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STONEWALL  
THE TEMPLE

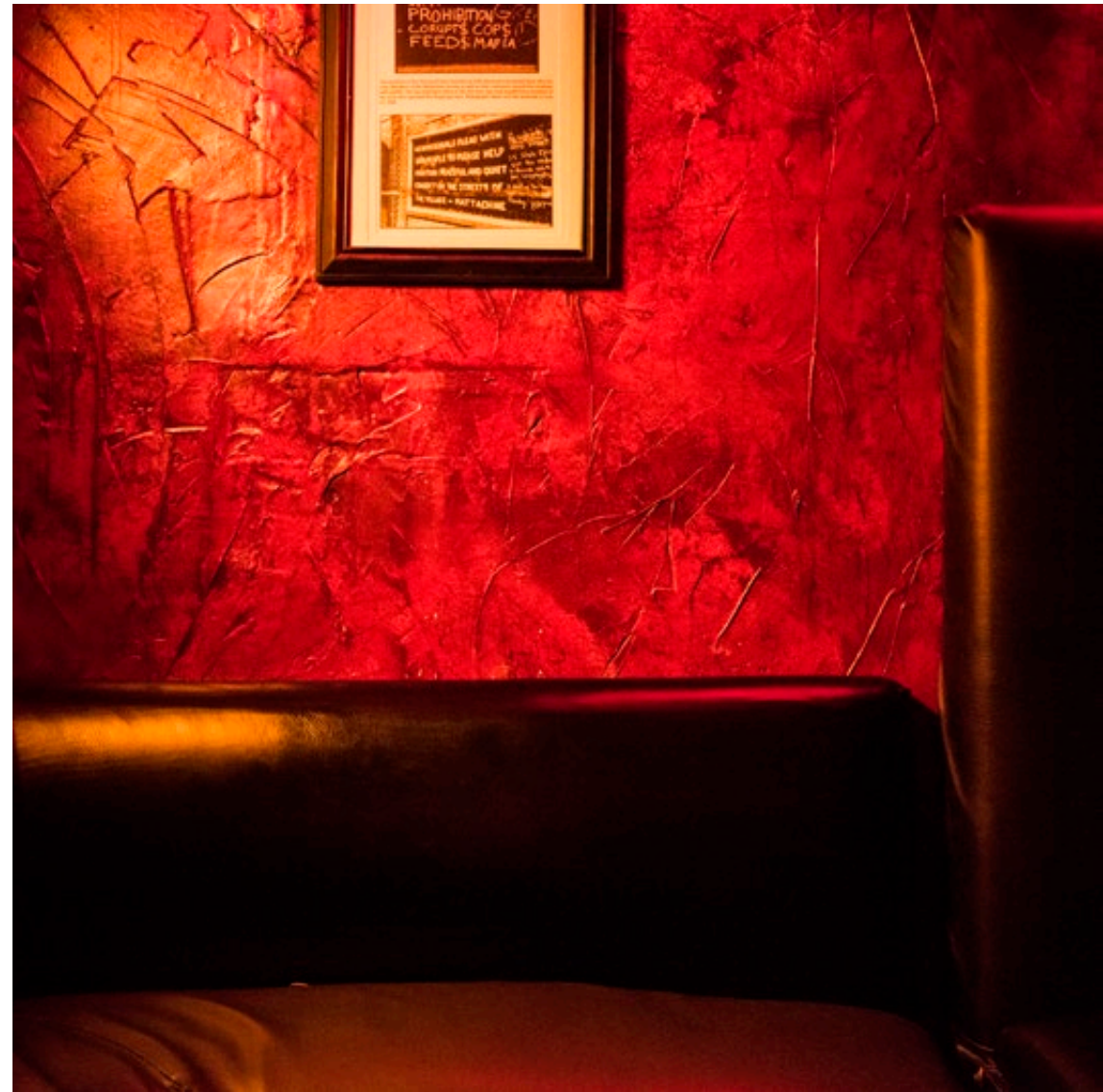
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THE ENTRANCE OF THE BAR. FLOWERS, MESSAGES AND CANDLES TO COMMEMORATE THE VIOLENCE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN ORLANDO ON JUNE 12TH 2016.



THE SOFA AT THE STONEWALL.

*HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AT THE INTERSECTION OF SENSES?*

AT THE STONEWALL INN IN NEW YORK CITY - THE CLUB WHERE THE LEGENDARY STONEWALL RIOTS TOOK PLACE IN 1969 DURING WHICH THE GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND THE MODERN FIGHT FOR GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS OFFICIALLY BEGAN - NOTHING IS JUST QUITE LIKE IT SEEMS: THE LIGHTS OF THE BAR AT 53, CHRISTOPHER STREET, IN THE HEART OF THE GREENWICH VILLAGE, USUALLY CHANGE THE IDENTITY OF THEIR CUSTOMERS, AND EVERYTHING IS ALWAYS WRAPPED IN A SUSPENDED SHADOW.

IF AT THE VERY BEGINNING IT WAS POLICE ROUND-UPS TO KEEP UNCERTAIN THE FUTURE OF THE PATRONS (GUILTY OF WEARING GARISH GARMENTS AND MAKE-UP, OR CHALLENGING CONFORMISM RULES AND ROLES), AFTER JUNE 28TH, 1969 - WHEN A SERIES OF SPONTANEOUS, VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY AGAINST THE POLICE RAID THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE EARLY HOURS THAT VERY DAY FAVORED THE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL EDUCATION FOR HOMOSEXUALS AND HETEROSEXUALS ALIKE, EVERYTHING CHANGED.

TODAY, NOBODY COME HERE TO JUDGE BECAUSE TRUTH, HERE, IS NOT AN IDEA: IT'S A CHOICE OF LIFE. PEOPLE COME HERE JUST TO SEAT ON A LEATHER COUCH TO TALK AND POSSIBLE TO LOOK FOR ONERSELF AMONG BLOOD RED COLORED WALLS; THERE'S NO NEED TO INSTIGATE A RIOT AS TRANSSEXUAL SYLVIA RIVERA DID IN THE VERY NIGHT THAT CHANGED THE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS. THE GAY PRIDE WAS BORN TO REMEMBER THE STONEWALL RIOTS, REPLACING VIOLENCE WITH JOY, AND EVERY PARADE TODAY LEAVE FLOWERS, CANDLES AND PEACE SIGNS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE STONEWALL.

