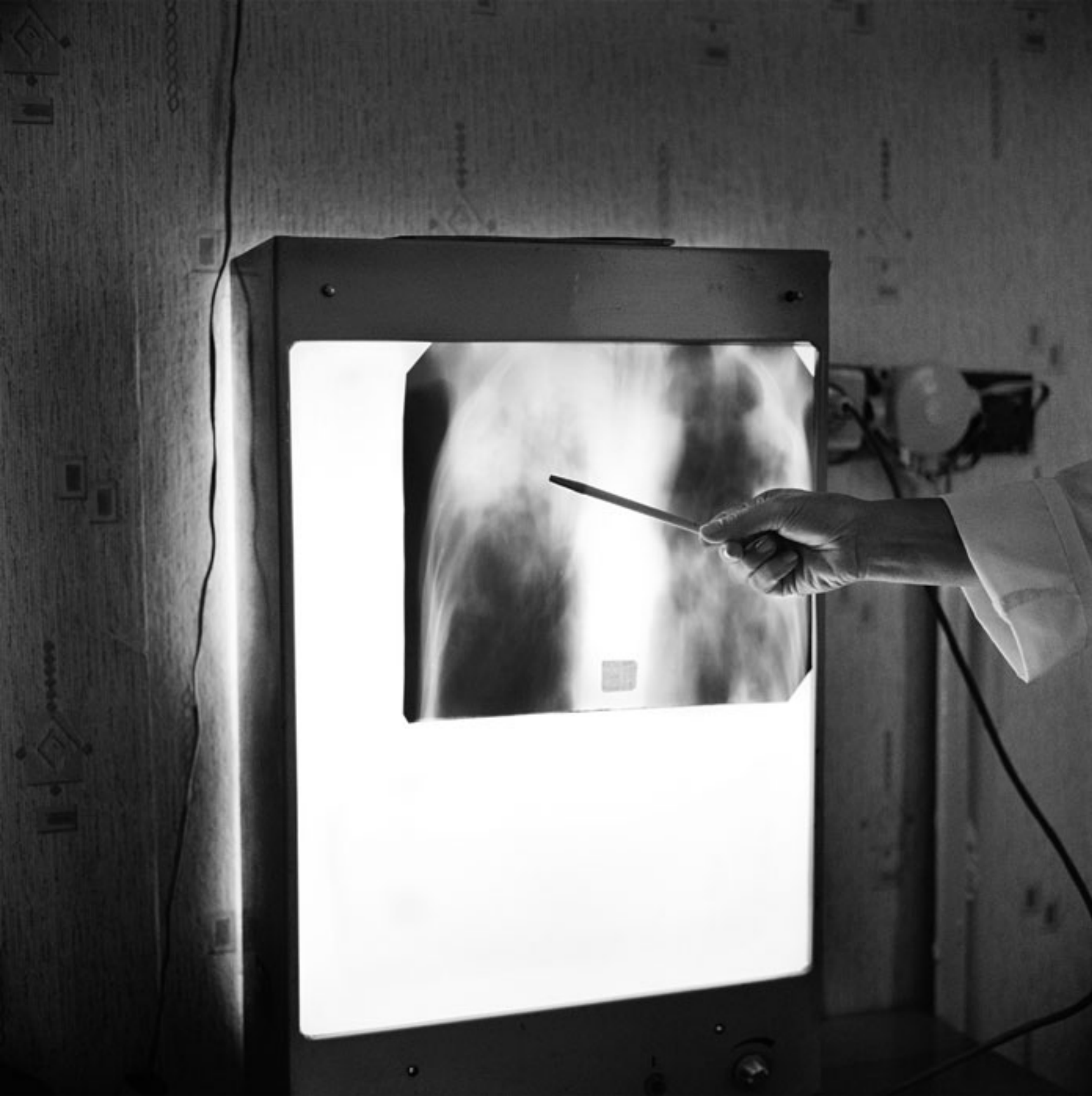
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