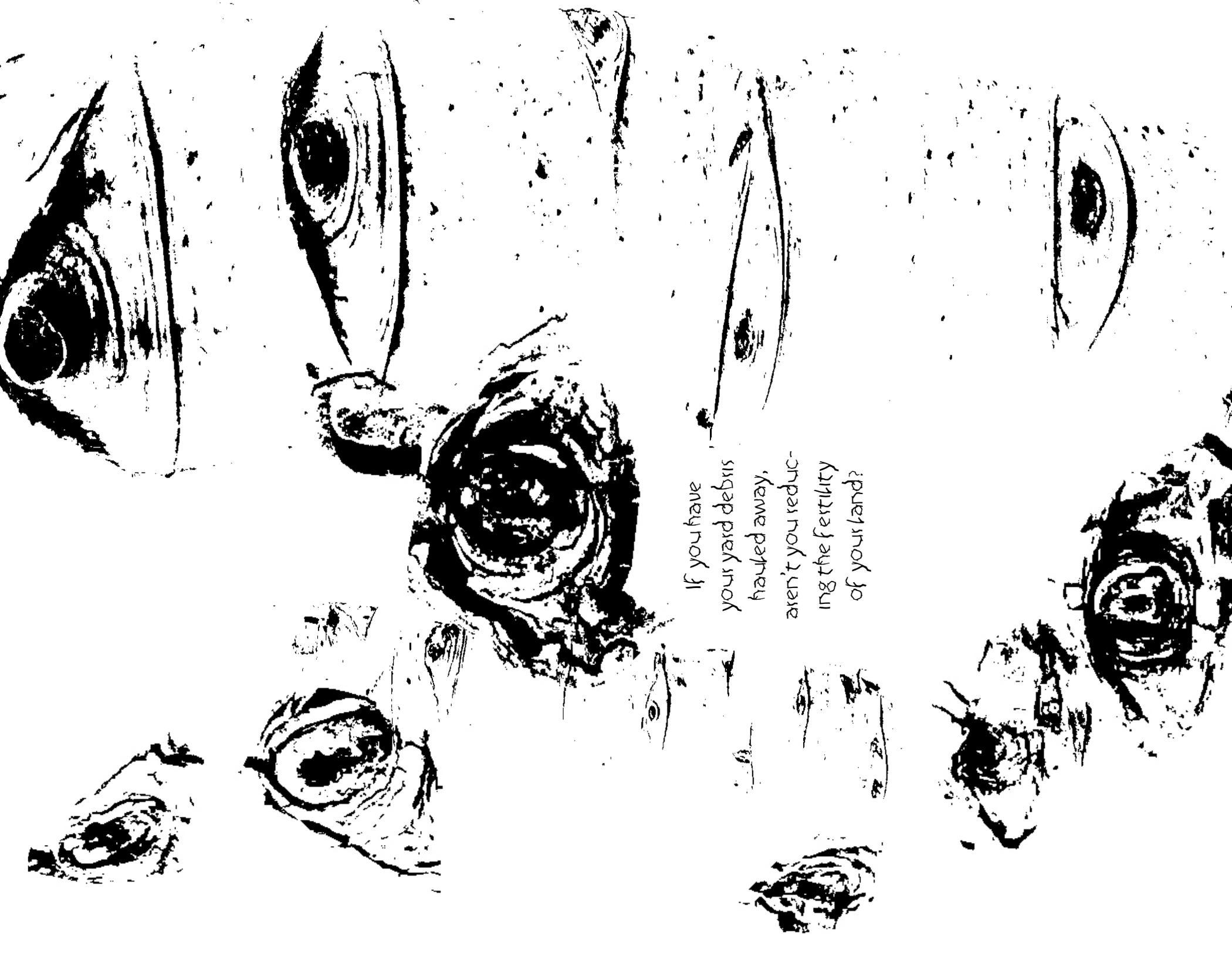


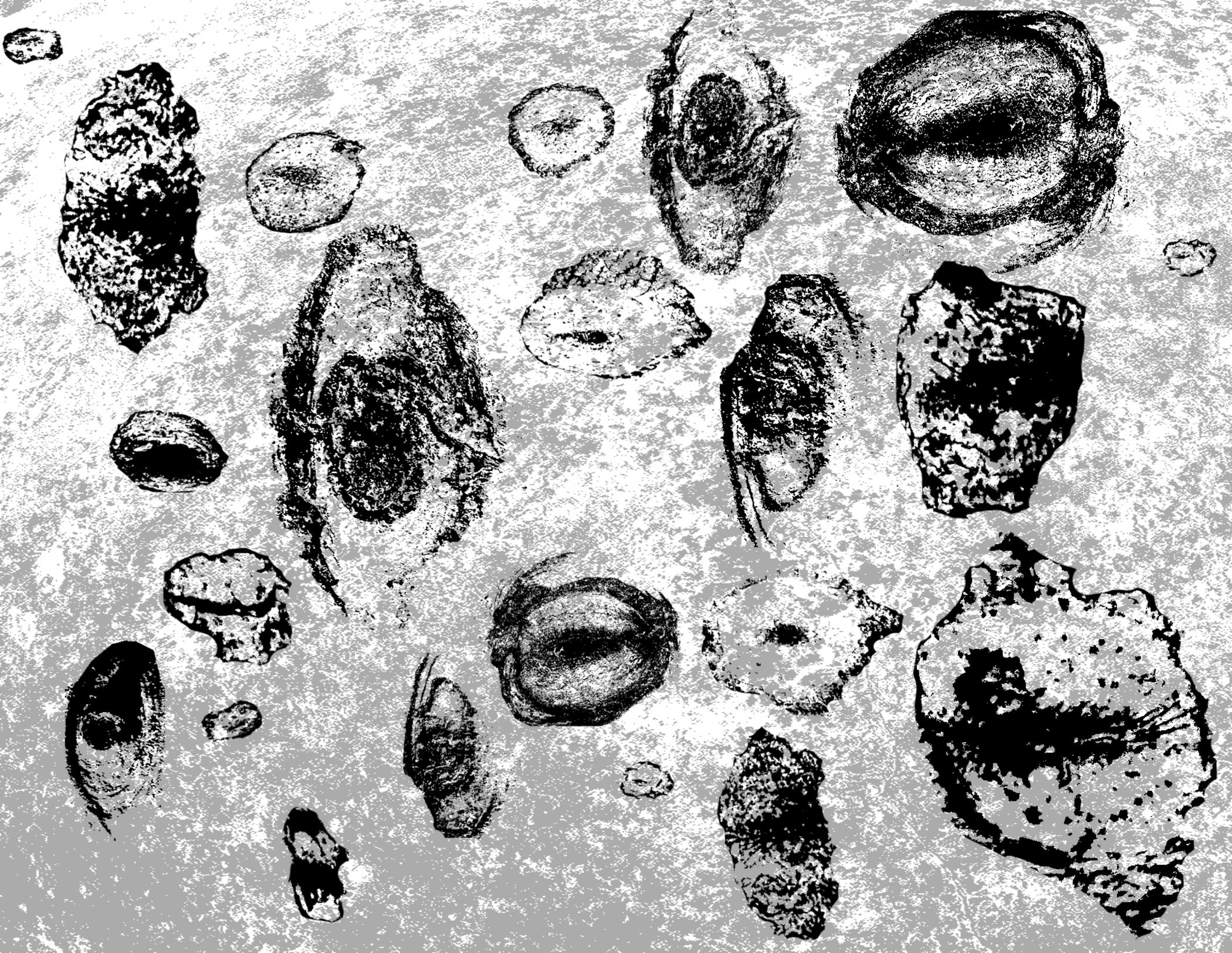


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If you have
your yard debris
hauled away,
aren't you reduc-
ing the fertility
of your land?







WE LOVE TREES, there are fifty in our yard — we planted most of them ourselves. Two clumps of birch were the first things we put in the ground. Nine fruit trees: apples, pear, nashis, cherry, pie cherry, Italian prune, fig, persimmon plus a couple of cherry suckers that we potted.

Two of the largest are Christmas trees we planted when they got too big to bring in. We have oaks, maples, Japanese maples, a flowering plum, a crabapple, Ginkos, Pines, A Daimyo Oak, Cryptomeria, a couple of volunteer cedars. The yard is woody, lots of bushes too. Most of the year we can't really see the neighbor's houses. When you walk past our house in the summer, you can feel how much cooler the shade makes the air.



The view is transformed in the months when the deciduous trees are leafless. Lots of branches from pruning but we try to reuse them in the garden as stakes and trellises. We try to preserve or dry the fruit we don't eat fresh. I have also made a couple of STOOLS, SPOONS, CHOPSTICKS, PENS and a TYPEFACE with branches and twigs from the yard. We also burn some of it in the fireplace. I like it when knots look like eyes.