

FLUX ACADEMY · A SCHOOL FOR SEEING

MODULE 7 · THE STREET

Always Carry a Camera

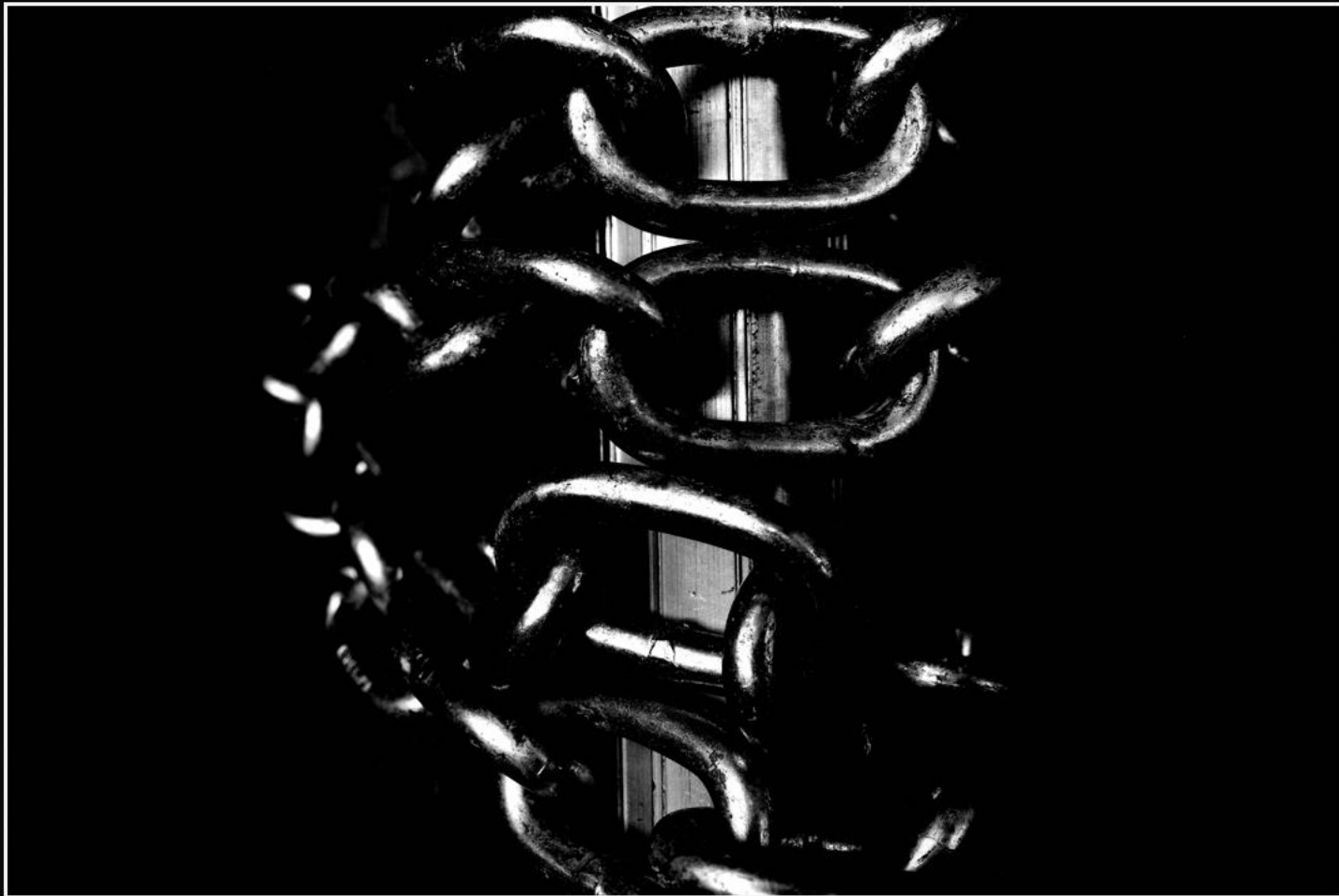
BY DANTE SISOFO

LESSON 040



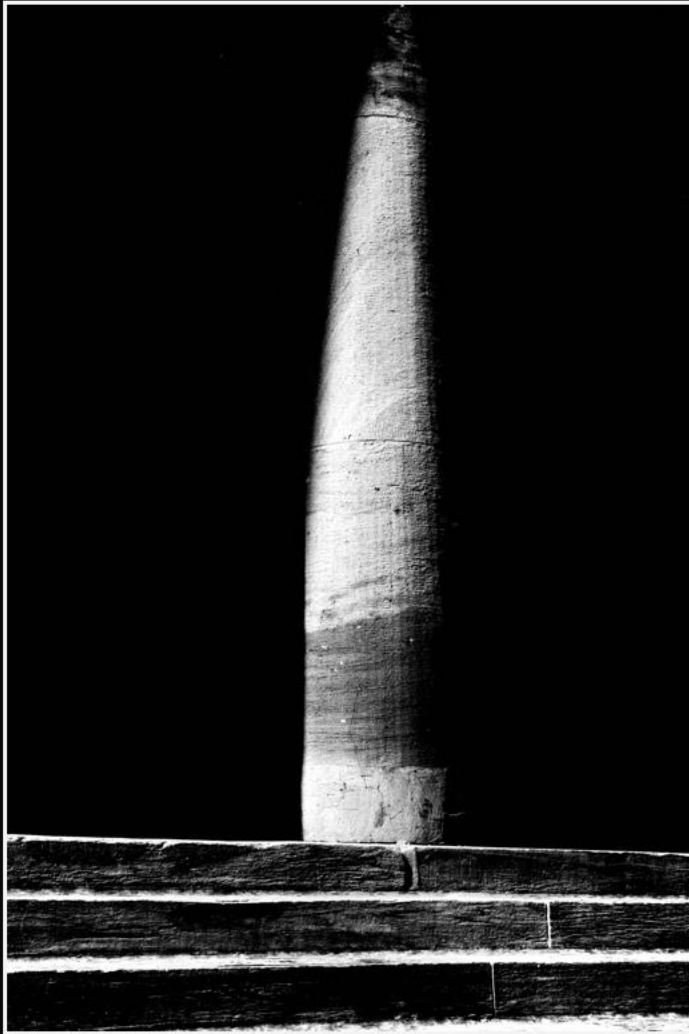
The Camera That's Always There

- The best camera is the one you have with you
- Always carry it — no exceptions, no excuses
- Life doesn't wait for you to go get your gear



What You'll Walk Away With

- Why always carrying a camera changes everything
- How to make it frictionless and sustainable
- The mindset shift from hunting to living



You Can't Make the Same Photograph Twice

- Every moment is singular and unrepeatable
- Light, people, chance — always shifting
- Miss it once and it's gone forever



Life Is the Source Material

- Your daily life is full of photographic potential
- The mundane is not the enemy — it's the raw material
- You don't need to travel somewhere special to find it



The Compact Camera as a Way of Life

- One compact camera in your front right pocket
- No setup, no friction, no decisions
- The simpler the tool, the more present you are



Remove Every Barrier to Shooting

- Automatic settings eliminate technical hesitation
- Program mode or aperture priority — let the camera work
- Adjust exposure compensation and nothing else



Snapshot as the Purest Form

- The snapshot isn't lesser — it's the most honest form
- Democratic, immediate, unposed
- Imperfection is where authenticity lives



Stop Hunting, Start Living

- Years of hunting left me chasing, not experiencing
- The shift: bring the camera for the ride
- Live first, photograph second



The Moments You'd Never Set Out to Make

- The best candid moments are ones you'd never plan to shoot
- A friend's gesture, an ordinary exchange
 - gone in a second
- You don't hunt these; you're simply ready when they arrive



The Camera as Passport

- The camera grants you access to life
- Not just images — experiences, connection, presence
- It's the excuse to engage with the world



There's No Separation Between Life and Work

- No divide between "photographer mode" and everyday life
- The camera integrates — it doesn't interrupt
- Photography becomes a way of being, not a scheduled activity



