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Even during September, a chill wind blows constantly at eleven thousand feet. I traveled many miles on a rough road to see the bristlecone pines. In the four millennia the bristlecone pines have been on the earth, they have experienced much and seen many visitors. What wisdom can come from beings that have lived so long?

As I walk among them, the wind whistling in my ears is the only sound I hear. Then I look carefully and see them speaking to me with their gestures. They have stood strong, not by resisting the forces around them, but adapting to the wind and weather. Their adaptation has left their branches twisted and gnarled by wind and weather, but their strong roots are firmly planted in the dolomite of the White Mountains.

They do not speak but their gestures hold the wisdom of the ages.



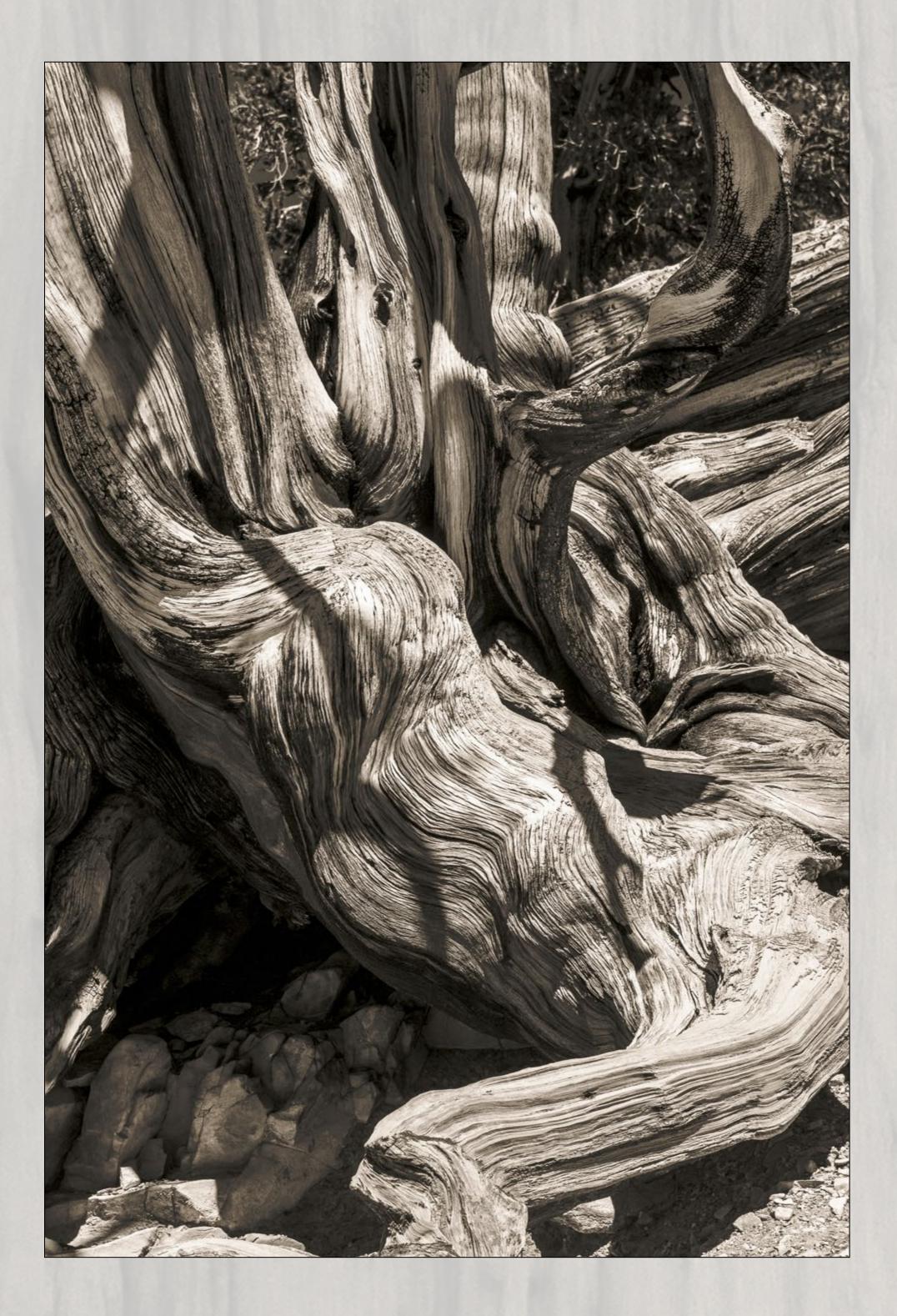








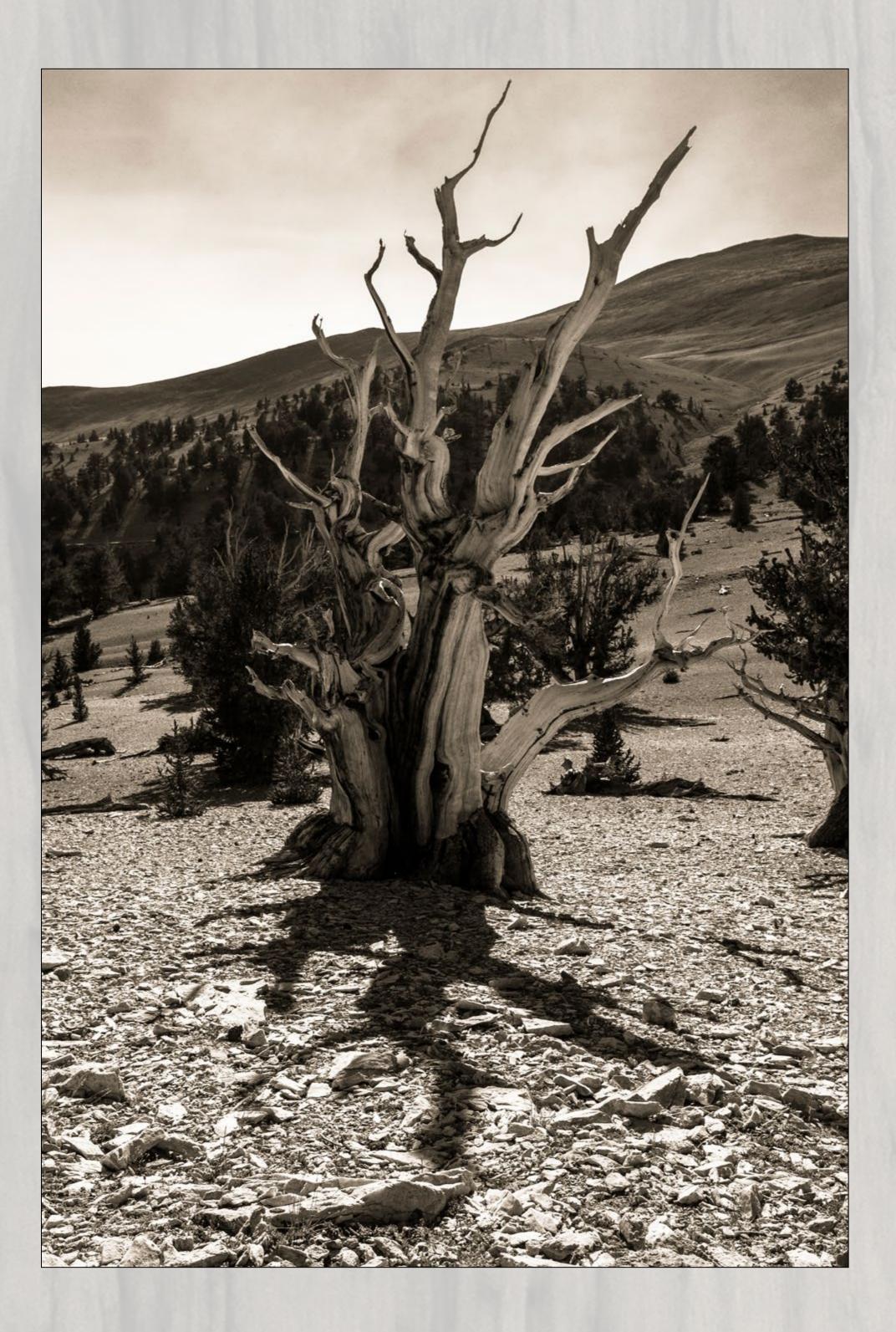


















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