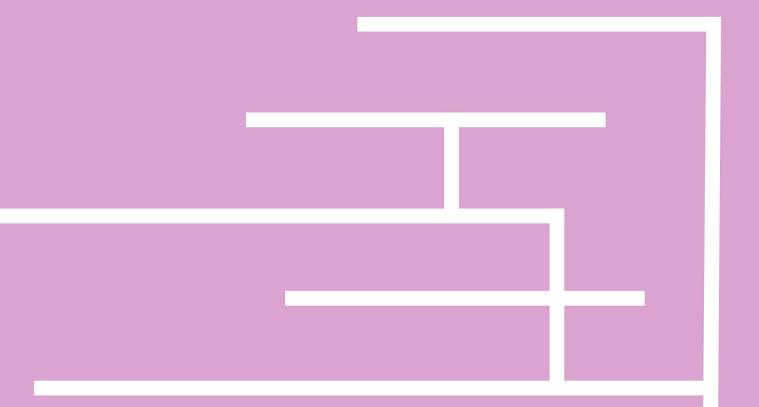


MARIE-LAURE





### PARIS

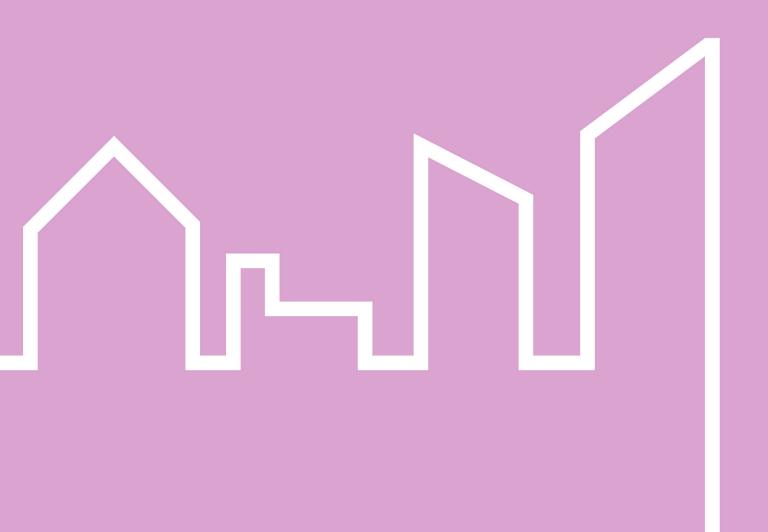
The museum air smells old. I follow in my father's footsteps, and he lets me hold the key.

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## MINIATURE CITY

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The model of Paris fits in my hands.





"If you can imagine it you can find it."

The train trembles. Salt enters the air. The city by the sea unfolds before us.

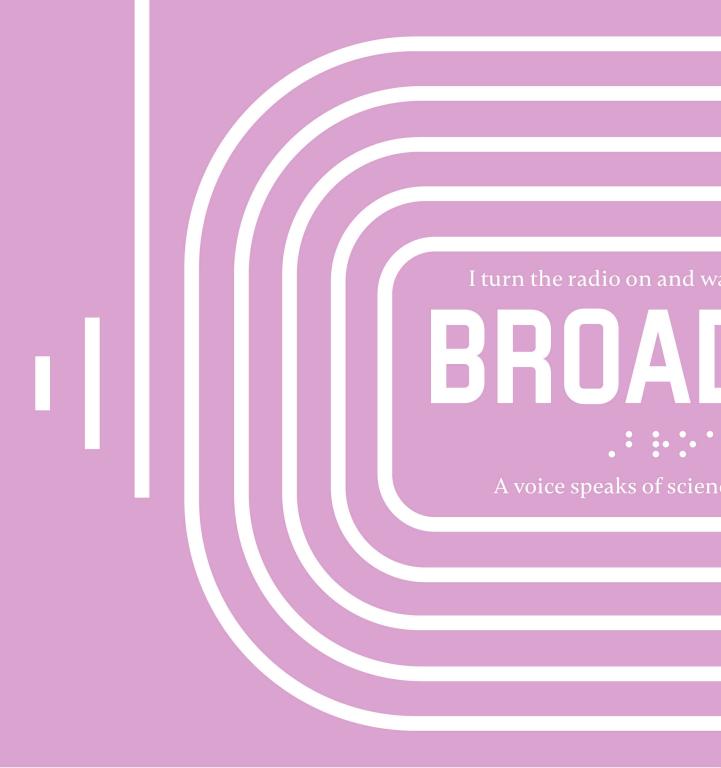


The house is quiet except for the sea.



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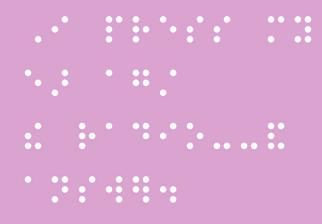




The bombs make the house shudder.

I press my ear to the radio–

and answer







Someone is calling through the storm.

Static





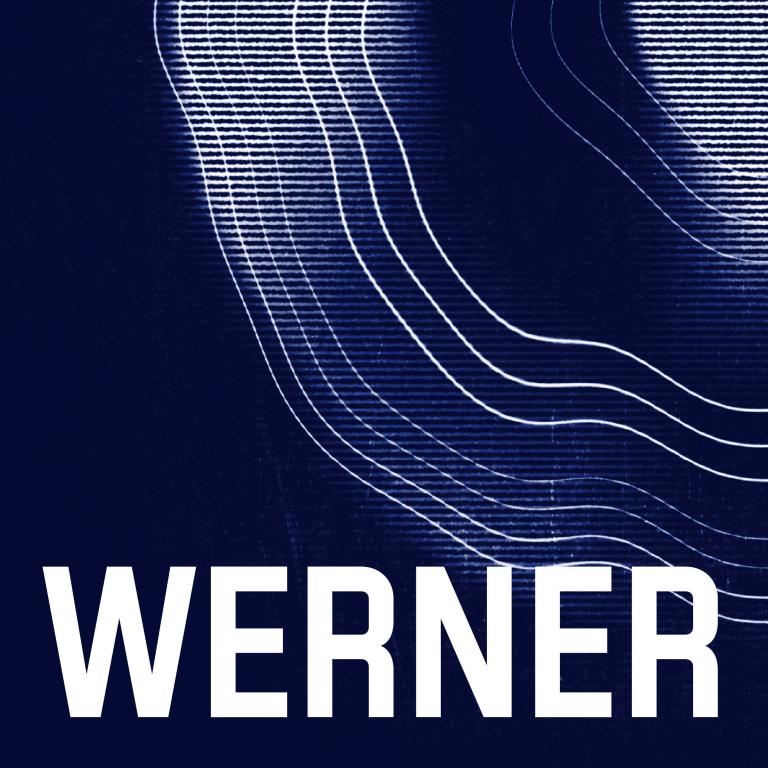






It stops humming. The city changes, yet she still knows every wall.













The others march and I listen. Sound has weight.

I tell myself that it is all necessary.

Cities fall in frequencies.

## WAR

I trace signals across ruined air.

## SAINT-We arrive at the edge of the sea. The air tastes of salt and electricity.

There's a voice hidden in the noise.

I find the hou

I call out.

se by listening.

Static sharpens into breathing.

## "CAN YOU" HEAR ME?"

It's clear then gone. He listens harder.

## THE SIGNAL

It pulls him forward. He can't stop following. It sounds like hope.







