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chaos order compromise

A few weeks ago I was walking by my two immediate neighbor's yards, where I typically grumble, under my breath to myself, in disdain at the very very-bad landscaping (well there is NO attempt at gardening, and one house has been virtually empty for three years). The house is in some state of dispute in an inheritance, and of course I hope that it sells, the other has 12 unrelated adults!!!. There is honeysuckle, myrtle, ivy, and the dread poison ivy with vines an inch diameter, charley, dandelions, thistle, grass, dead wood windfall and autumn leaves from the past decade. BUT, after a rain, from that collection of weed and waste comes the most beautiful musk and floral perfume.... I haven't figured out the plant source, but I breath it in, and relish in the moment. It is the best perfume ever. MORE than that, it gives me a new perspective. I think I might be one of the persons who desires extreme order, and feel like I live in a world of extreme chaos. There seems to be no question that when we impose extreme order, we lose something of value, and it can't be replaced. The reverse is true also. If we live in extreme chaos, we are also out of balance.

I suspect that in my desire for order I have lost some things in life that are not retrievable, things no one will now see, or understand. The same would be true if I had chosen to live in extreme chaos, the boundaries, visual peace, rest and harmony that I enjoy when there is order in my life live would be lost. I think I should seek a middle road, a comfortable degree order allowing for some chaos....Others maybe should seek a degree of chaos allowing some greater order. It is so interesting what we each perceive as order, what areas of our lives we allow degrees of order and degrees of chaos. Similarly for our society, country and world. There is value to both approaches.

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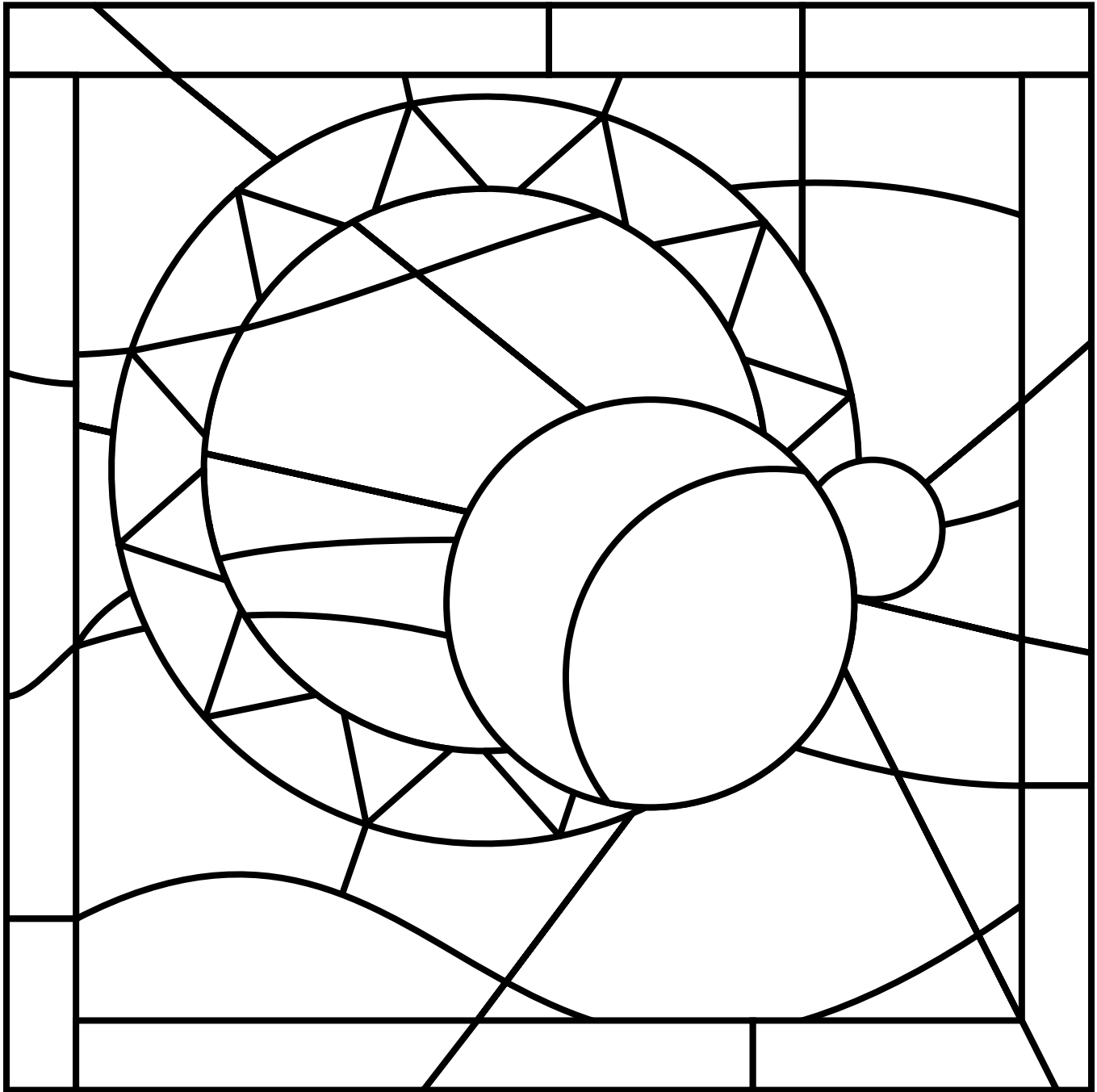
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