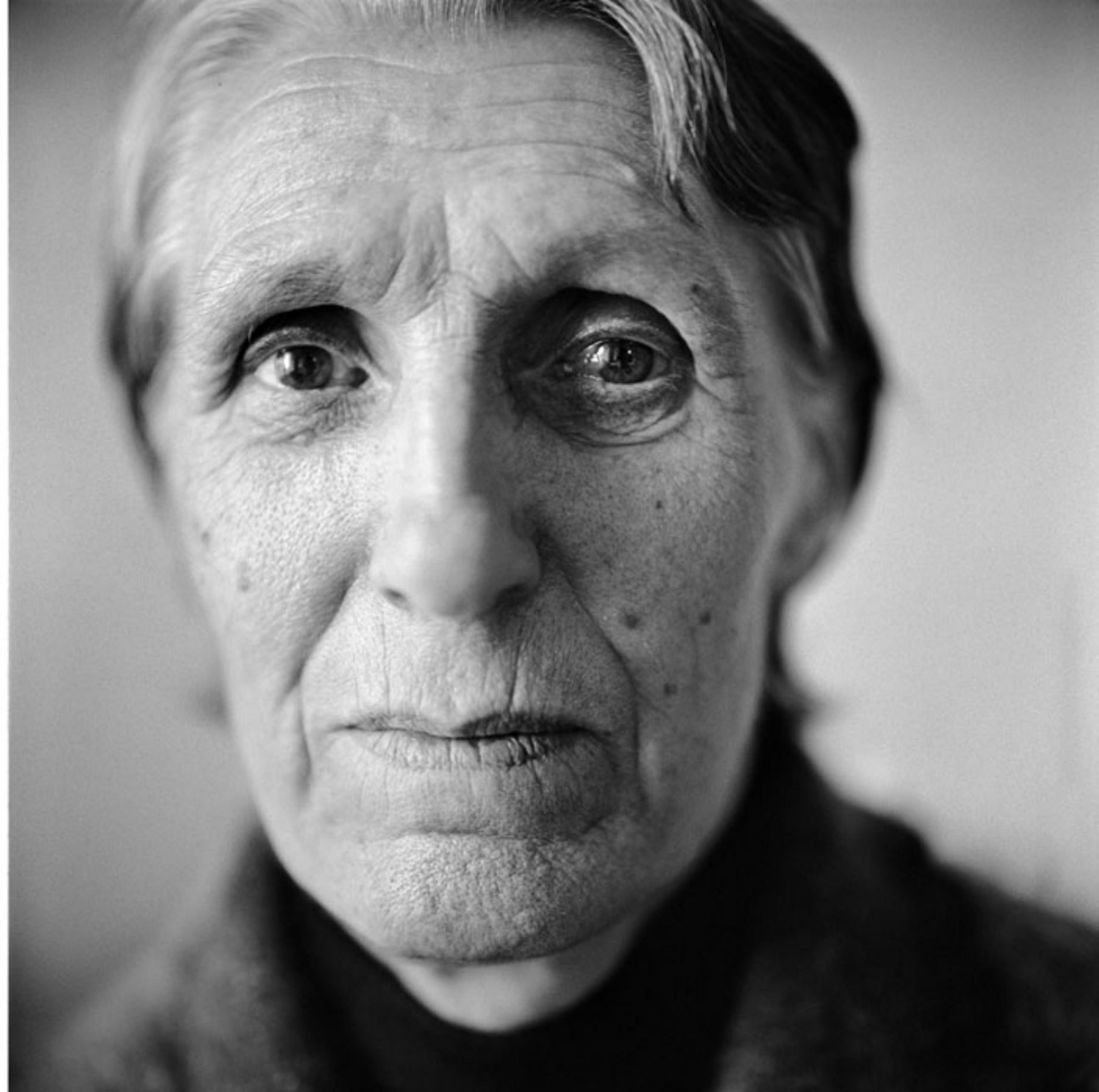
Russia