ACCORDING TO EX PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, THE STONEWALL INN IS A NATIONAL MONUMENT, A SORT OF LIVING MUSEUM OF THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM THAT PERMEATES THE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIS HISTORICAL VENUE IN THE VILLAGE IS A BAR NO MORE, NOT EVEN A PLACE: IT'S PROBABLY AN INTERSECTION OF SENSES, WHERE TODAY'S PEOPLE DON'T LOOK FOR AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION 'TO BE OR NOT TO BE', BUT THEY RELY ON A LESS PRETENTIOUS TRUTH: BEFORE KNOWING WHO WE ARE, LET'S LIVE LIFE FOR WHAT IT IS.

*"NOW SIT DOWN ON THE SOFA, CLOSE YOUR EYES, GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TEMPLE AND BE REALLY YOURSELF"*



ONE OF THE MANY ICONIC PICTURES OF THE PRIDE WHICH HAPPENED ON THE DAY AFTER THE STONEWALL RIOTS.



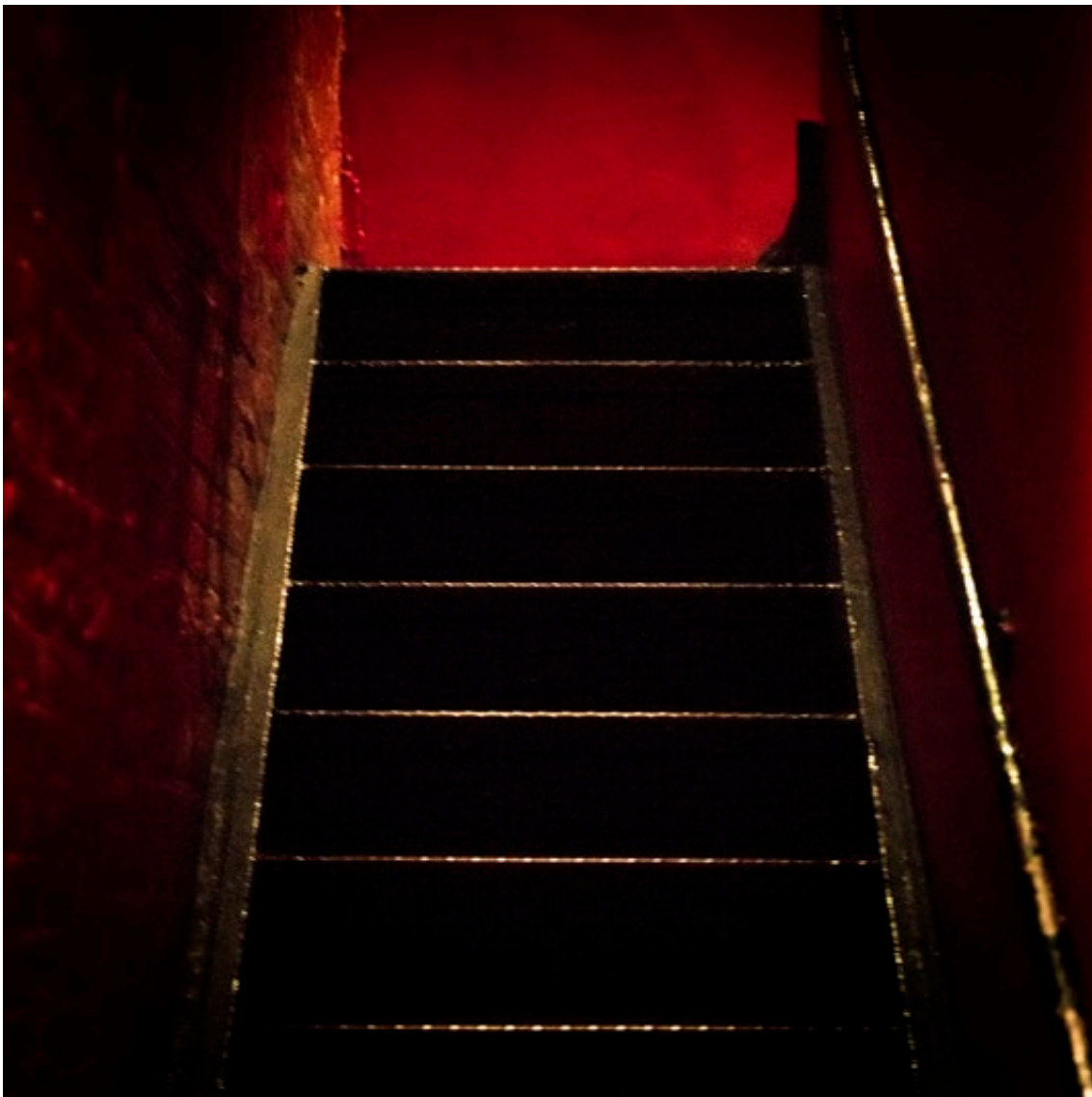
ONE OF THE MANY VISITORS OF THE BAR.



EDEN JAMES.



THE BAR.



AN INTERNAL STAIRCASE.



TREE SEQUOIA, KNOWN AS THE "LEGENDARY TREE", 77,  
HAS WORKED AT THE STONEWALL INN FOR 45 YEARS.



