

FLUX ACADEMY · A SCHOOL FOR SEEING

MODULE 9 · AFTER THE SHOT

The Automated Archive & Publishing Pipeline

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LESSON 048



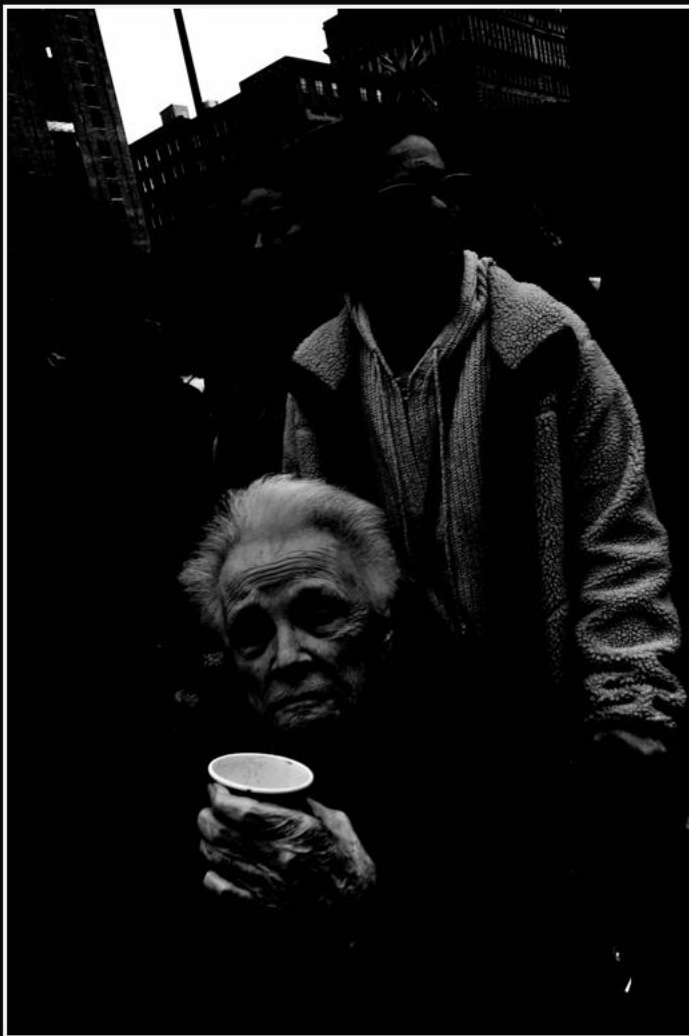
One Pipeline, Zero Friction

- Capture → cull → archive → publish, all in one motion
- No desk required, no delay required
- The pipeline is the creative freedom



