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RISING SUN

Here, as elsewhere in this region, the inhabitants of Rising Sun have placed their factories on the village's eastern boundary — all the better to allow the effluent of their industry to flow downstream, so to speak, in the prevailing wind. However, here the natives serve an immediate market by manufacturing, each morning, the day itself and construct the special apparatus necessary to levitate the daily details of light and color above the town. The nation's third largest consumer of helium, Rising Sun is famous for its fleet of cloud-camouflaged blimps and squadrons of transparent zeppelins which lift the dyed gel flats of sky into the sky. Wingwalkers on jump-jets spot-weld each afternoon's I-beamed dome of heaven; gyrocopters tow V-strings of simulated waterfowl in migration; helicopters hover, hanging the bright, first-order Fresnel lens which counterfeits the evening star. Not to be missed are the quaint cyanine works (tours daily) where the invention of a new blue is routine. The craftsmen of Rising Sun build into their work an obsolescence. Each night the remnants of the day can be seen drifting overhead as odd-shaped shadows shift beneath what is thought to be a real though often disappointing moon.