

Red Alert is a book that touches on the struggles people living in Low Income Areas deal with during the process of surviving a hurricane, focusing specifically on hurricane Melissa and the effects it has had on Jamaica. I guided the reader through the phases of the storm using statistics and quotes from local news sources. Storm Melissa set Jamaica back an estimated 10-15 years in overall development. Stats like this are why I felt it was important to educate people on overlooked extreme weather disasters.

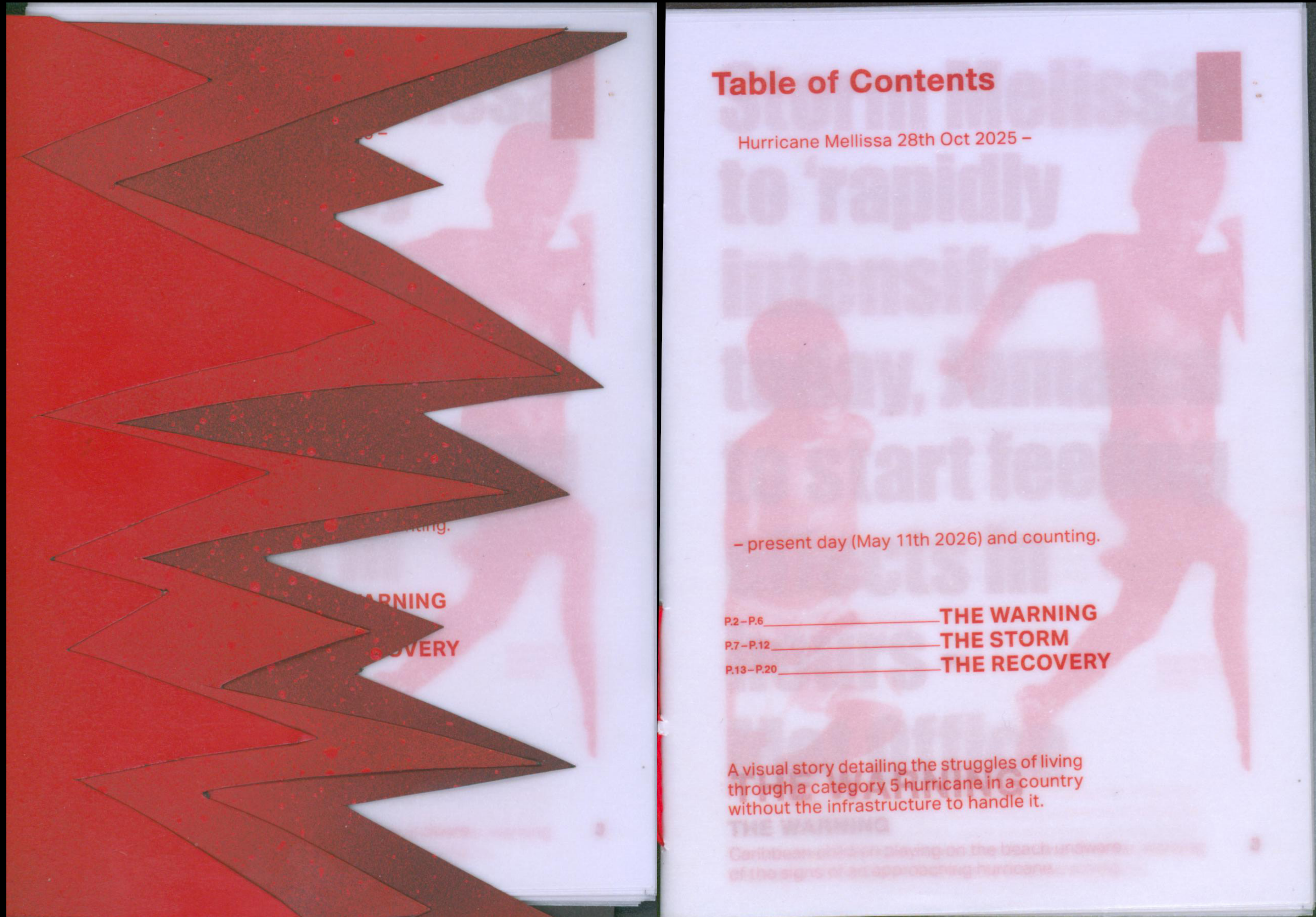


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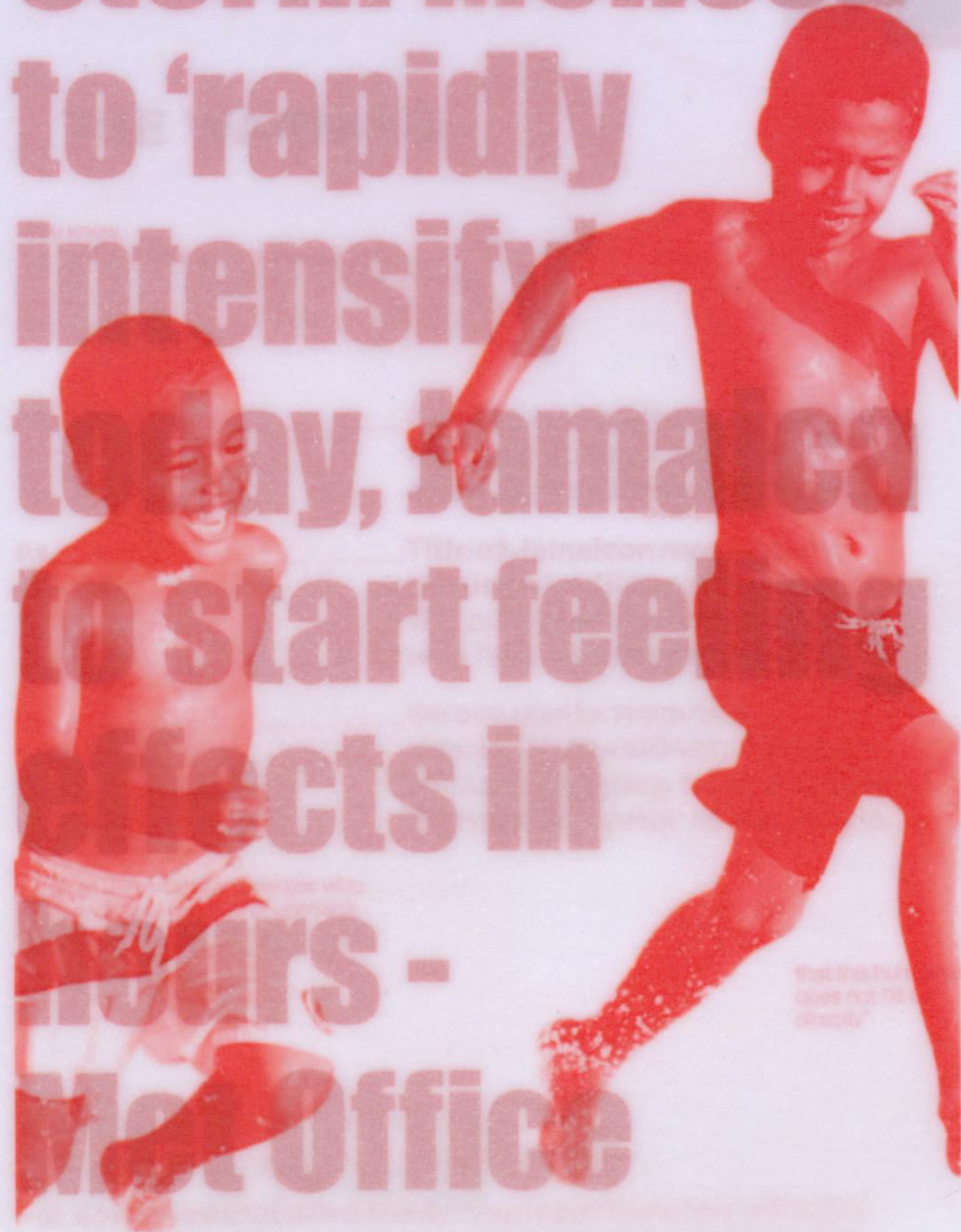
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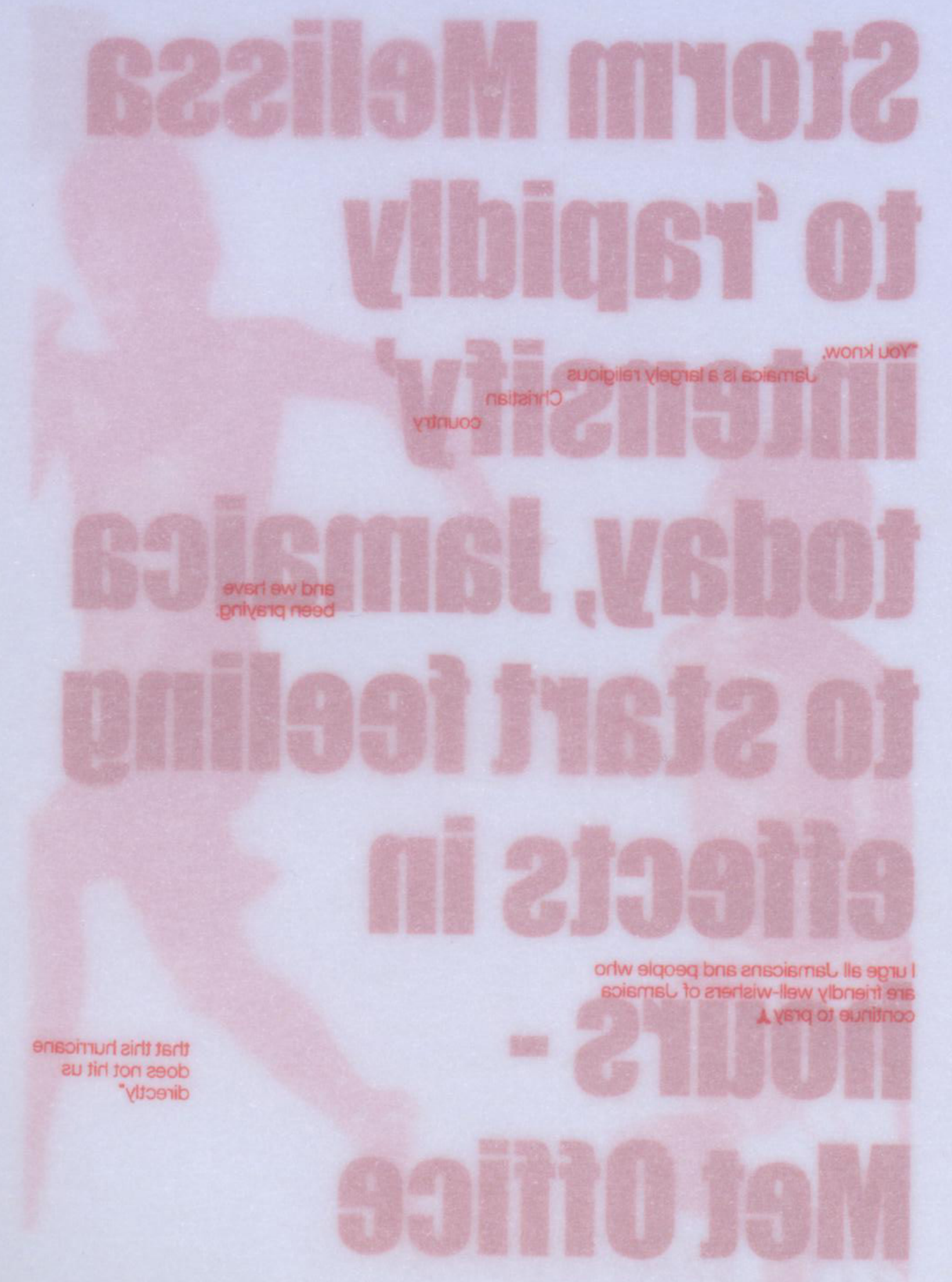
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that this hurricane
