



## NOT OF THIS PLACE

*Photographs by Joe Lipka*

*Sand dunes have long been a favorite subject of landscape photographers. Not only are they unsullied by man, but their lines, forms, and patterns suggest a natural rhythm sought after by many artists. The desert winds constantly shift the shape of the sands changing the landscape every day. This constant change beckons photographers and tourists with a unique experience at every viewing.*

*The Mongolians brought civilization to the edge of the Gobi desert by constructing buildings, monuments, and transportation in the dunes. These permanent structures in an impermanent landscape are evidence of man's encroachment into the desert. They are all designed to fit harmoniously with the desert, but ultimately they are intruders and not of this place.*













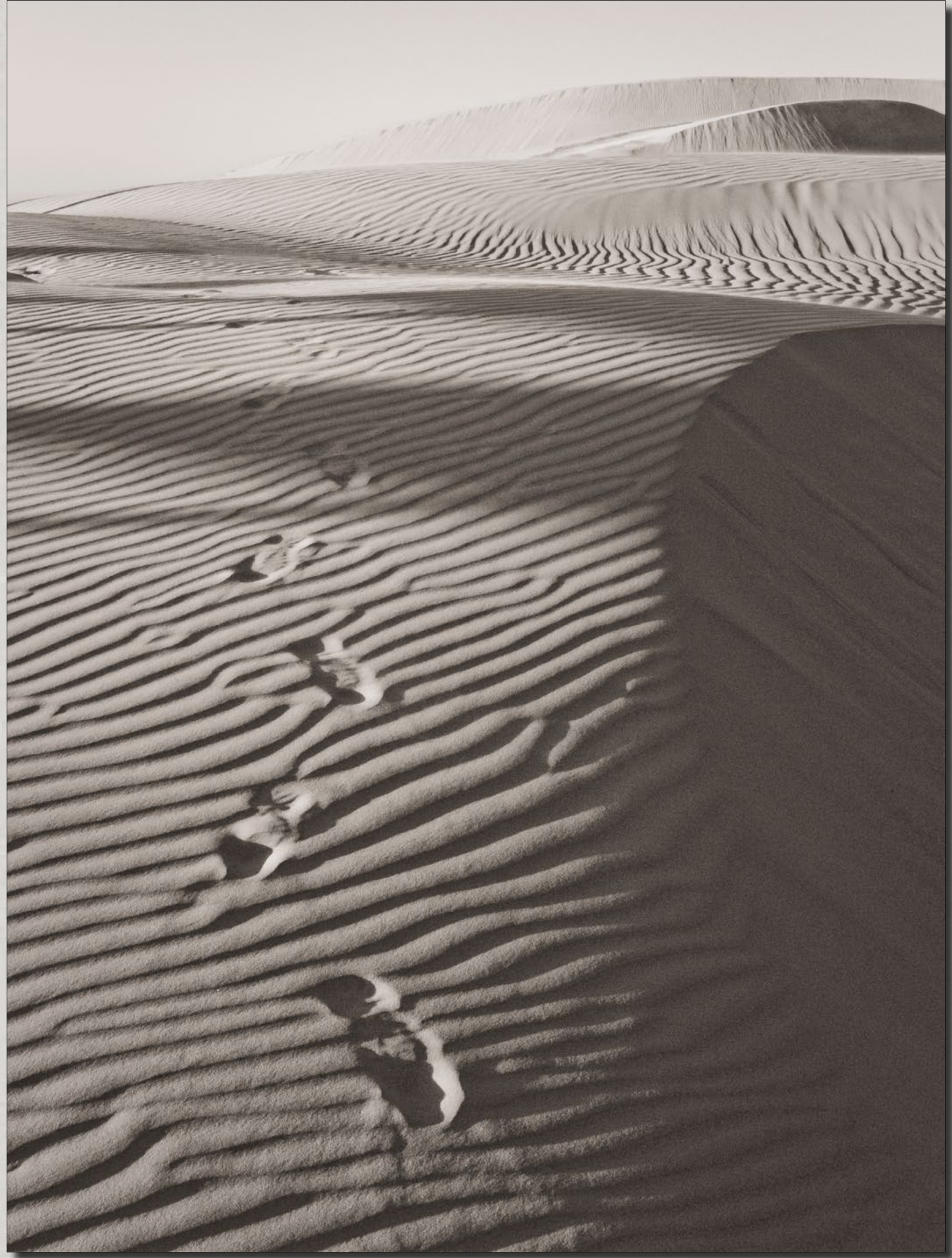












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