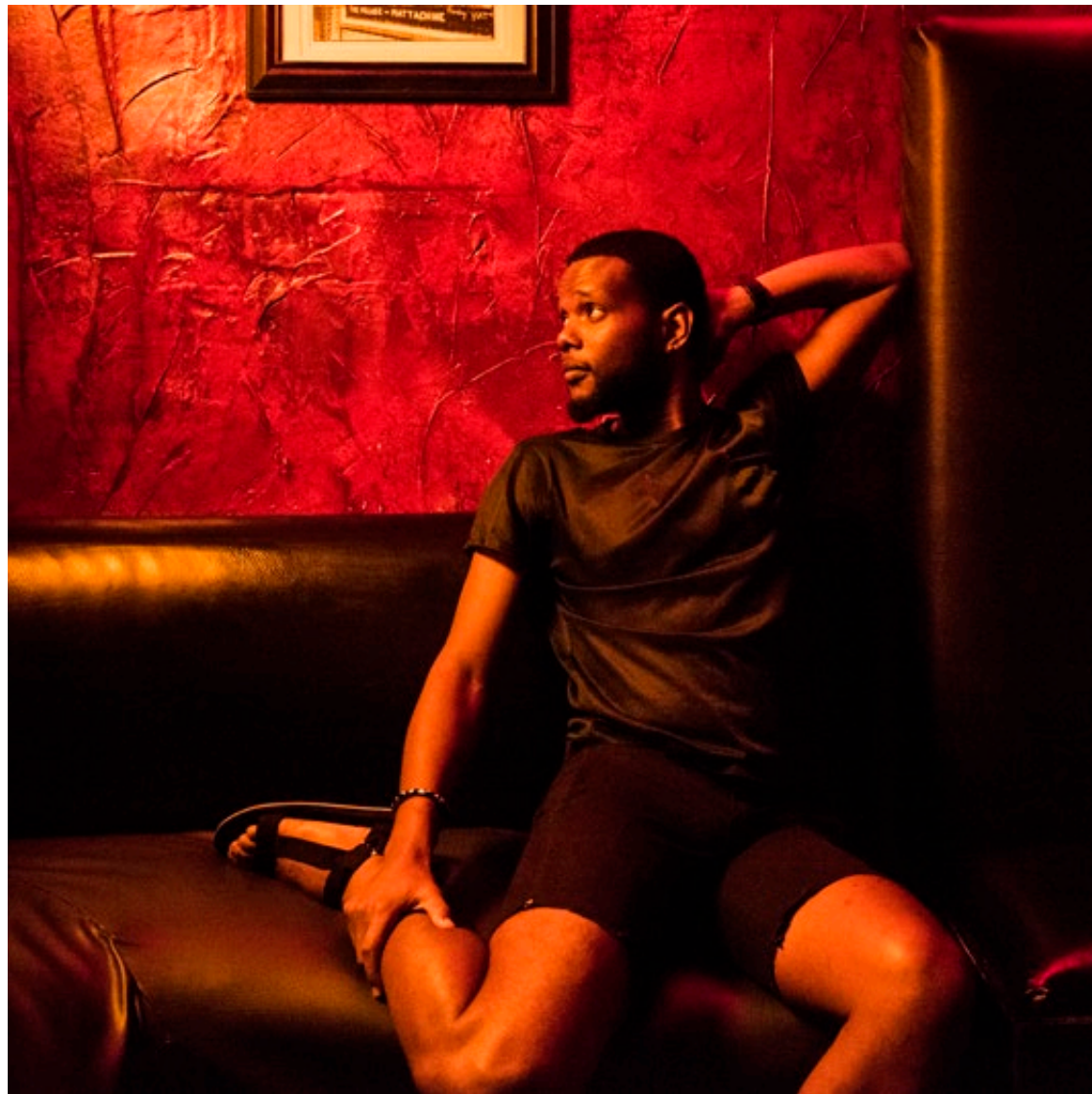
ANA CHRISTINA MINERLY.



A BOY HAS HIS PICTURE TAKEN IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE MANY ICONIC PICTURES OF THE PRIDE WHICH HAPPENED ON THE DAY AFTER THE STONEWALL RIOTS.



THE RAINBOW FLAGS HANGING FROM THE CEILINGS.



AARON EVANS.





A COUPLE OF FRIENDS - NICHOLAS VITRANO AND IAN SLATER - READY TO PAY A VISIT TO THE BAR DURING THE GAY PRIDE WEEK.



ONE OF THE MANY ICONIC PICTURES OF THE PRIDE WHICH HAPPENED ON THE DAY AFTER THE STONEWALL RIOTS.



INTERIOR DESIGN.



PHYLIS ANNE BERNSTEIN.



ROB SCHEPPY.



DETAIL OF A POSTER.



ON JUNE 24TH 2016 STONEWALL HAS BECOME A NATIONAL MONUMENT.



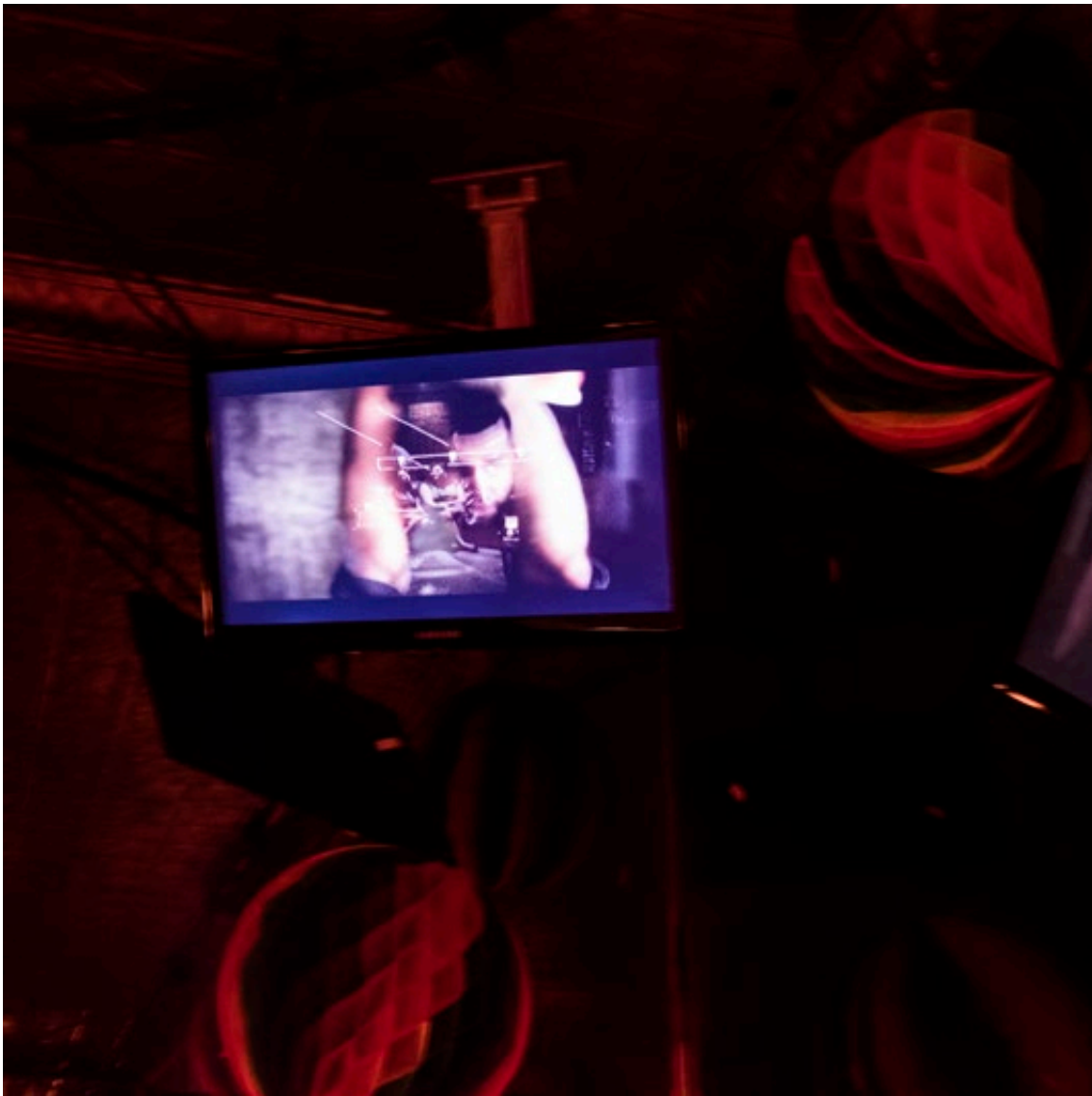
NADIA LAWRENCE.



