**Fractal Geometry**

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**Iteration**
An envelope arrives in the mail. You open it. Inside is a photograph of you opening the envelope. Visible in the photo is the postmark on the envelope, containing today’s date.

**Zoom**
A story comes to you in a dream. You call it “Iteration.” You write it in a notebook beside your bed. In the morning, the page is blank.

**Reiteration**
An envelope arrives in the mail. You open it. Inside is a photograph of a notebook page. Visible in the photo is a handwritten short story called “Iteration.”

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