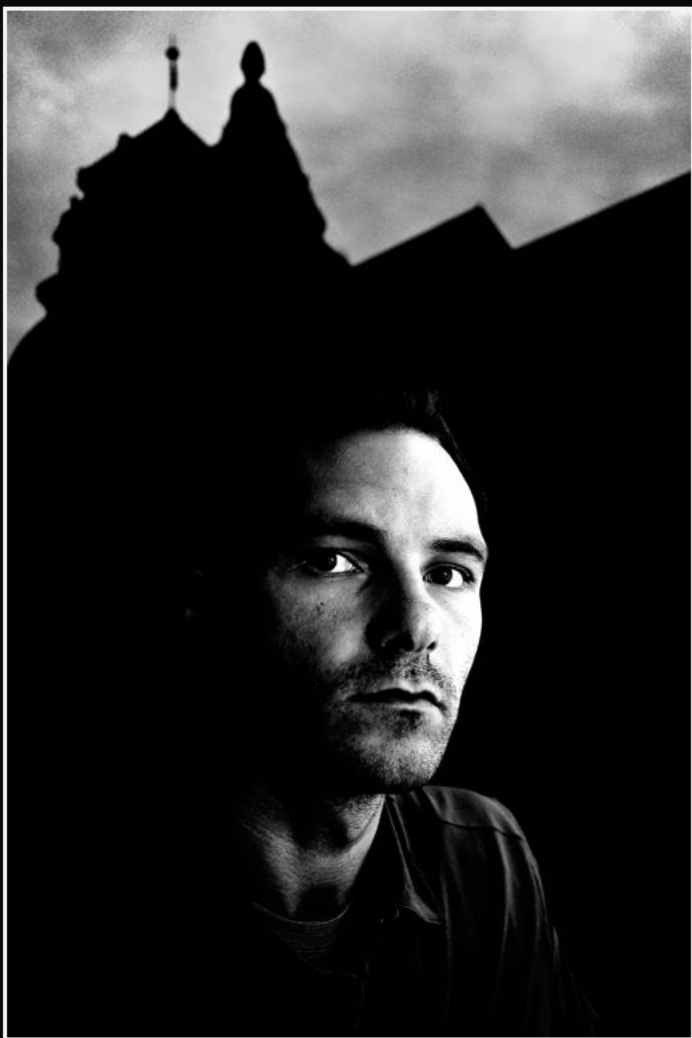
The Mundane Becomes Infinite

- Challenge yourself: can this ordinary lane yield something?
- The smallest overlooked details become photographs
- Infinite potential in what others walk past



Patience Lets the Ordinary Transform

- An unremarkable scene can transform if you stay with it
- Light shifts, a gesture emerges, someone steps into place
- The reward goes to whoever is still there, camera ready



Travel Light to See More

- One backpack, one camera, one lens —
eliminate friction
- Decision fatigue kills your flow and your seeing
- The simpler the setup, the more awake you are to life



Curiosity as the Engine

- Curiosity is what keeps the camera coming out of your pocket
- Not ambition, not discipline — curiosity
- Wake up every day wanting to see what's there



