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What lies between flatland and color county. Multilayered planes and high-flying graphics. Forfeiting depth: Why flatness is the only frank way to strip fashion down to its core. And why Tom Wesselmann's lips cannot lie.

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METZ + RACINE

The secret life of the not-so-still still life. The magic in mise-en-scene moments just missed. Products with a feminine personality and why Metz + Racine's pictures proudly show a bit of leg. Generous timing and other luxury goods.

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MAURIZIO DI IORIO

Why a rose is not simply a rose. Beauty beyond romance, soft goods, hard light, and thorny tokens of transience. Vanities and vanitas, Moschino and McDonalds. Cracked eggs, and the violence of vibrant colors. Never mind the message, here's Maurizio.

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PETER LANGER

Of style, stories, Plato, and pumps. Reading between the lines of Burberry checks and pinstripe suits. Clothes make the man, the man who set the trend for still lifes to wear layers. Fashion speaks Langer's language, a photographer who feels more graphic than photo.

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