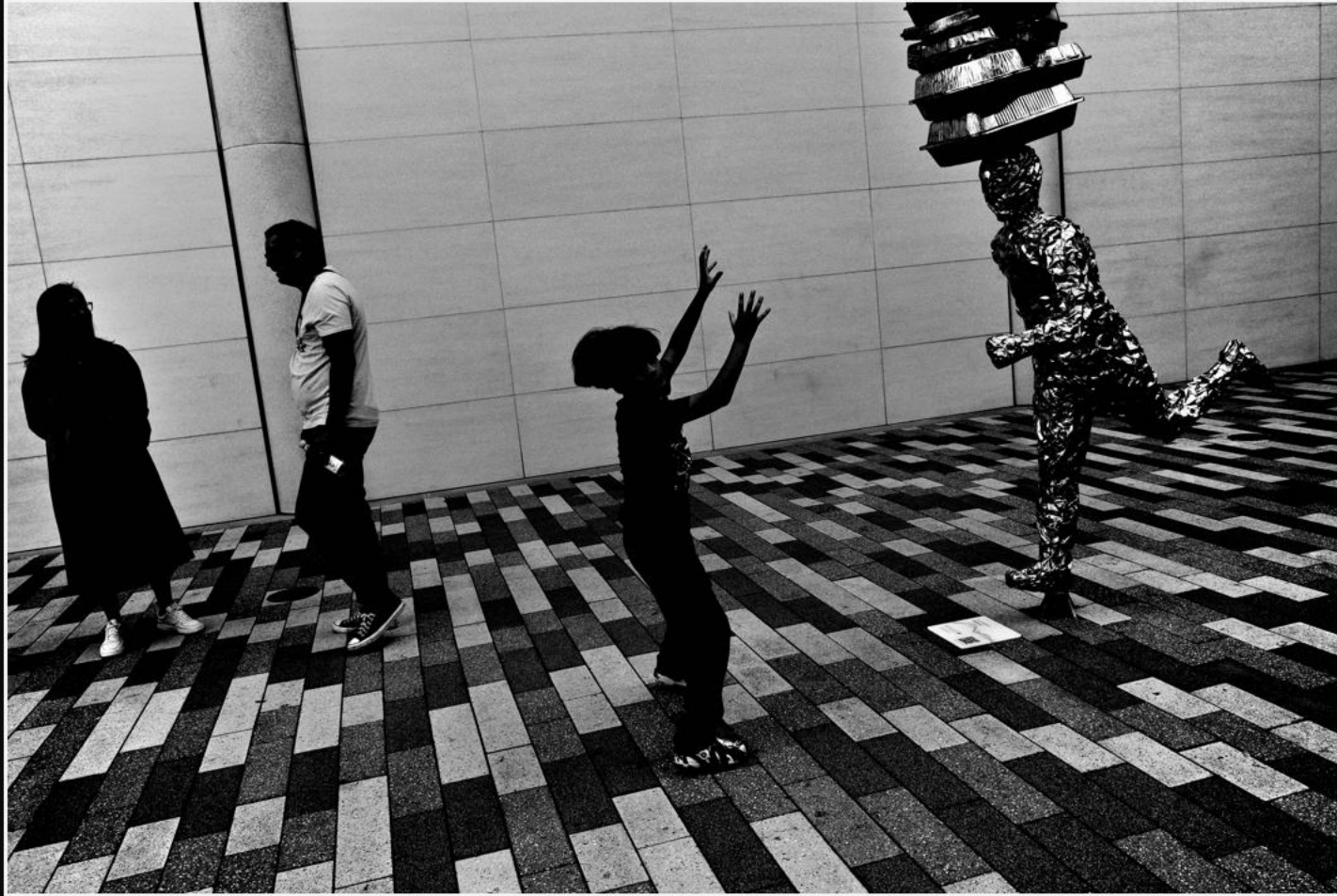
What You'll Walk Away With

- A repeatable end-to-end workflow you can run daily
- Why speed and simplicity unlock more creative shooting
- The specific tools and sequence Dante uses every day



Slow Workflows Kill Creative Momentum

- The old way: multiple lenses, hard drives, laptop culling
- Tedious systems bog you down mentally and practically
- Friction between shooting and sharing drains excitement



Speed Creates Joy, Joy Creates Volume

- Through simplicity you work with speed
- Through speed you find joy
- Joy compounds into daily publishing for years



Why the Old Workflow Had to Go

- Multiple lenses = decision fatigue
- Hard-drive backup = friction and delay
- Laptop culling = tethered to a desk



The Core Rig: Ricoh GR + iPad Pro

- Ricoh GR III: compact, pocket-sized, always ready
- High-contrast black-and-white JPEGs straight out of camera
- iPad Pro: light, fast, and always with you anywhere



Import: USB-C to SD, Straight In

- USB-C to SD card reader — plug and play
- Import directly into the Photos app, no Lightroom needed
- Shoot JPEGs and skip the RAW conversion entirely



Culling in the 3×3 Grid View

- Open Photos app, switch to 3×3 grid view
- Scroll fast — if it looks good small, it's probably a keeper
- Tap Favorite instantly on what hits; don't zoom, don't pixel-peep



Name the Album, Date It, Move On

- Name each album by date — e.g. April 12, 2024
- One folder per day, every day for three years
- The archive becomes a visual diary of how you live



The Three-Tier Selection System

- Tier 1 — Favorites: rapid tap on thumbnails that stand out
- Tier 2 — Selections: tighter edit pulled from favorites
- Tier 3 — Year Folder: the keepers that define the year



The Cloud Backup Stack

- Google Photos: public, shareable, open-access archive
- Lightroom CC: legacy RAW files in the cloud
- AirDrop: instant device-to-device without cables



The Pipeline Under Heavy Volume

- A big night can leave you with hundreds of frames
- The full session gets culled on the iPad in one fast pass
- Out of hundreds, one keeper rises above everything else



Cull on the Bus, Publish Before Work

- Shoot at sunrise, cull on the bus
- Publish a full photo essay by 9 AM
- Same-day publishing as a daily standard, not an exception



Writing on the Move with iA Writer

- iA Writer + voice dictation = blog posts without a keyboard
- Write standing up, walking through nature, even hiking
- Publish directly to WordPress from the Safari app



Procreate and Keynote as Creative Extensions

- Procreate: gradient maps, AI selection, spontaneous collage
- Keynote: slideshows with fades and text, export as video or PDF
- Both publish directly from the iPad — no desktop required



Open-Source Publishing Philosophy

- Your own domain, WordPress, full creative control
- Google Photos as a public visual diary — open and downloadable
- Share freely; the examined life gains meaning through sharing