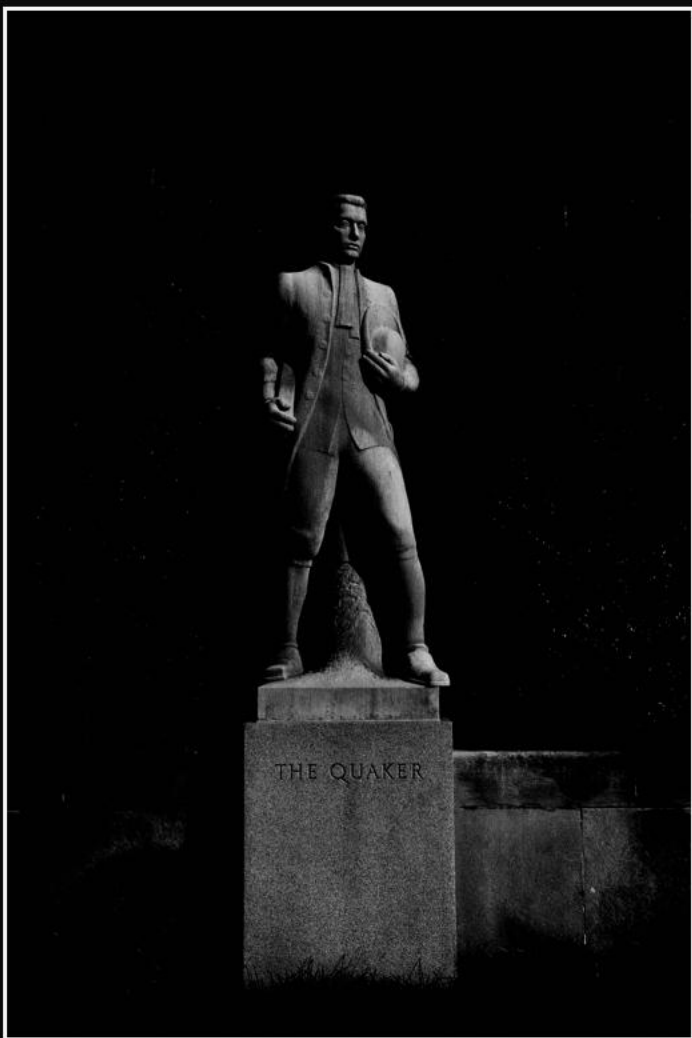
Photograph as Visual Diary

- The camera documents your becoming, not just your best moments
- Inner world, outer world — both recorded
- A visual diary of curiosity and change



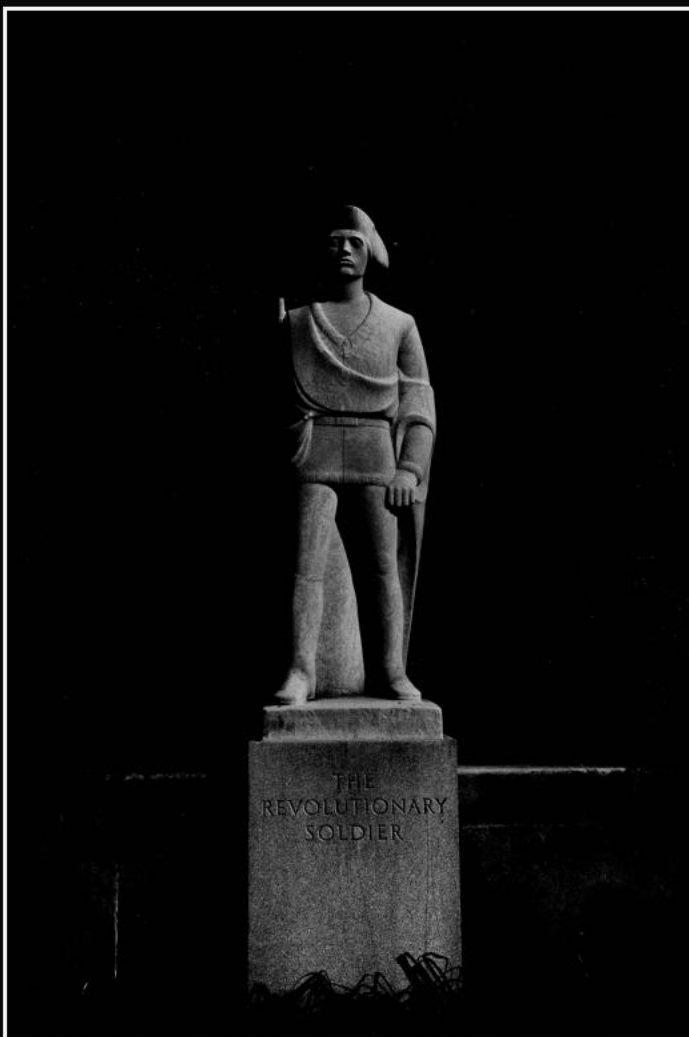
The Pocket Camera Commitment

- Choose your most compact camera and keep it on your body
- Not in a bag — on your body, accessible in seconds
- Commit to one week of never leaving home without it



