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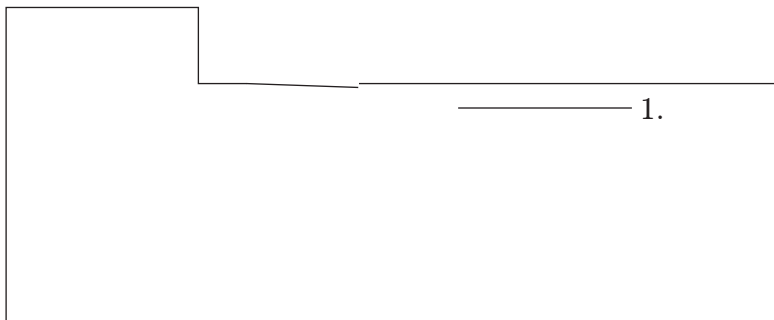
Cheap Perfume

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1. *Untitled*, print on plastic frame, 2026

ONE POINT FIVE CENTIMETRES OF BLACK IRIDESCENT

Leaning forward from the hip, forty degrees, the spine elongated toward the bottom of the foot; suggesting a reach toward something unattainable. The position nobody holds for long, suspended here because it's a photograph. What's on the wall isn't someone arching, but the position kept and the body subtracted out of it. The print is large and hangs flat, solely on the wall, cropped close to the edges. What stays in the frame is the lower back, the hips, and the spot where they converge. No pale strip where a piece of textile was, but the skin is glossy as the print itself. The light in the image sits along the crest of the hip and the raised edge of the elastic. Only the string doesn't gleam. It runs down the curve and narrows to a triangle. One point five centimetres of black iridescent, at the point where the waistband ends. Worn thin at the centre seam, slightly left, off centre. The tension still in it, drawn taut against the body.

Text by Johanna Gratzner