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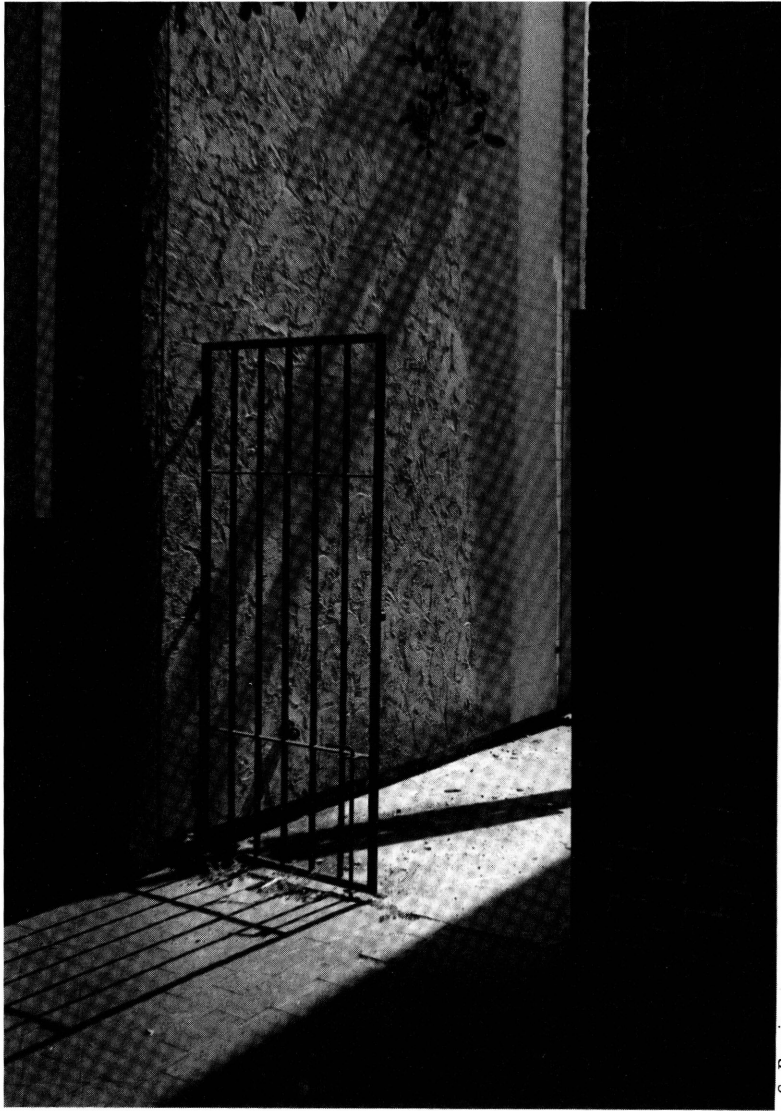
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The Devolution of Fire

George Henson

The Hebrews burned lambs on ancient altars.
The Inquisition burned heretics at the stake.
Mystics burned incense to meditate.
The vain burned bonfires in novels.
The melancholy burn candles at midnight.
The homeless burn trash to stay warm.

I burn logs in my fireplace,
not for sacrifice
or persecution,
not for ecstasy
or for plot,
not for nostalgia
or even warmth.

The mystery of my pyro-ancestors haunts me.