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, economic decline, homelessness, and medical mismanagement have bred an epidemic in Russia of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis. This “super” TB has swept through the country’s prisons, homeless and AIDS communities and is poised to threaten the entire continent.











Tsunami

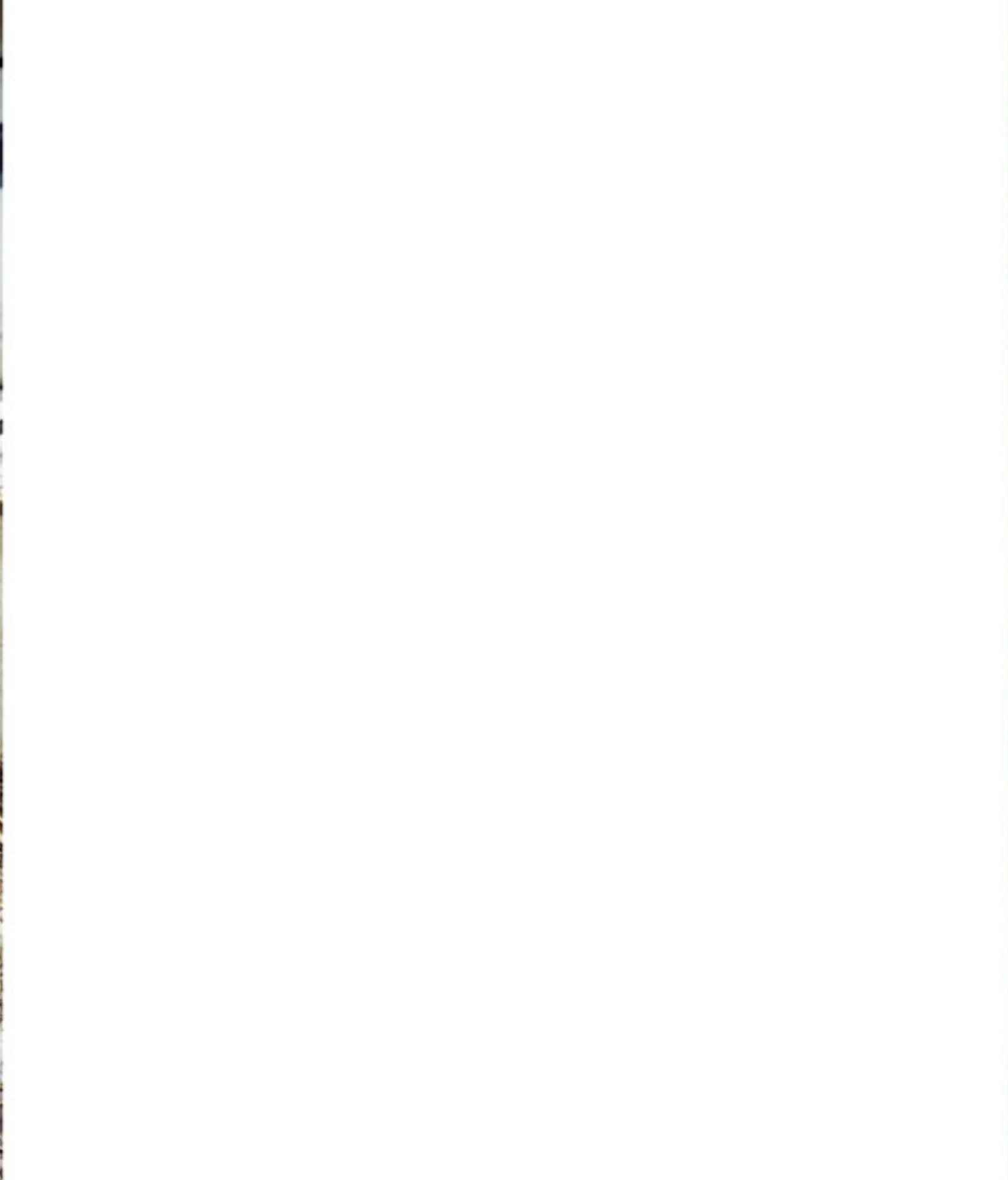
Sri Lanka

On December 26, 2004, a 9.15 level earthquake in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Indonesia spawned a massive tsunami that killed over 230,000 people in a matter of hours. After Indonesia, the hardest hit area was the Galle (southern) coast of Sri Lanka, where an estimated 35,000 people perished. Several weeks after the disaster, the unprecedented scale of the devastation was still apparent throughout the region, in battered shorelines, and in the eyes of the survivors.









Roma

Romania

For more than a thousand years, the Roma, also known as Gypsies, have been nomads traveling the planet in an epic diaspora emanating from the Indian subcontinent. Today most of the world's 8 to 10 million Roma reside in Europe, more than half a million of them in Romania where they were enslaved for five centuries. The Nazis murdered hundreds of thousands of the historically persecuted Roma during World War II.









Hidden

Romania

On December 25, 1989, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian dictator, was executed, bringing the country's Soviet-style regime to an end. Afterwards, the full magnitude of the brutality of Ceausescu's rule soon came to light, most notably in the discovery of the decrepit orphanage of Siret, near the Ukrainian border. Approximately 500 abandoned children, some disabled, lived in absolute squalor and near imprisonment. Crowded thirty to a room, the children rarely left their rooms and were frequently beaten.











Trash

Iraq-Trash

Despite the Iraq War's promise of American-style freedom, Iraqi society remains racked by poverty and desperation. At the Al Taji garbage dump at the outskirts of Baghdad, more than fifty families live amid a landscape smoldering with burning trash, sleep in fly-ridden homes constructed of mud and debris, and scrounge for food among the refuse. There is no running water and disease is rampant among the children who dig through the garbage with their bare hands.









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