



Dancing With Light: Luck of the Draw

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They go by many names, draw, dry gulch, arroyo, or gully. Geologically, they are nearly vertically walled, flat floored stream channels that form in fine, cohesive, easily eroded material. They are dry until the rainy season and then they can fill up with fast moving water in just a few moments. The water and debris that wash through the draws erode the rock and leave amazing patterns in the steep sides of the draw and the occasional small pool of water.

Photographically, they are wonderful places to spend an afternoon. At their source they are quiet, unassuming and barely noticeable. Should you take the chance to wander down the channel, your reward may be spectacularly eroded rock patterns and small pools with a mirror smooth surfaces. It could also be an ordinary creek bed. You don't know until you take the first step and accept the luck of the draw.

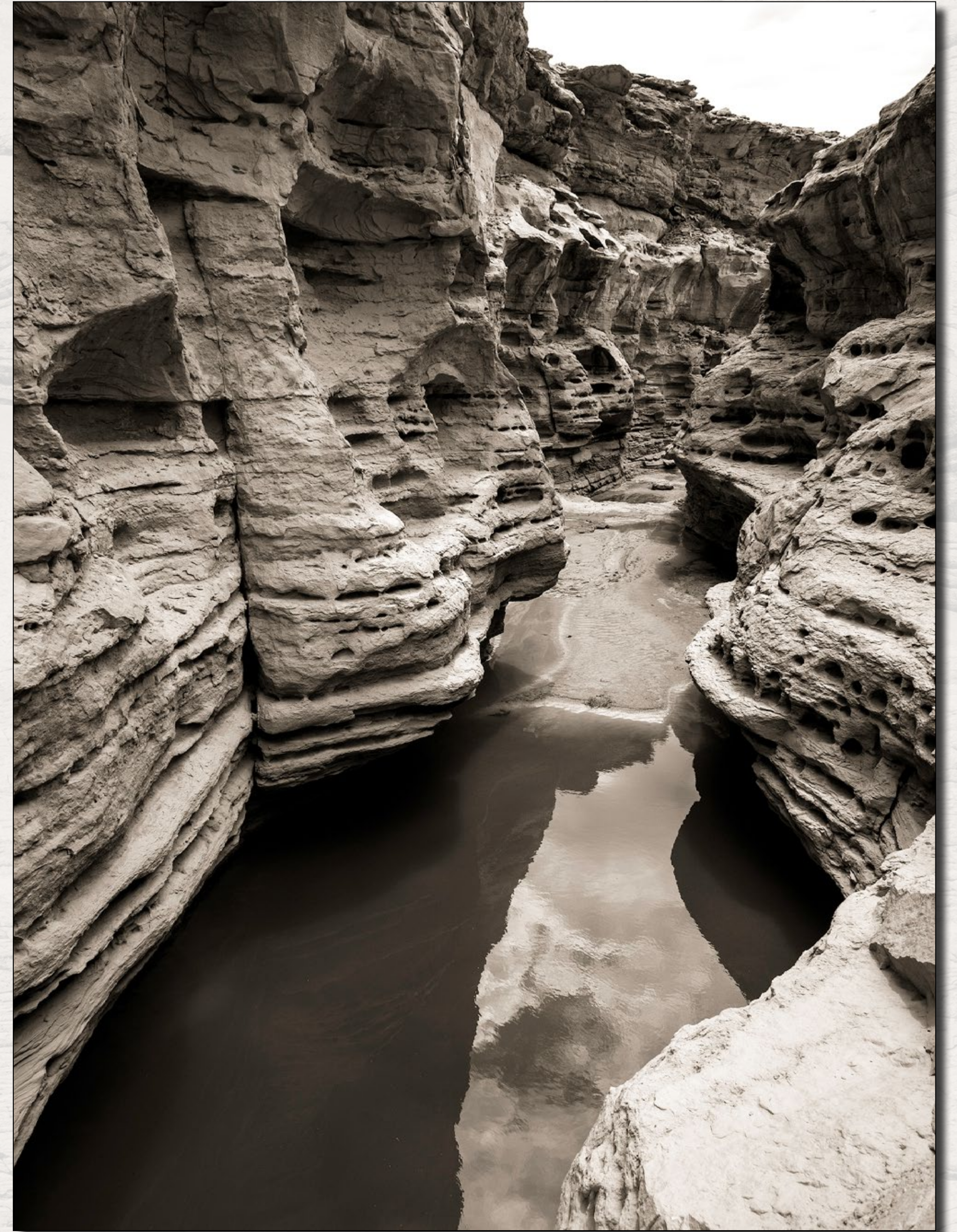


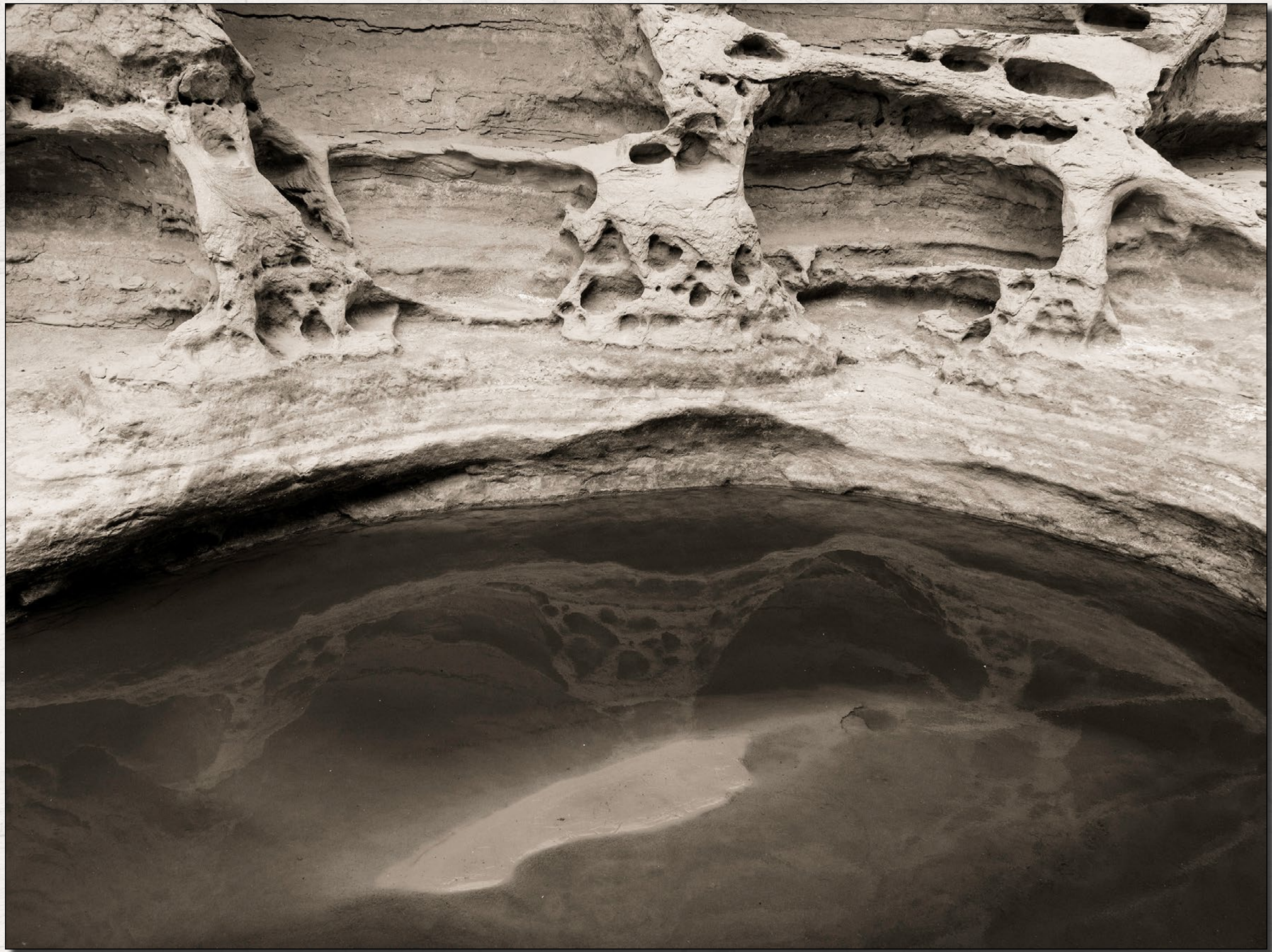
















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