

“Morrisonite”, Owyhee Area, Oregon



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Der so genannte „Morrisonit-Jaspis“ gilt für viele Sammler als schönste Jaspisart weltweit. Er wird in Hohlräumen eines rhyolithisch verdichteten Tuffes im Bereich des Owyhee River im Malheur County, Oregon gefunden. Der Name geht zurück auf James Morrison, der in den späten 1890er Jahren in einem Canyon am Owyhee River lebte. In den frühen 1930er Jahren kamen Rockhounds erstmals in Kontakt mit diesem von Morrison entdeckten Jaspis. Der erste Claim wurde im Jahr 1964 registriert. Der Fundbereich wurde bis zum Jahr 1996 in verschiedenen Claims kommerziell abgebaut: Christine Marie, Big Hole, Pinnacle, Veronica Lee, Verla Ruth, Amy Ellen und Jake’s Place Claim. Einige der bekanntesten amerikanischen Prospektoren wie z.B. Arnold Petersen, Ed Brandt, Charlie Caress, „Jake“ Jacobitz und Gene Mueller waren in den Abbau involviert. Der harte Morrisonit-Jaspis ist berühmt für seine intensiven Farben (grün, orange, gelb) und wunderbaren Zeichnungen. Oft wurden auch die gesuchten überlappenden Mondzeichnungen entdeckt. Diese Jaspisart zählt heute zu den teuersten und begehrtesten weltweit.

The so-called "Morrisonite jasper" is considered by many collectors to be the most beautiful type of jasper