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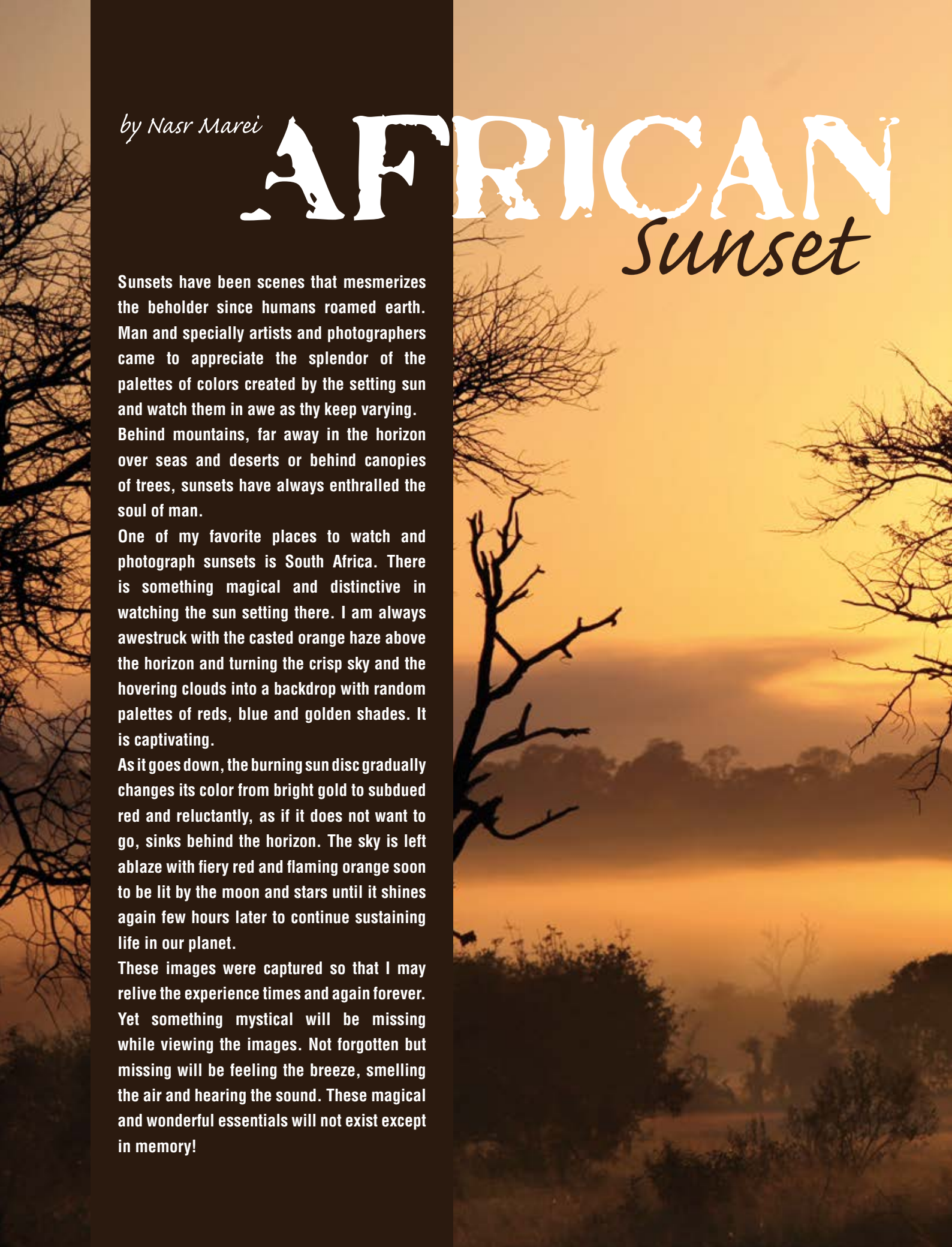
AFRICAN *Sunset*

Sunsets have been scenes that mesmerizes the beholder since humans roamed earth. Man and specially artists and photographers came to appreciate the splendor of the palettes of colors created by the setting sun and watch them in awe as thy keep varying. Behind mountains, far away in the horizon over seas and deserts or behind canopies of trees, sunsets have always enthralled the soul of man.

One of my favorite places to watch and photograph sunsets is South Africa. There is something magical and distinctive in watching the sun setting there. I am always awestruck with the casted orange haze above the horizon and turning the crisp sky and the hovering clouds into a backdrop with random palettes of reds, blue and golden shades. It is captivating.

As it goes down, the burning sun disc gradually changes its color from bright gold to subdued red and reluctantly, as if it does not want to go, sinks behind the horizon. The sky is left ablaze with fiery red and flaming orange soon to be lit by the moon and stars until it shines again few hours later to continue sustaining life in our planet.

These images were captured so that I may relive the experience times and again forever. Yet something mystical will be missing while viewing the images. Not forgotten but missing will be feeling the breeze, smelling the air and hearing the sound. These magical and wonderful essentials will not exist except in memory!





DesiR

ELEPHANT

prepares for the night



Nasir



RHINO

*absorbing the last warmth
of the sunrays before the cold night takes over*



IMPALAS

gather seeking security and companionship

LEOPARD

start it's nocturnal hunt



Nasir



LION

*watches sun as it sets down protecting
the remains of a carcass of a kill preyed earlier*

WILD DOGS

celebrating another wonderful day



KUDU

looking for its mate



WILDERBEESTS

heading to sanctuary



CHEETAHS

relaxing after an exhausting hunt

