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ZEMRUDE

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Cities and Eyes

It is the mood of the beholder which gives the city of Zemrude its form. If you go by whistling, your nose a-tilt behind the whistle, you will know it from below: window sills, flapping curtains, fountains. If you walk along hanging your head, your nails dug into the palms of your hands, your gaze will be held on the ground, in the gutters, the manhole covers, the fish scales, wastepaper. You cannot say that one aspect of the city is truer than the other, but you hear of the upper Zemrude chiefly from those who remember it, as they sink into the lower Zemrude, following every day the same stretches of street and finding again each morning the ill-humor of the day before, encrusted at the foot of the walls. For everyone, sooner or later, the day comes when we bring our gaze down along the drainpipes and we can no longer detach it from the cobblestones. The reverse is not impossible, but it is more rare: and so we continue walking through Zemrude's streets with eyes now digging into the cellars, the foundations. the wells.

—Italo Calvino, Invisible Cities, p. 66

Inspired by this tale of Zemrude, I embarked on a journey armed with only a disposable Kodak and my rudimentary (at best) photography skills. My mission was simple: to explore these two cities within a city described so vividly by Marco Polo. I meandered the East Side's sidewalks, first with my eyes directed upward, scanning only eye-level and above. And then I, too, "hung my head...gaze held on the ground." What follows is a representation of what I found upon my journey to both Zemrudes. My conclusions: the obvious and the important (house numbers, traffic lights), and the flashy (shop windows clamoring for customers) beckon in the Upper Zemrude. But I quickly discovered the lower city, with its forgotten (a child's flower) and its unexpected (pathways worn into the dirt around campus suggest where the sidewalks should have been) among the manholes, cigarette butts, and dead leaves, is still worth the visit, every now & again.



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