in the world. It is found in cavities of rhyolitic compacted tuff in the Owyhee River area of Malheur County, Oregon. The name goes back to James Morrison, who lived in a canyon near the Owyhee River in the late 1890s. Rockhounds first came into contact with this jasper discovered by Morrison in the early 1930s. The first claim was registered in 1964. The deposit was commercially mined through 1996 on several claims: Christine Marie, Big Hole, Pinnacle, Veronica Lee, Verla Ruth, Amy Ellen and Jake's Place claim. Some of the most famous American prospectors such as Arnold Petersen, Ed Brandt, Charlie Caress, "Jake" Jacobitz and Gene Mueller were involved in the mining. The hard morrisonite jasper is famous for its intense colors (green, orange, yellow) and wonderful patterns. The sought-after overlapping egg patterns were also often discovered. This type of jasper is one of the most expensive and sought-after in the world today.



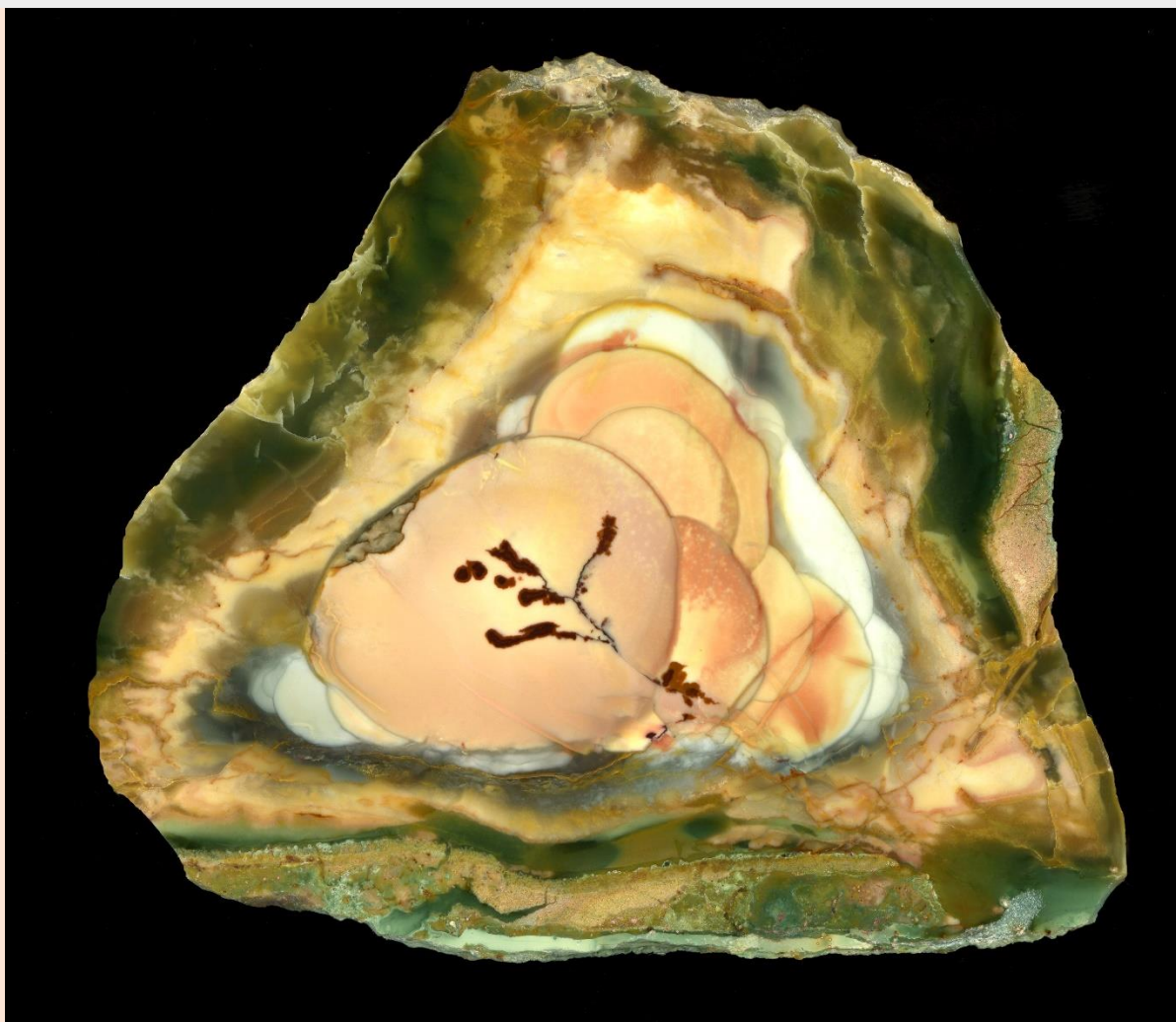
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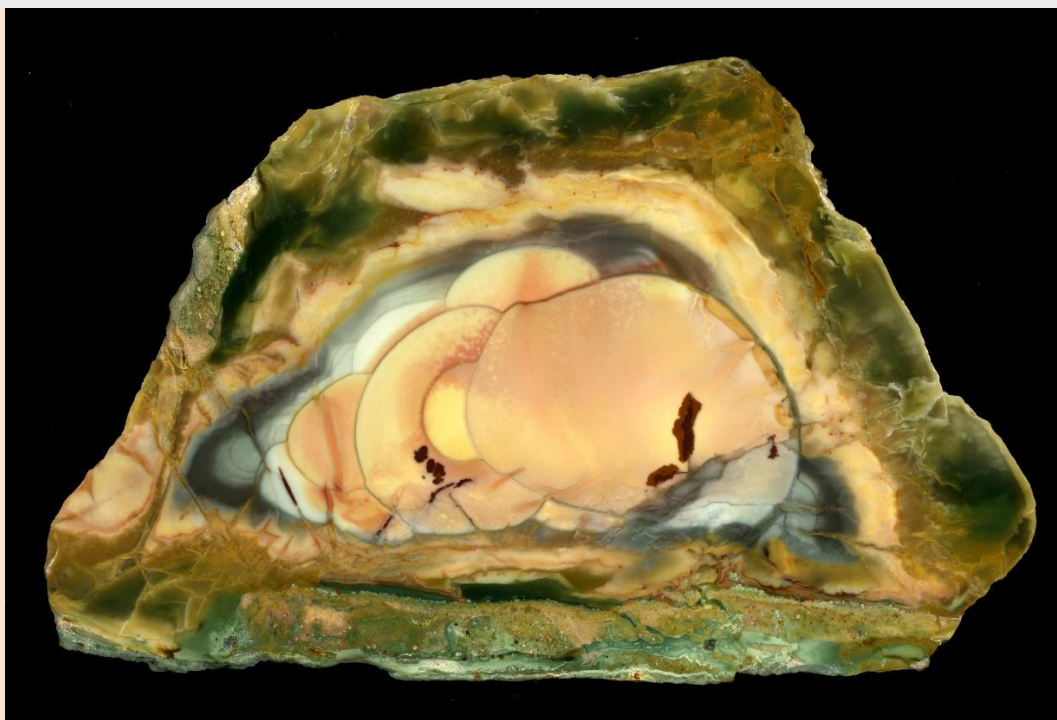
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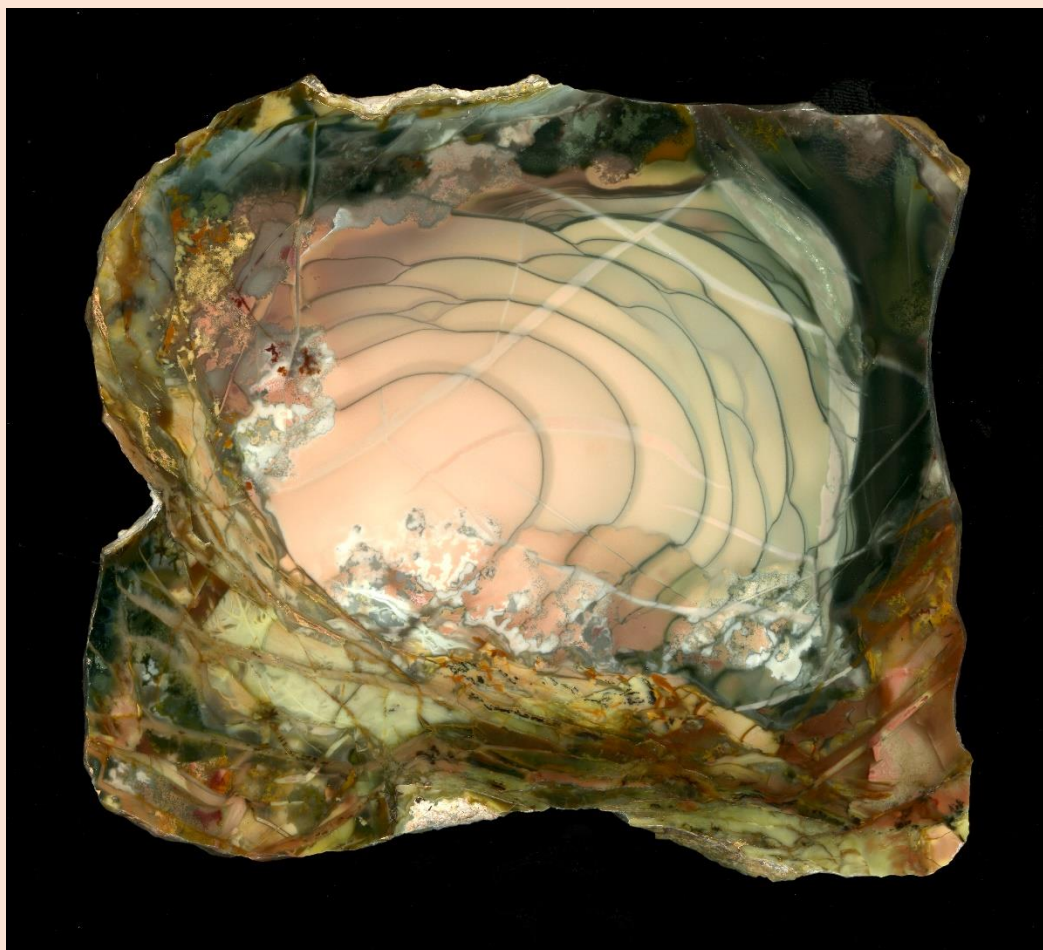
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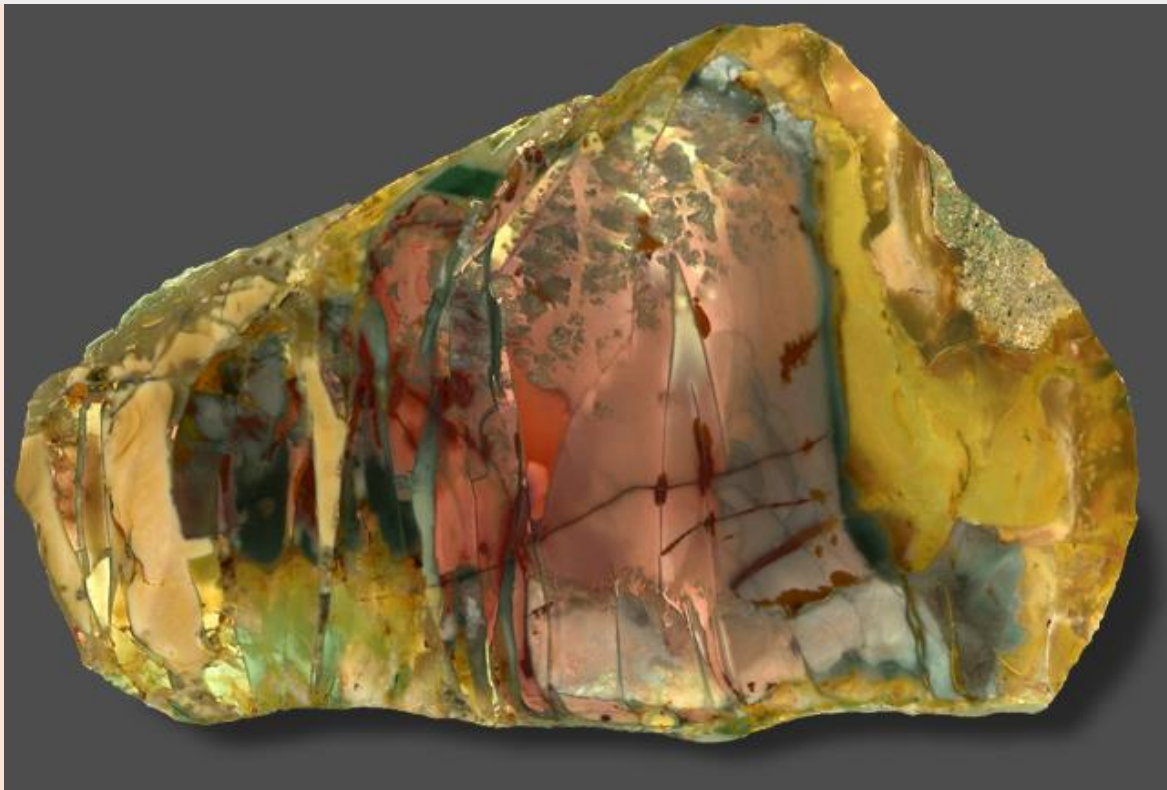