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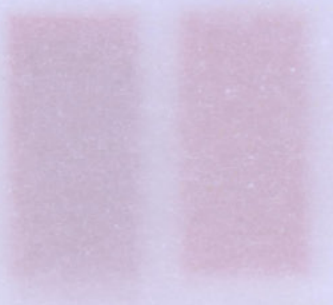
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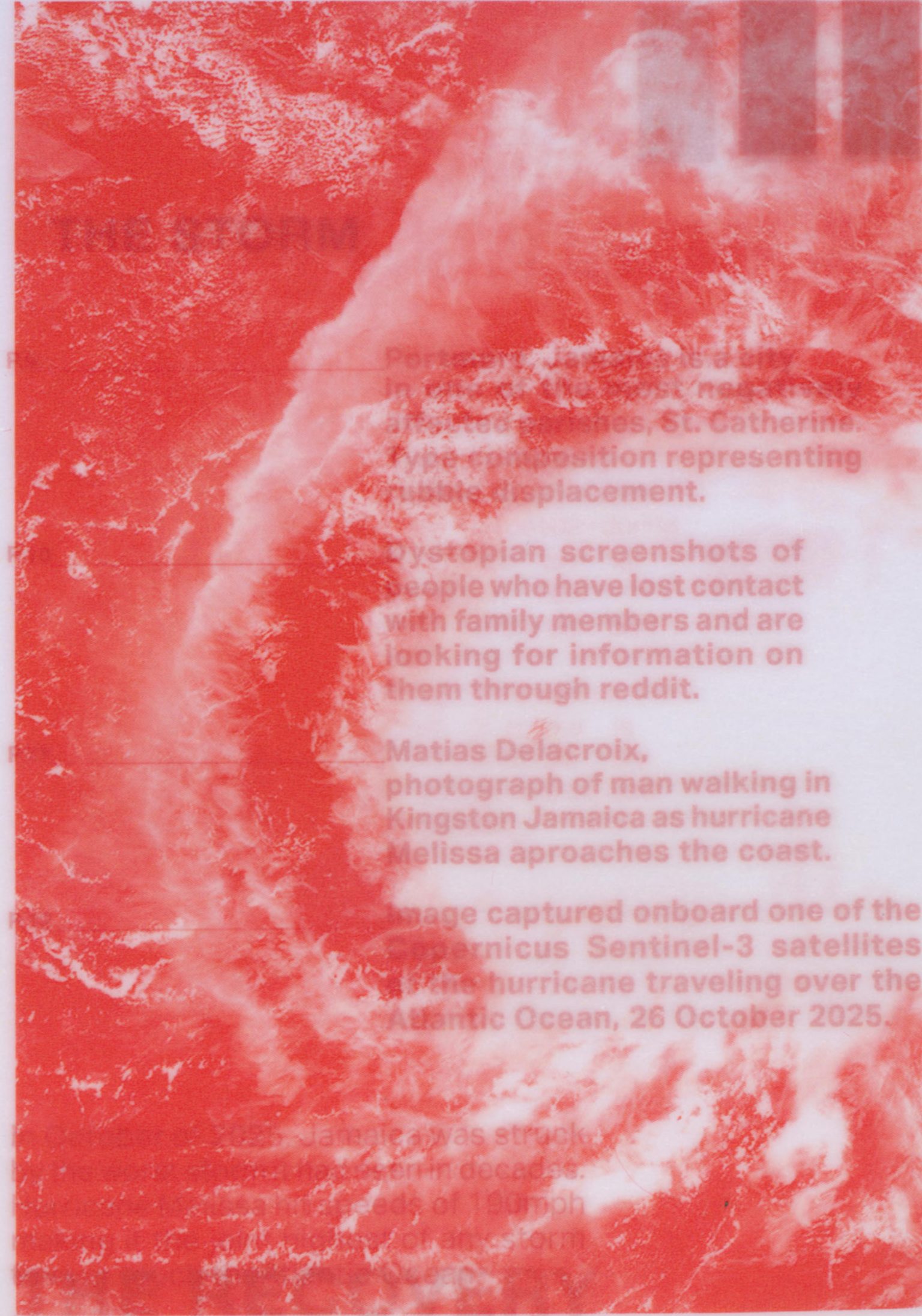


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