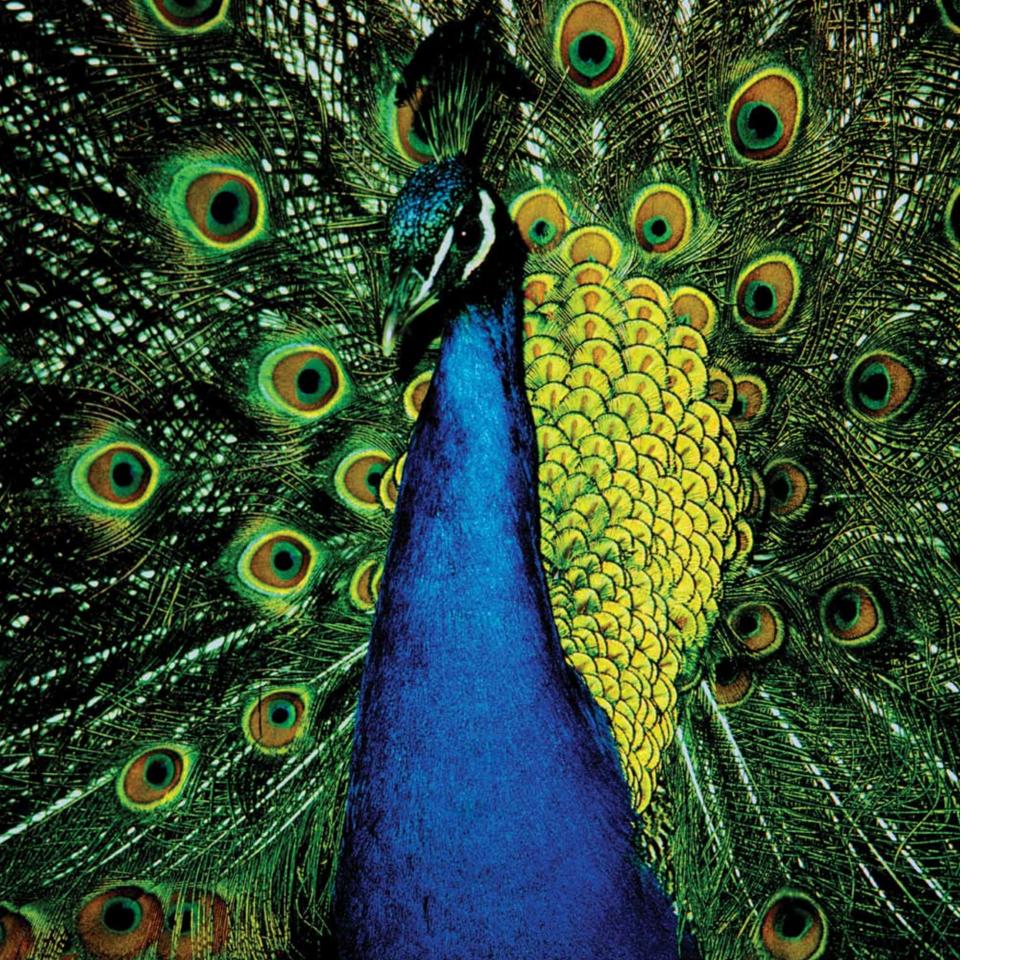
Feathers and Flowers

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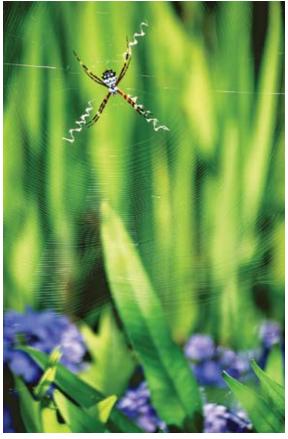
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OPPOSITE PAGE: "BIRD OF PARADISE" CAPTURES A MALE PEACOCK UNFURLING ITS STRIKING BLUE-GREEN PLUMAGE, A SIGN OF COURTSHIP; ABOVE, LEFT: A GREAT WHITE EGRET SURVEYS THE EARLY MORNING MIST IN "FIRST LIGHT"; ABOVE, RIGHT: AN ARGIOPE SPIDER NAVIGATES THE DELICATE STRANDS OF ITS LAIR IN "WEB MASTER"









OPPOSITE PAGE: THE PINK AND WHITE FEATHERS OF A FLAMINGO AT REST ARE ALL THAT IS VISIBLE IN "NIGHT BLOOM"; ABOVE, LEFT: "SOPHISTICATED LADY" SHOWS THE SOFT PETALS OF A FLOWER OPENING TO THE MORNING LIGHT; ABOVE, RIGHT: AGAINST DRAMATIC SKIES, A FLORIDA OSPREY SWOOPS DOWN TO LAND ON ITS NEST IN "HOMECOMING"





ABOVE, LEFT: "WATER DANCE" CAPTURES A TRIO OF FROLICKING FLAMINGOS, FROM THE BOOK FLORIDA... BEYOND THE BLUE HORIZON; ABOVE, RIGHT: A WATER LILY AT VERO BEACH WITH SOFT-FOCUS EFFECT; OPPOSITE PAGE: A GREAT EGRET STRIKES A REGAL POSE, DISPLAYING ITS DRAMATIC MATING PLUMAGE IN "THE CALLING"





Fun in the sun

BABY SEA TURTLES MAKE THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SAND TOWARDS THE OCEAN... PHOTO BY ALAN MALTZ