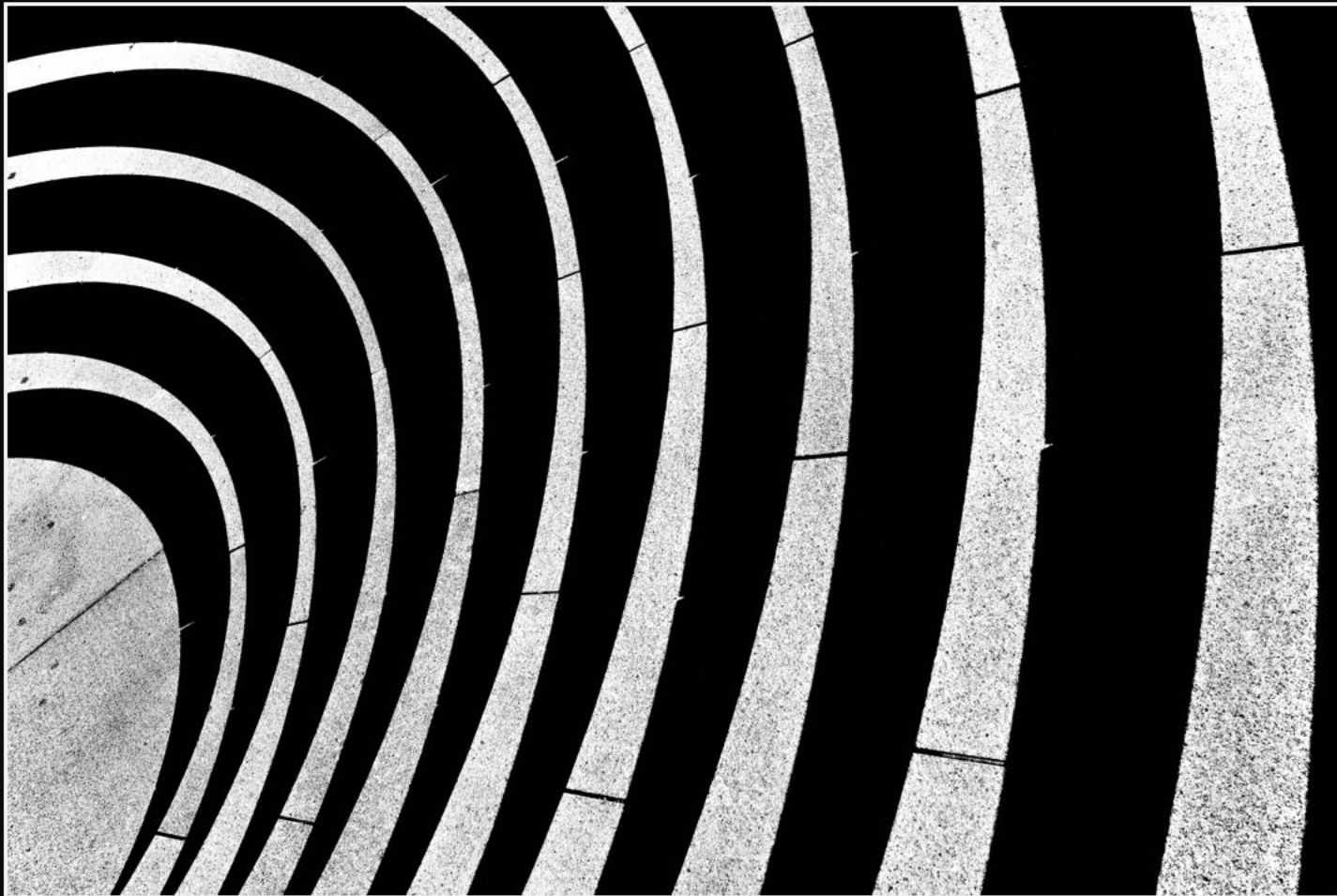
Photograph the In-Between Moments

- Specifically target the moments you'd normally skip
- Commute, errands, waiting, transitions
- These "nothing" moments are the richest material



Saving the Camera for Special Occasions

- The "good camera for good moments" trap
- You miss everything that happens between the big events
- Ordinary life is where the real work lives



Overthinking the Setup

- Gear fussing is a form of procrastination
- The perfect kit is the one you'll actually carry
- Don't let preparation become an obstacle to showing up



Building on Daily Practice

- Lesson 039 established the rhythm of daily practice
- Always carrying a camera is how that rhythm becomes automatic
- The habit of showing up, extended into every hour of every day



What Readiness Makes Possible

- Always being ready opens the door to the decisive moment
- Lesson 041 takes readiness into instinct and reaction
- You can't respond instinctively to what you're not equipped for



Always Ready, Always Alive

- Always carry a camera — no exceptions, no excuses
- Life doesn't wait; the moments are happening right now
- Live first, camera along for the ride — and never miss again