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## VIENTRE

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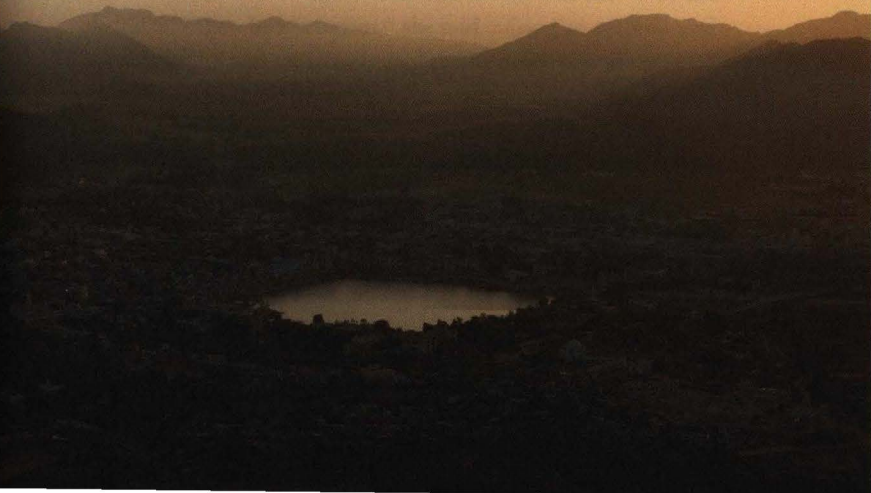
*"The water compassed me about, even to the soul; the depth  
circled me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head."*

Psalm 124

When Flatus stepped into the wood in front of the Santa Maria  
Airport he shies back into the mud up to the knobby bones in his  
ankle. Two women selling wild and crazy on the concrete beside  
him checked his tongue.

"The sea," one whispers in the quiet of Spanish. "he is not  
Christened. To hear him the truth, you must be there."

Flatus is a man of many faces. He is a man of many eyes. He



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