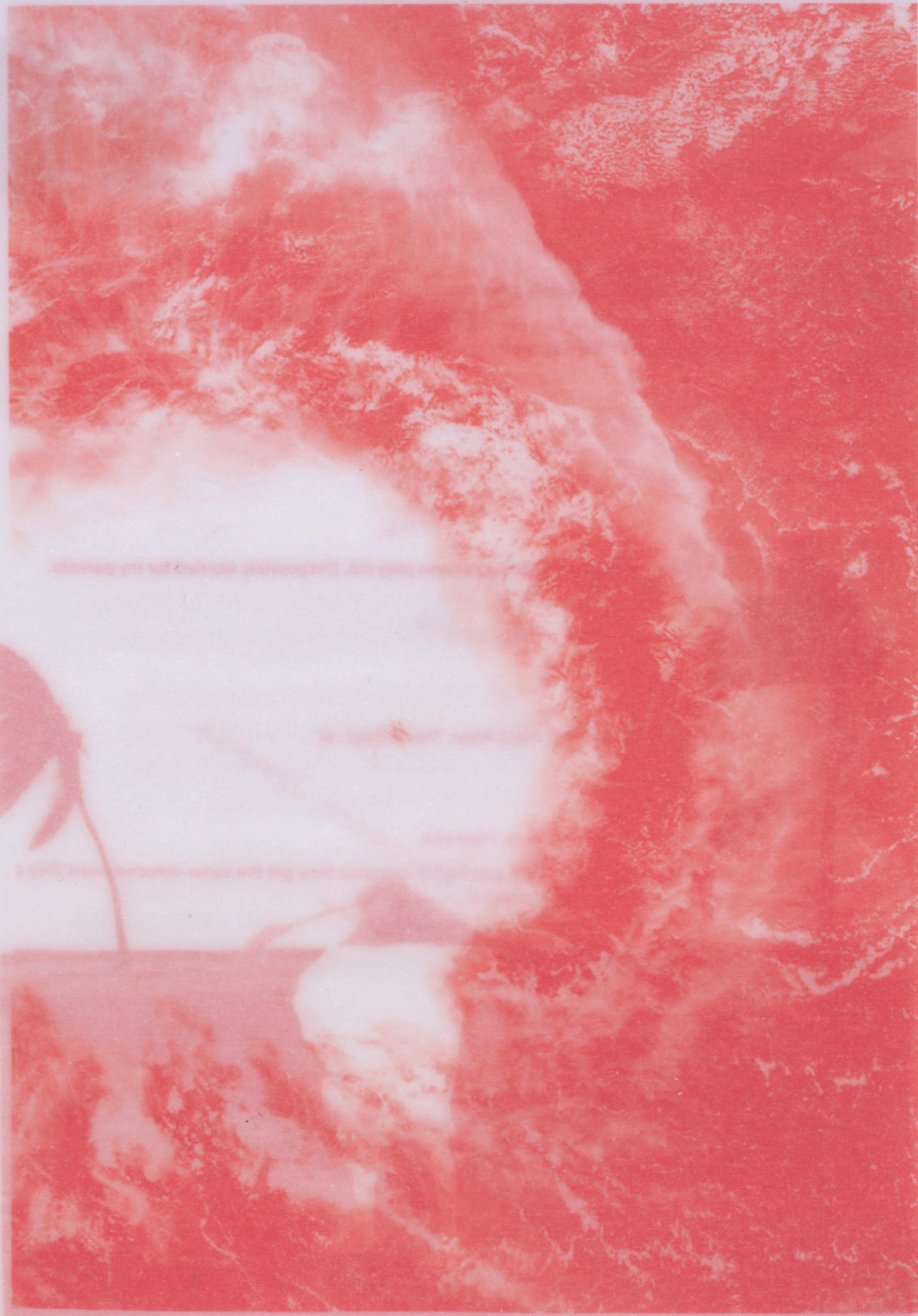
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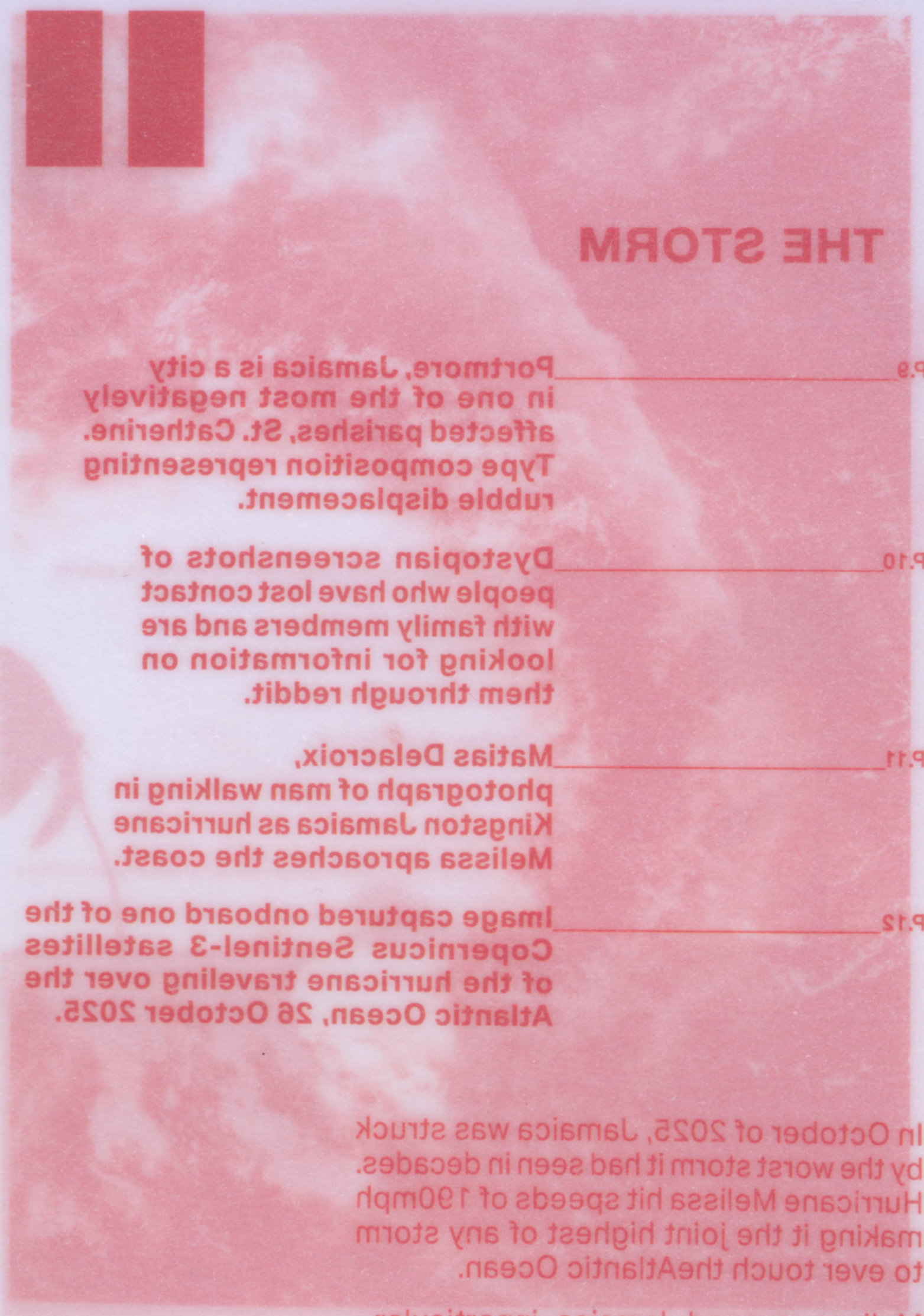
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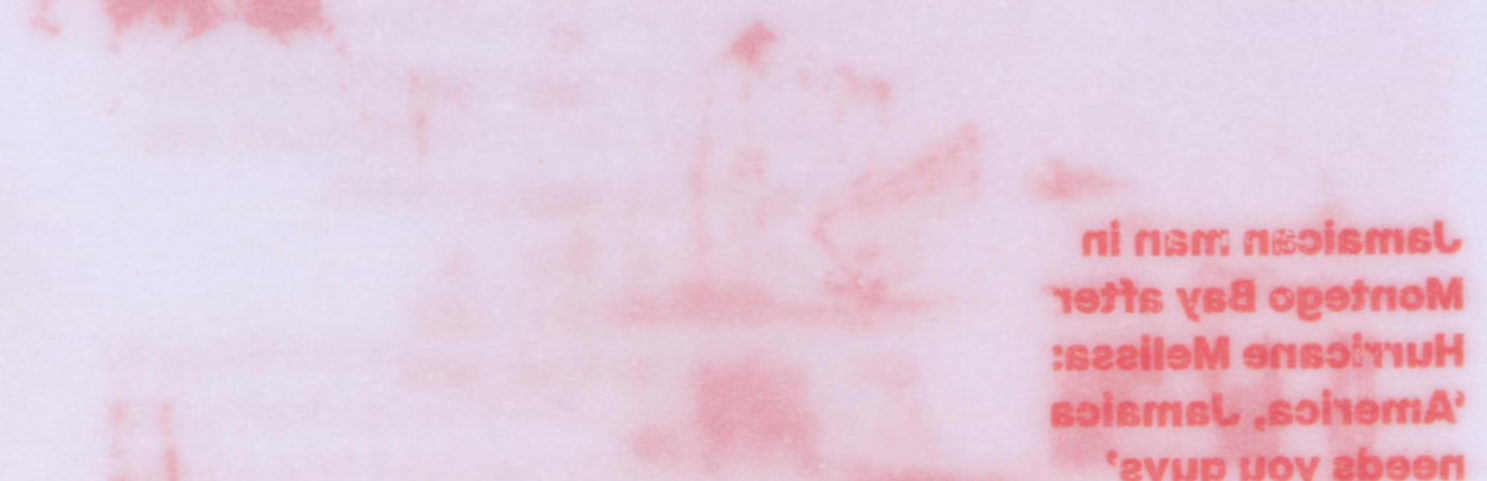
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The damage has been predicted to set back Jamaica's overall development back 10-15 years. Even after these storms have come and gone, the effects will be felt by the inhabitants for years to come.

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