A COUPLE.

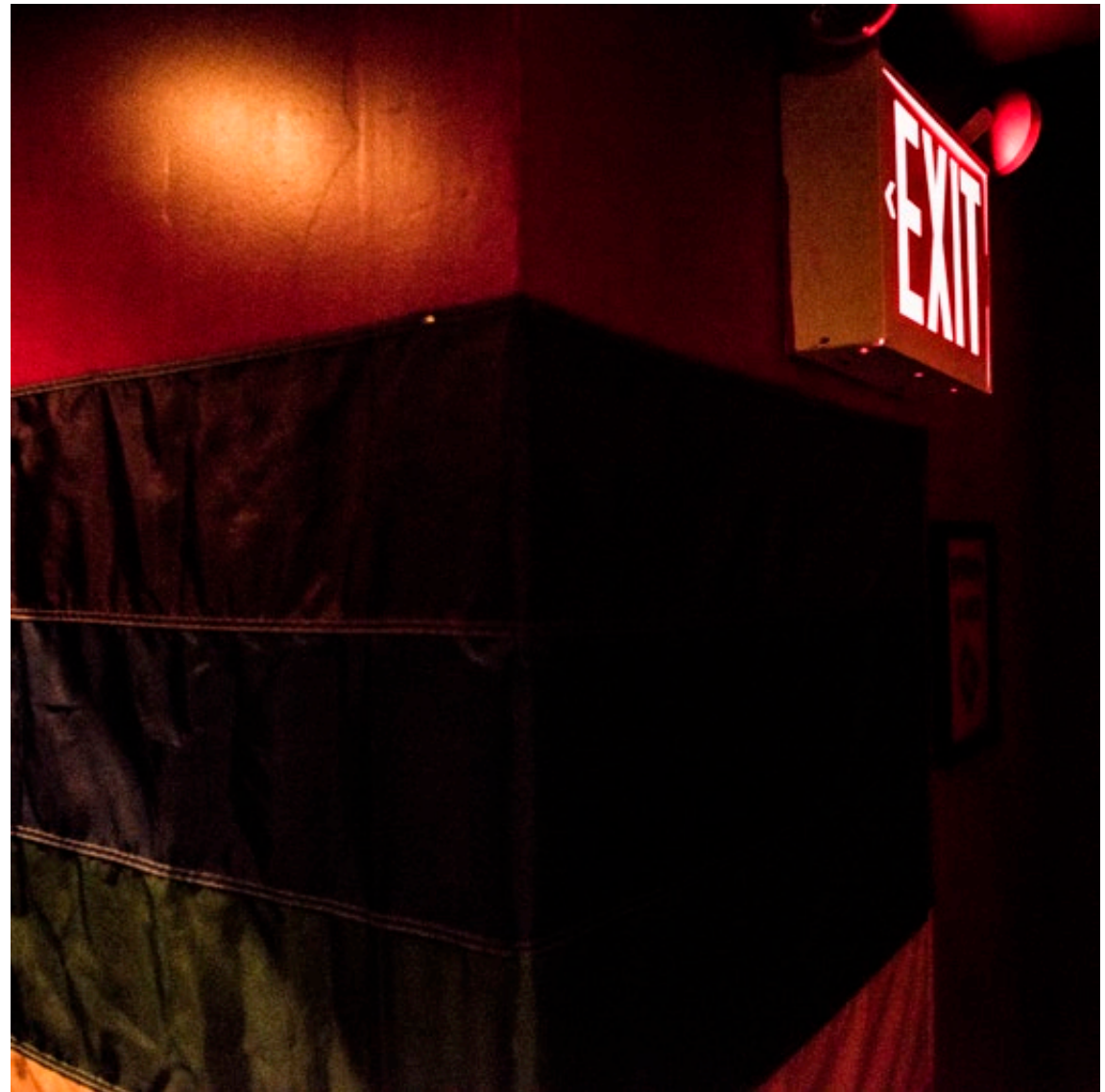


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KODY CHRISTIANSEN.



INSIDE THE BAR.



THE TOILET DOOR SIGN.



SARA VISSERA.