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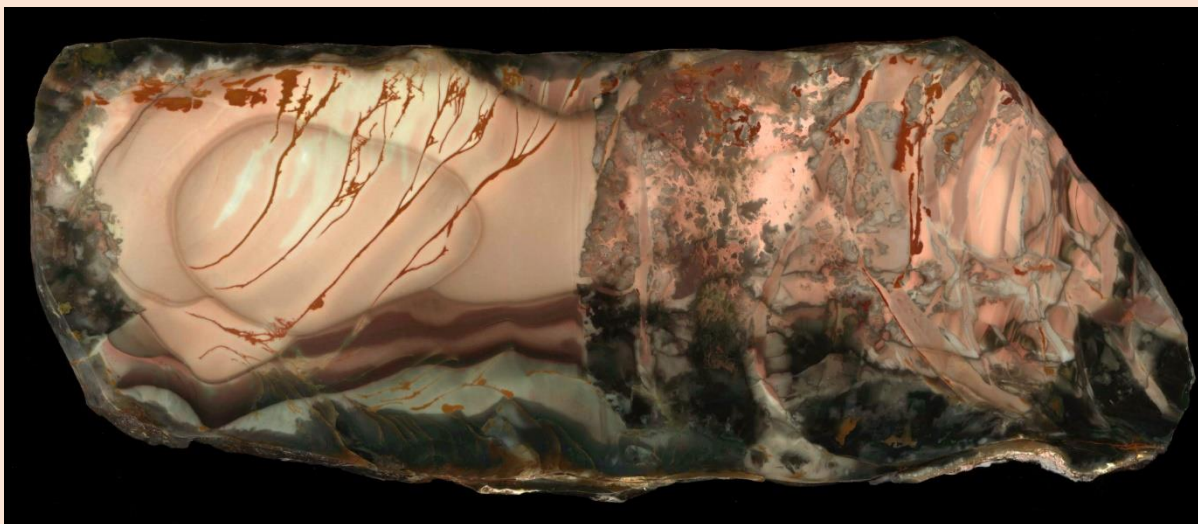
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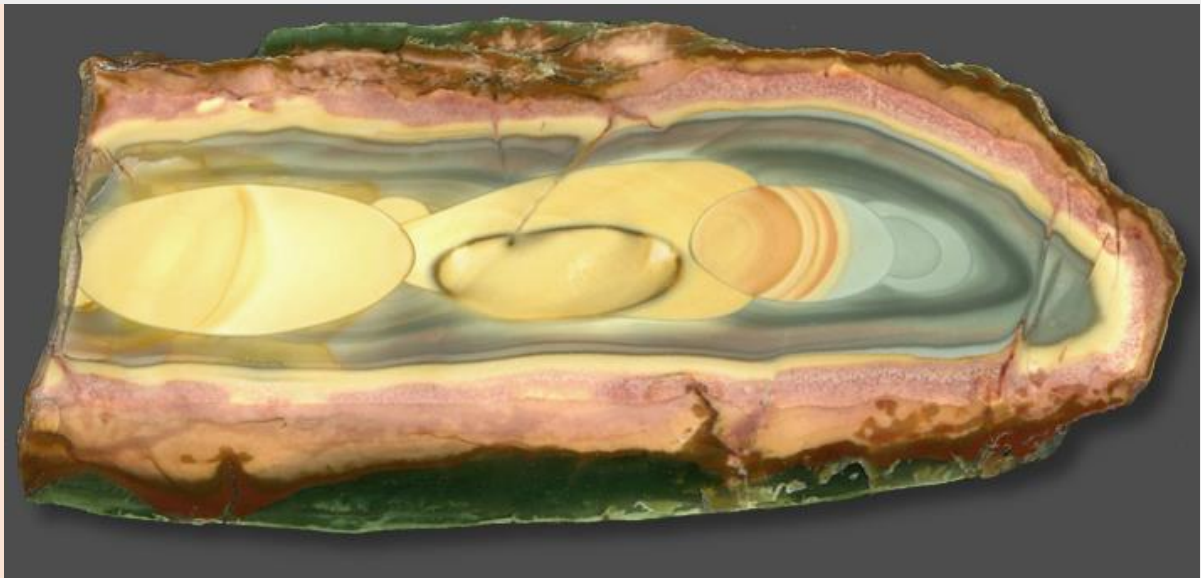
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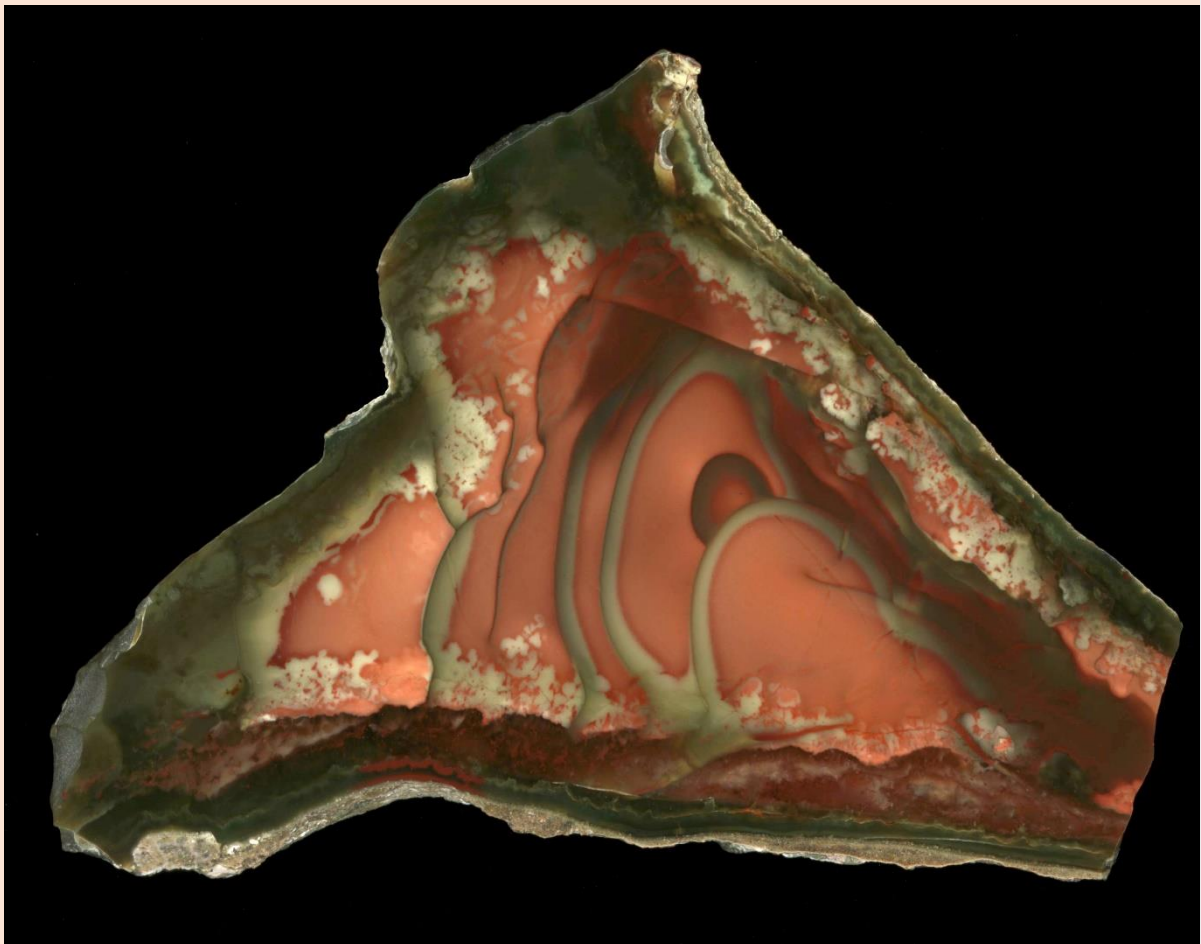
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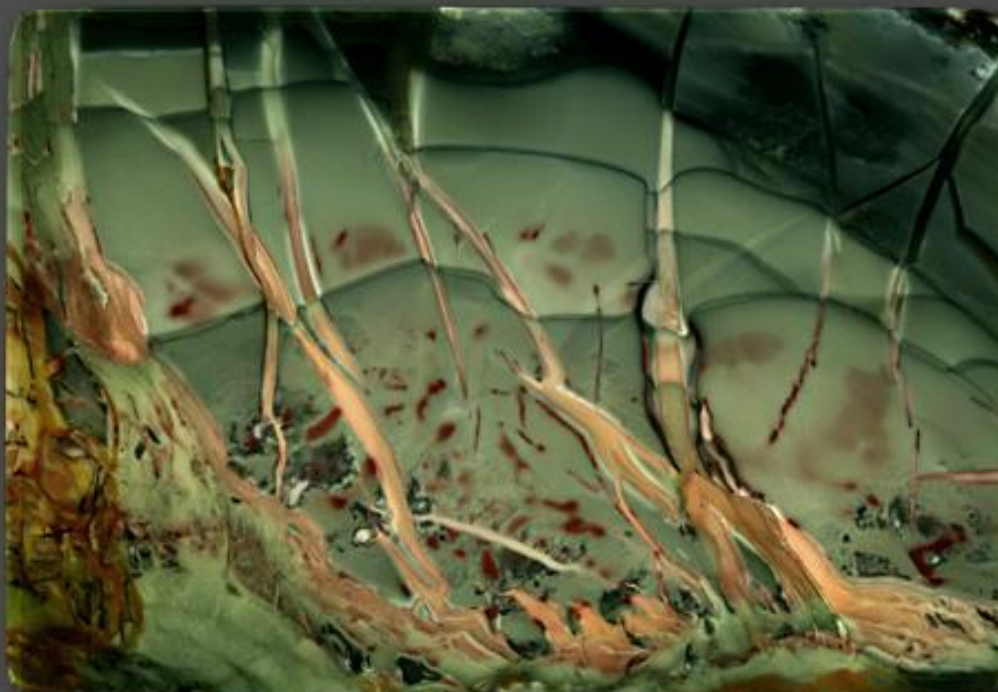
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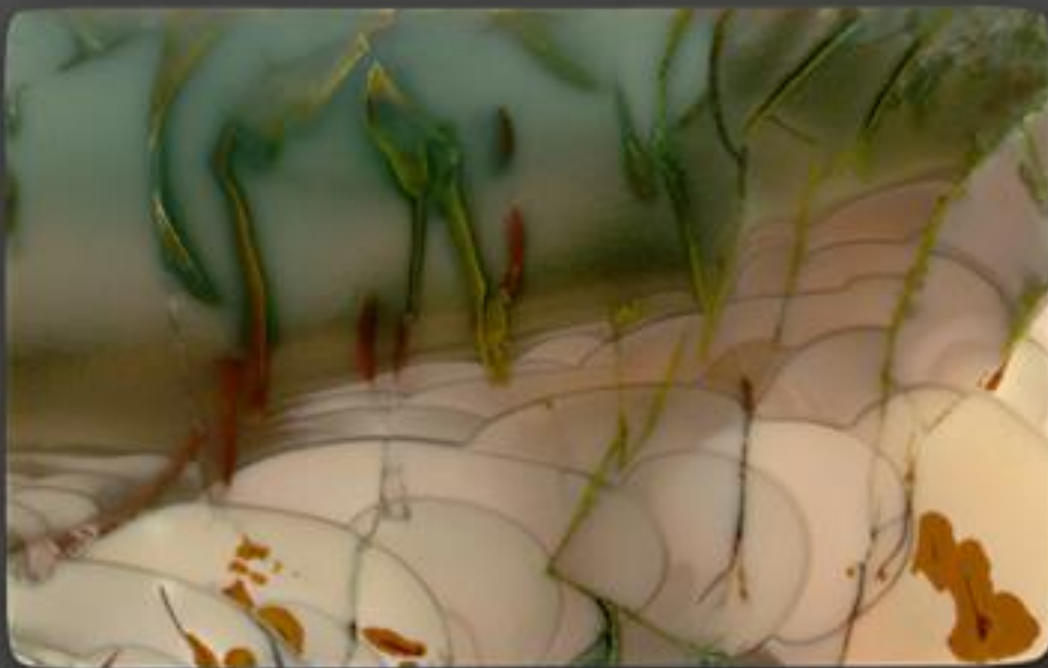