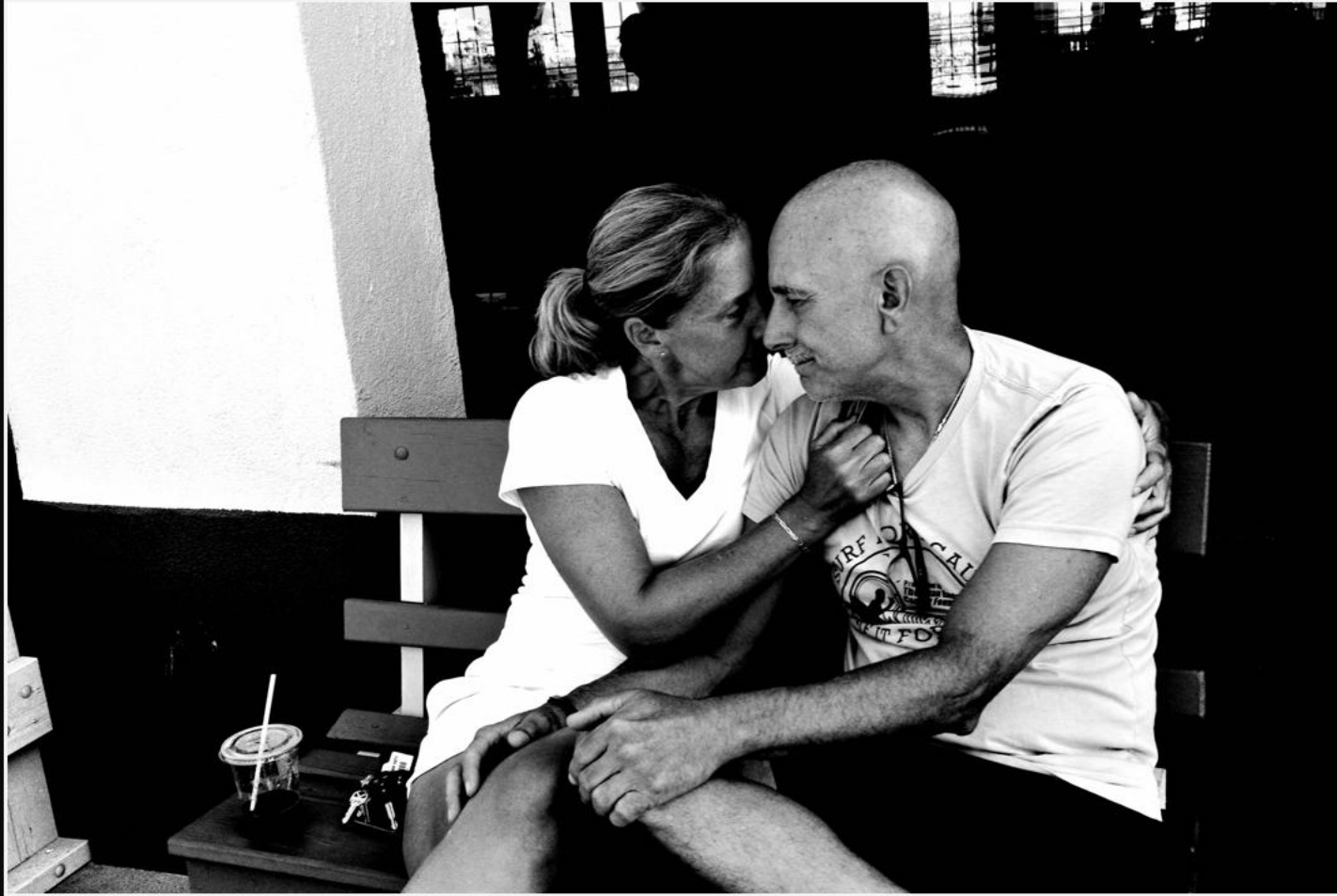
Build Your Daily Pipeline Today

- Pick one device as your hub — iPad Pro or laptop, commit
- Shoot JPEG, import same day, date the folder, favorite fast
- Back up to one cloud service before you sleep



Run a Same-Day Publish Challenge

- Shoot in the morning, publish something by end of day
- It doesn't have to be the best photo — it has to be out
- Repetition builds the reflex; the reflex builds the archive



Over-Engineering the System

- More tools do not equal a better workflow
- Every added step is a point of friction
- Complexity is procrastination in disguise



Holding Work Back for Perfection

- Waiting until it's "ready" means never publishing
- "Everything is a work in progress — publish, learn, evolve"
- Stagnation is sitting in front of the screen thinking



Building on the Speed Mindset

- Lesson 047 established the gear philosophy — less is more
- This lesson turns that philosophy into a daily operating system
- The pipeline is what makes minimal gear sustainable long-term



From Pipeline to Longevity

- Lesson 049 addresses creative longevity and staying power
- The pipeline keeps you publishing; longevity keeps you going
- Systems sustain the practice; the next lesson sustains the person



Build the Chain, Free the Photographer

- Ricoh GR + iPad Pro = the whole operation in two pockets
- Capture → cull → archive → publish, same day, every day
- The pipeline isn't about efficiency — it's about freedom