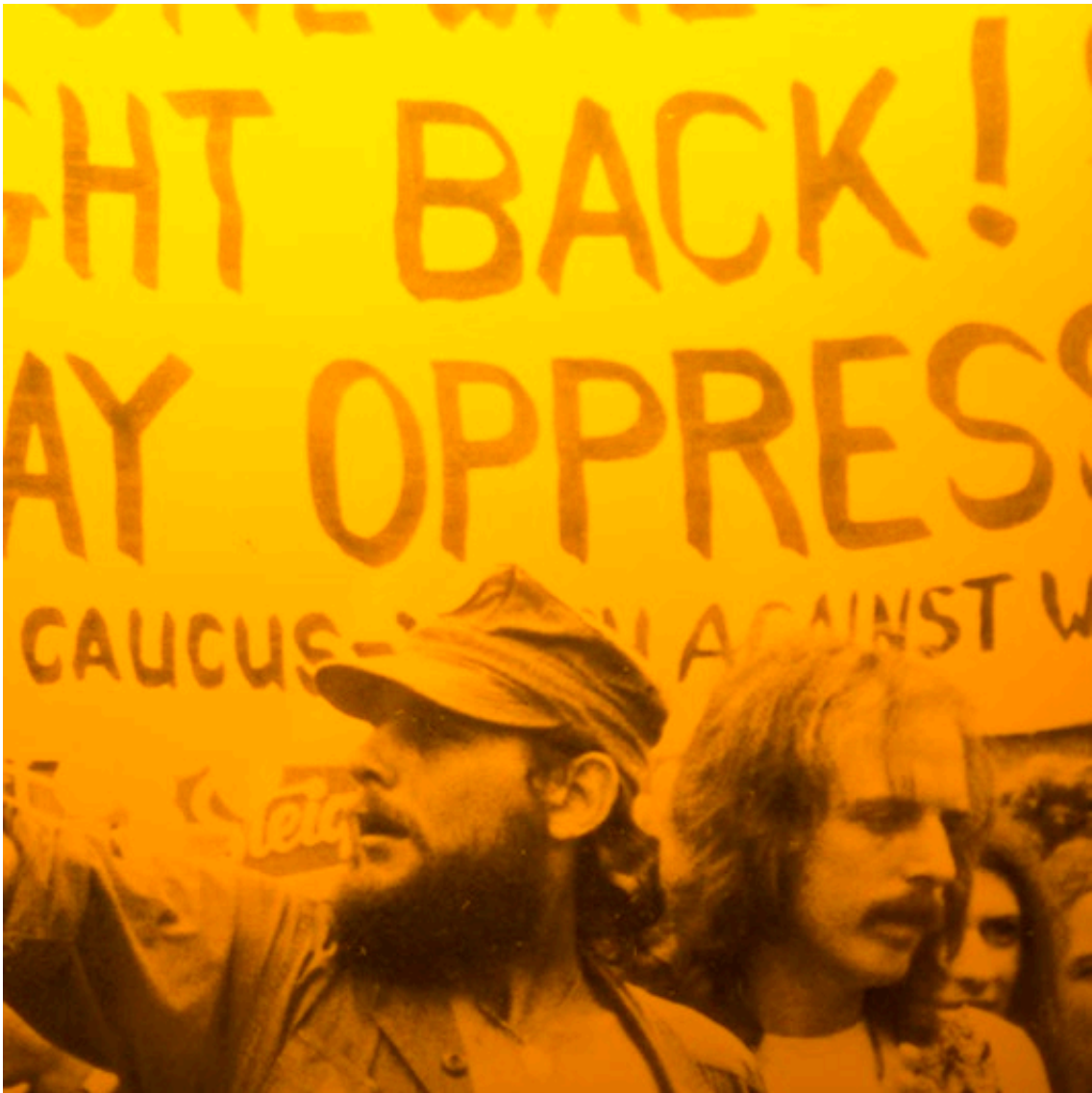




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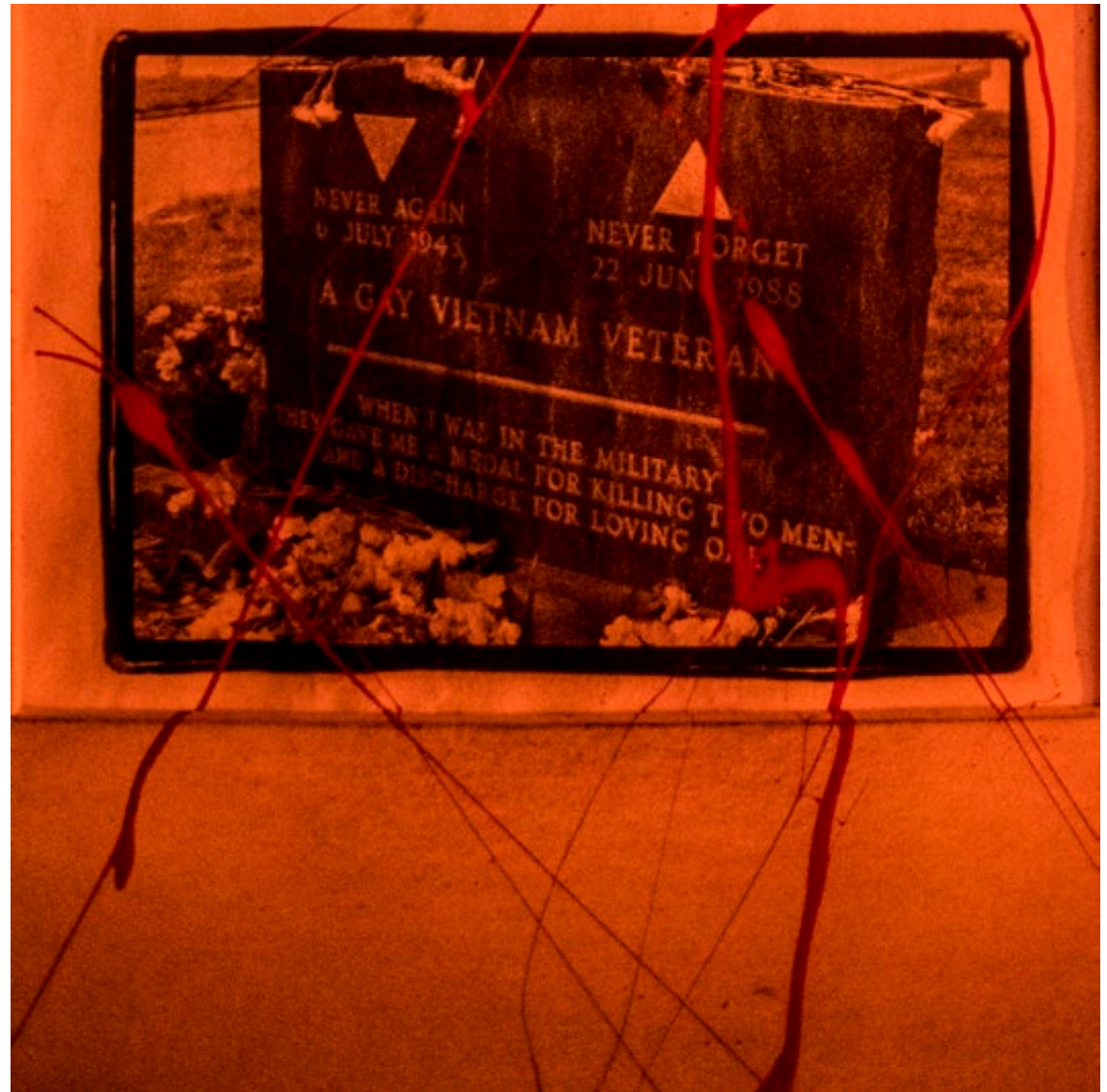
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JENNIFER FALOTICO TAYLOR.



KEATON MAXWELL.



ONE OF THE MANY HISTORIC PHOTOS HANGING FROM THE WALLS.

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Circ. No. 11 THE GAY WEEKLY June 23, 1979

GAY PEOPLE of NEW YORK CITY  
THIS IS THE SITE of THE

# STONEWALL RIOTS

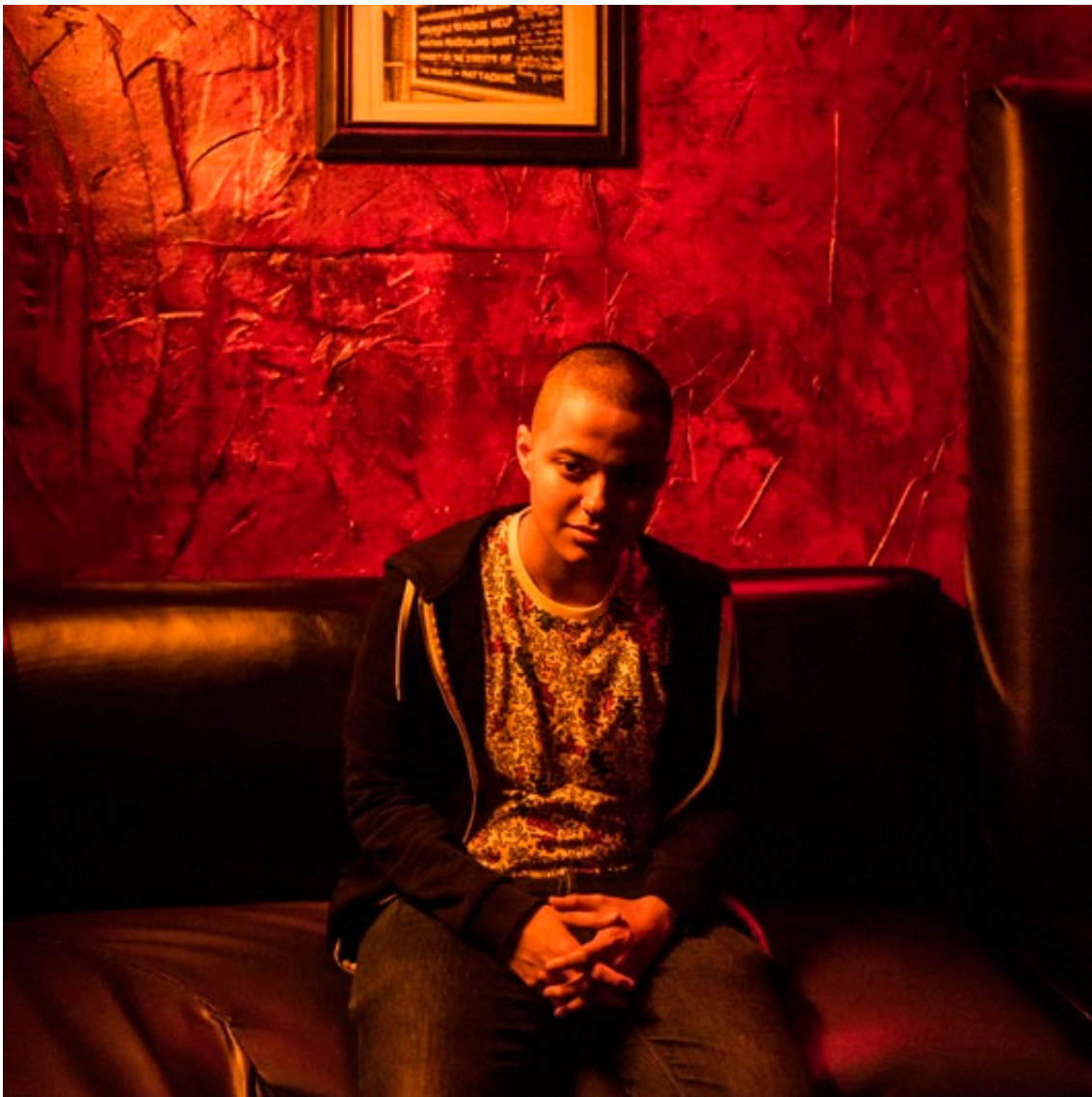
DURING THE DAYS of JUNE 27-31, 1969,  
GAY PEOPLE ASCENDED INTO THE STREETS  
AND OPENLY RESISTED THE HARASSMENT  
AND CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF THEIR  
COMMUNITY . . . OPPRESSIONS WHICH  
THEY HAD LONG ENDURED IN SILENCE . . .  
FUCH-POOR-DRAG-BUTCH . . . GAYS STOOD  
TOGETHER of FOUGHT IN A MASS ACT of  
RESISTANCE . . . THOSE DAYS WERE THE BIRTH  
PANGS of THE GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

LONG LIVE SPIRITS STONEWALL

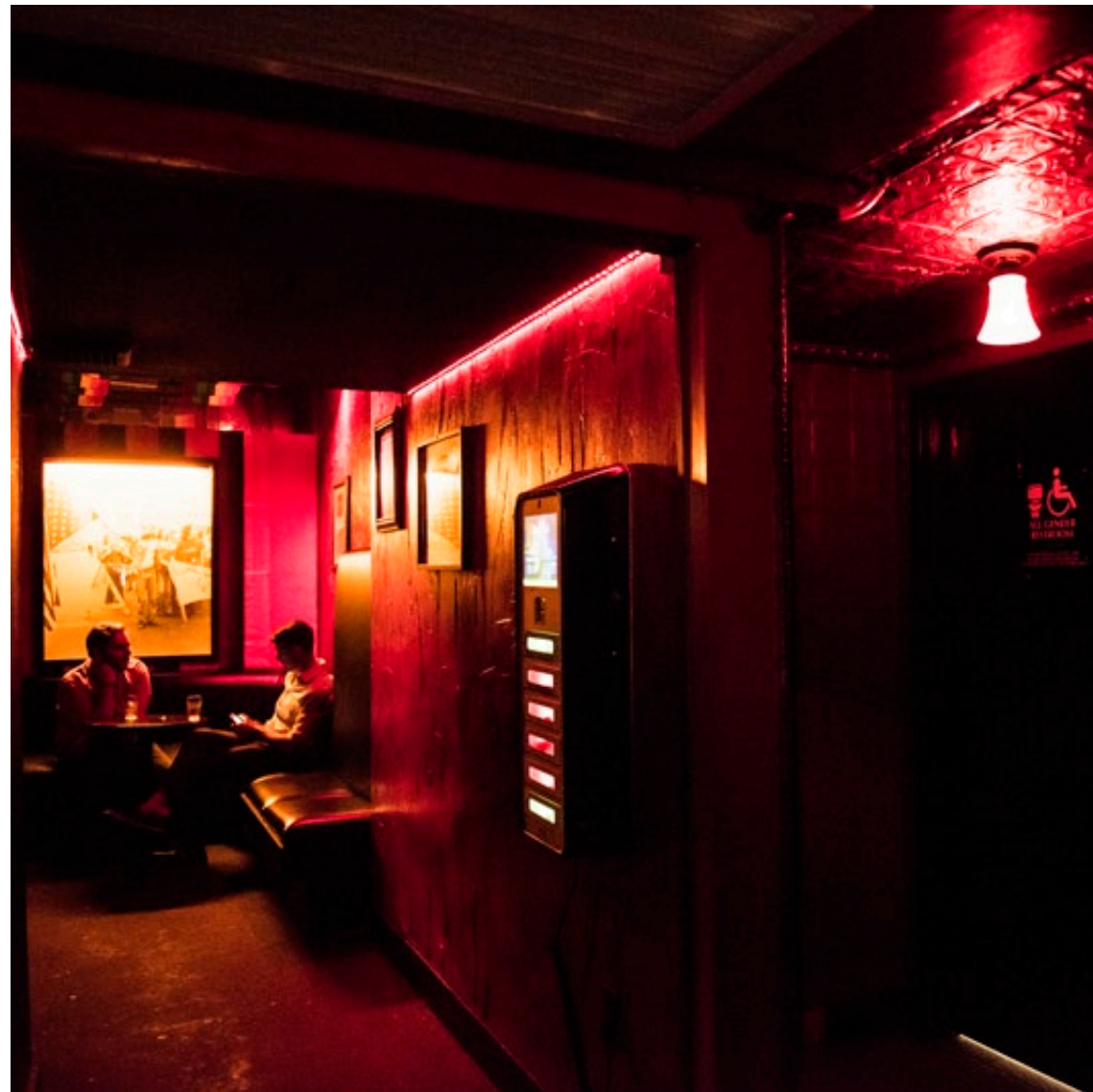


A COPY OF A VINTAGE POSTER.

CODY RISS.



JULIAN SOTO.



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READY TO PAY A VISIT TO THE BAR DURING THE GAY PRIDE WEEK.



THE SIGN USED BY NY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE '60S TO OUTLINE GAY BARS.



EFREN RAMIREZ.



MARSHA P. JHONSON - IN THE DRAWING - TRANS ICON AND ACTIVIST IN THE MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ALL LGBTQ PEOPLE.



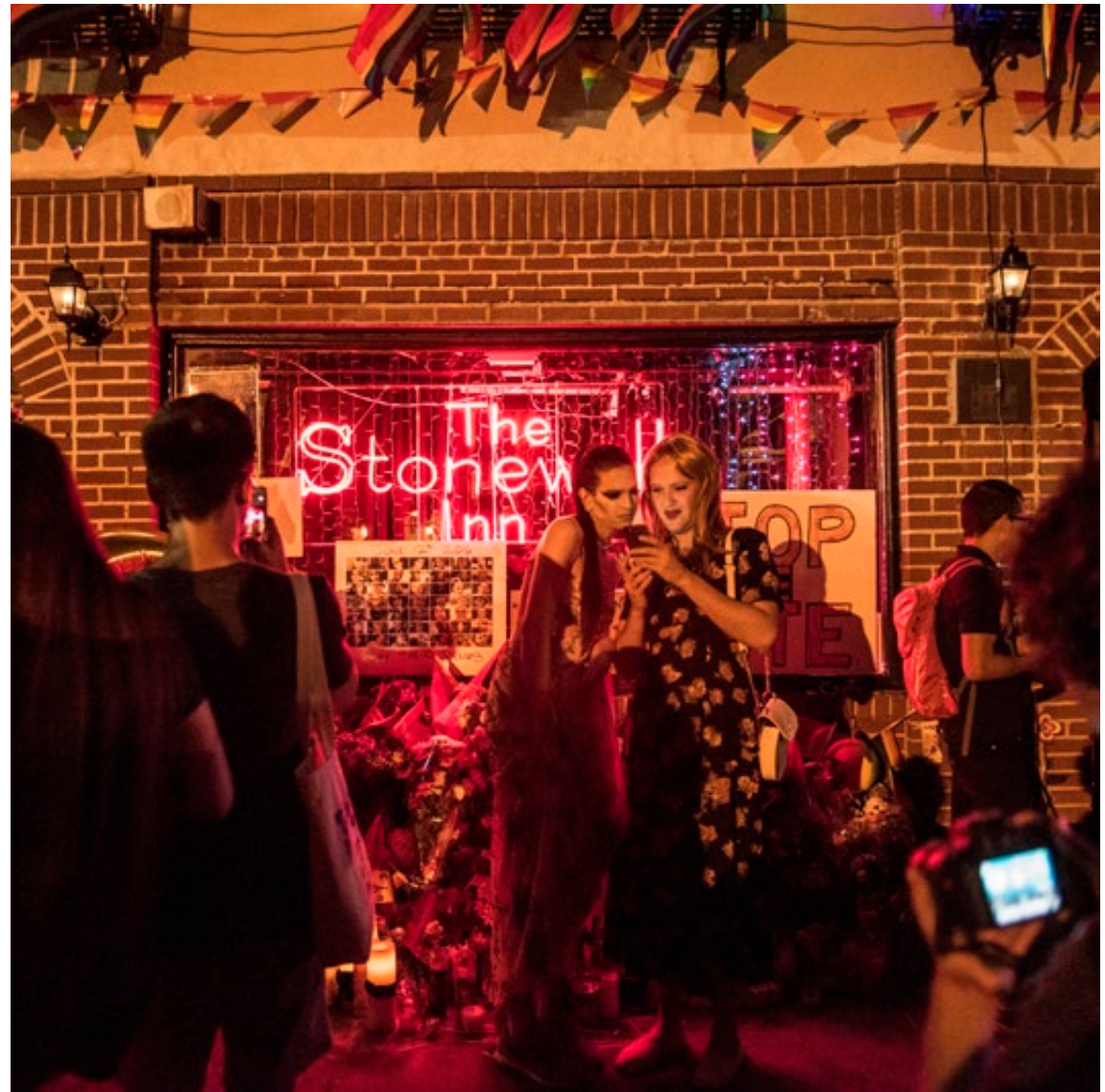
IN THE PAST SOME EXPLICIT HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOURS WERE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT.

GRAYSON COOKE.

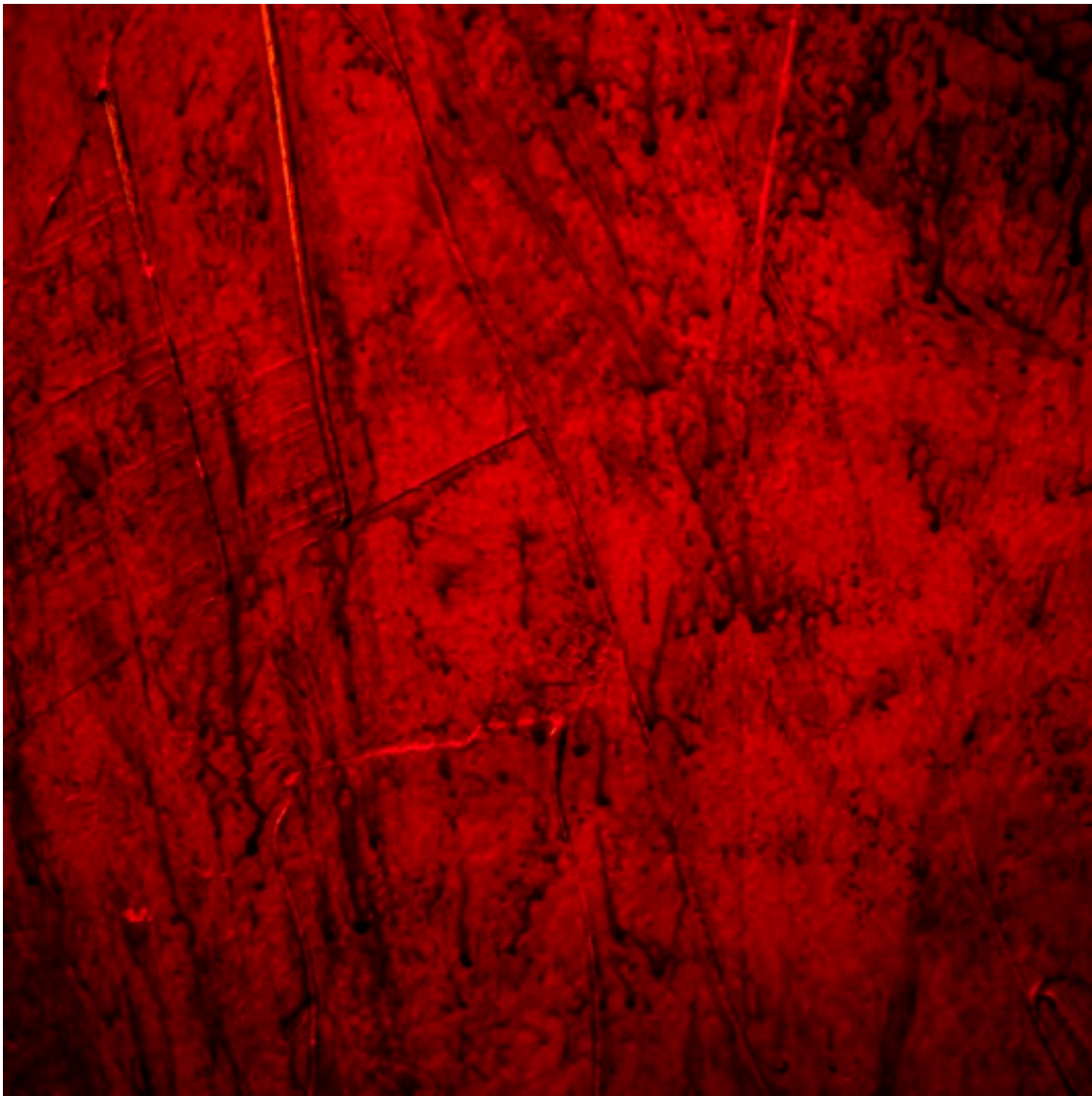




MAGGIE PRETE.



IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE BAR.



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