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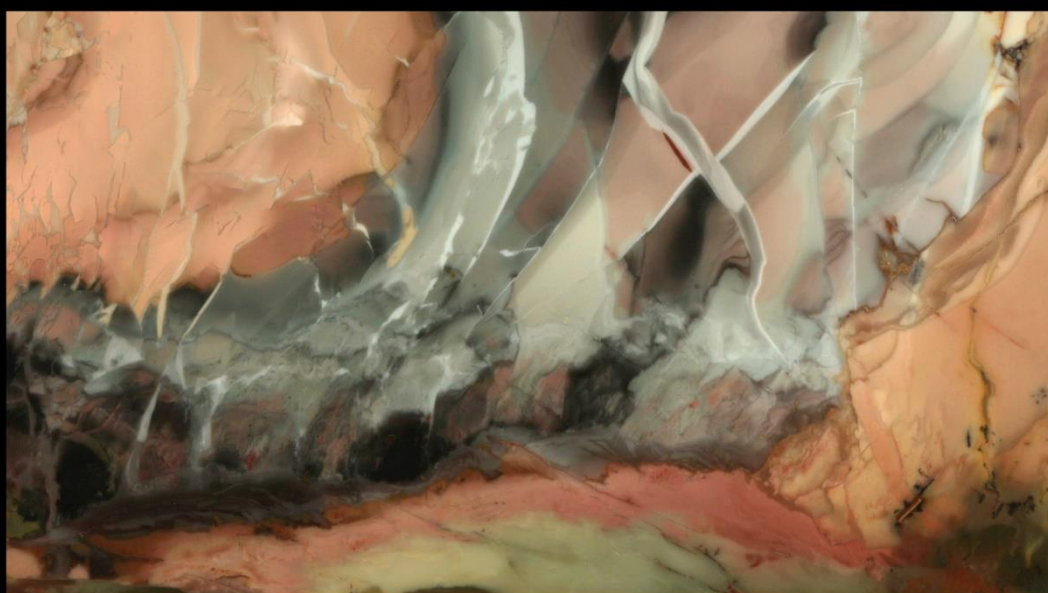
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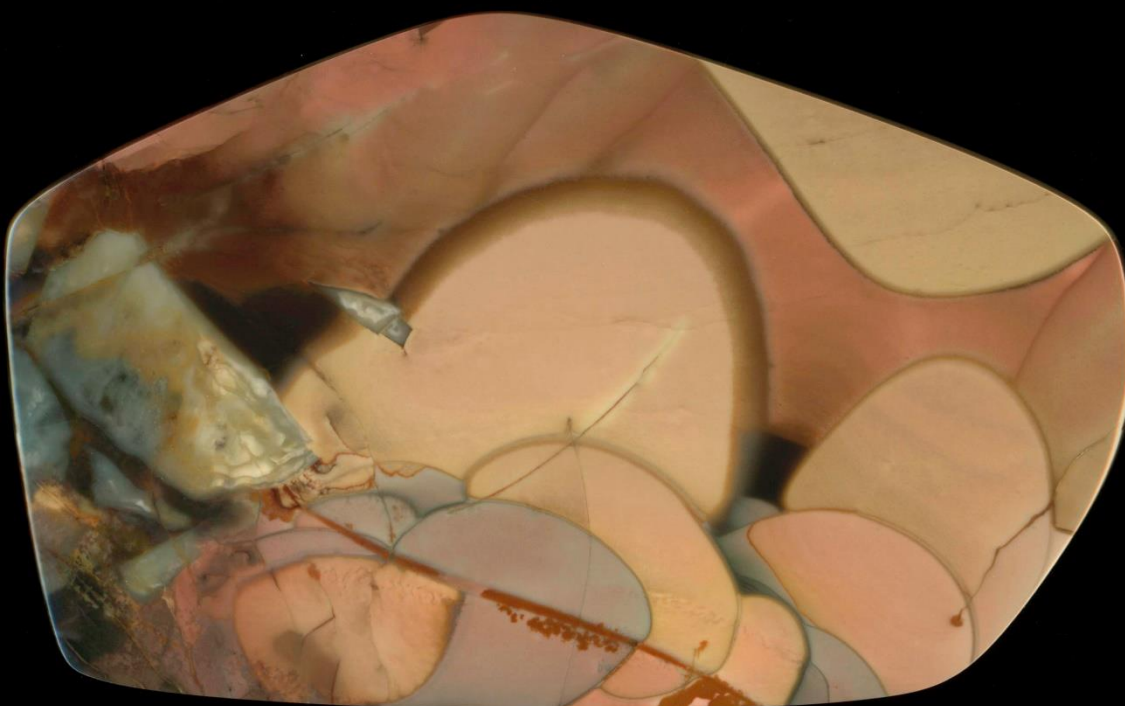
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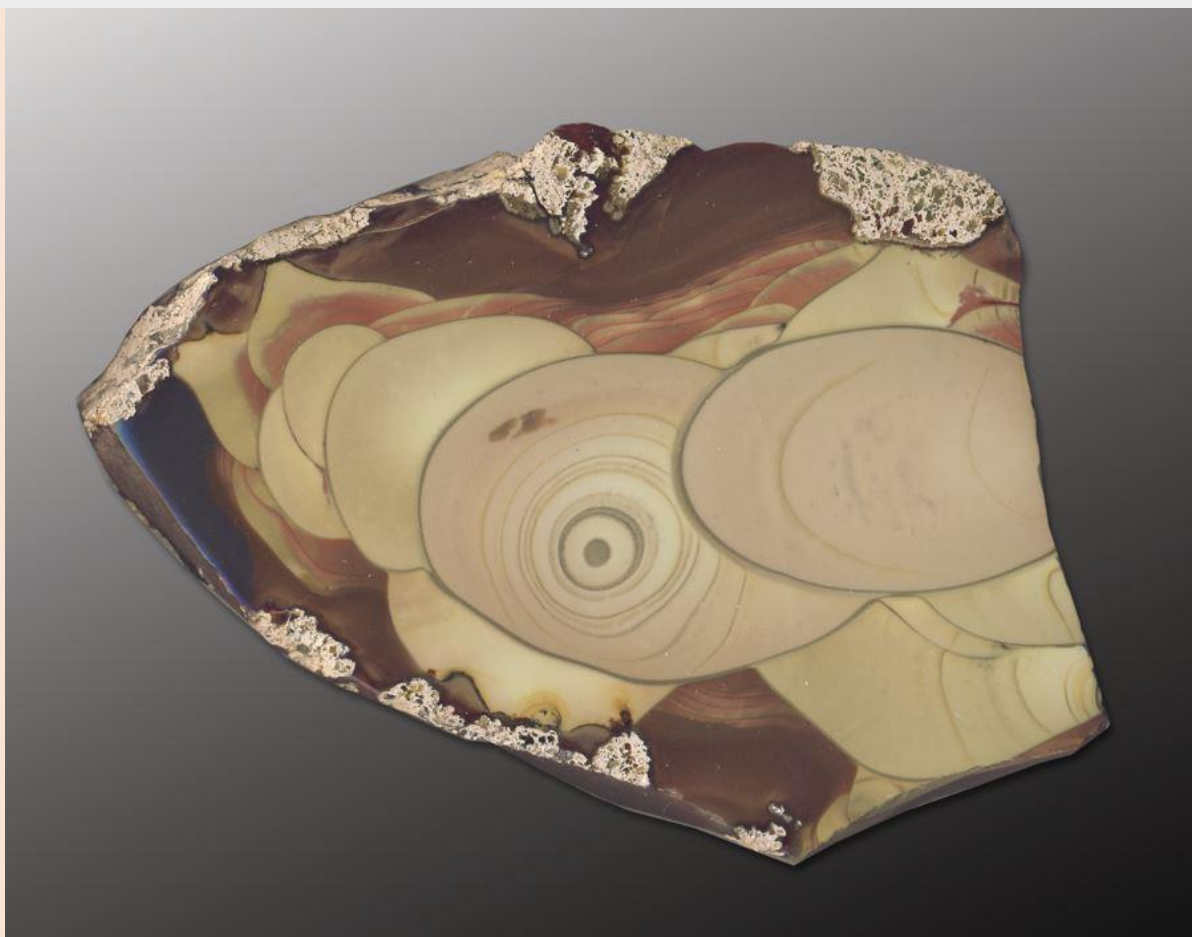
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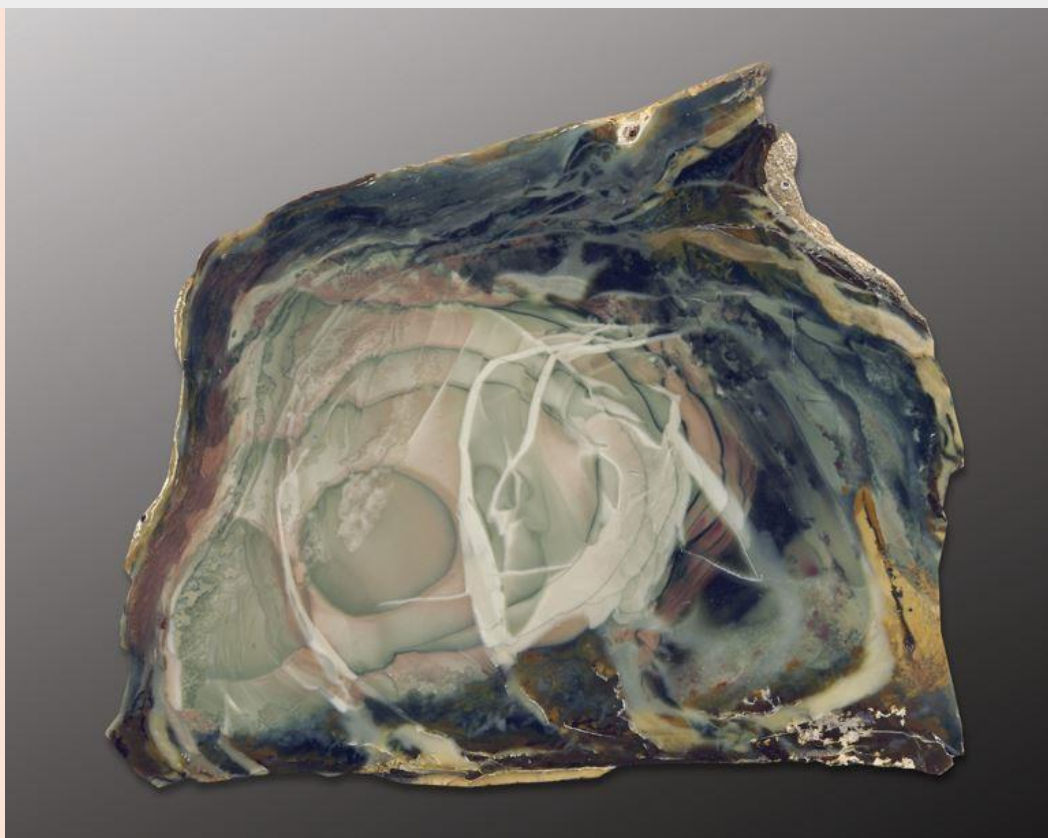
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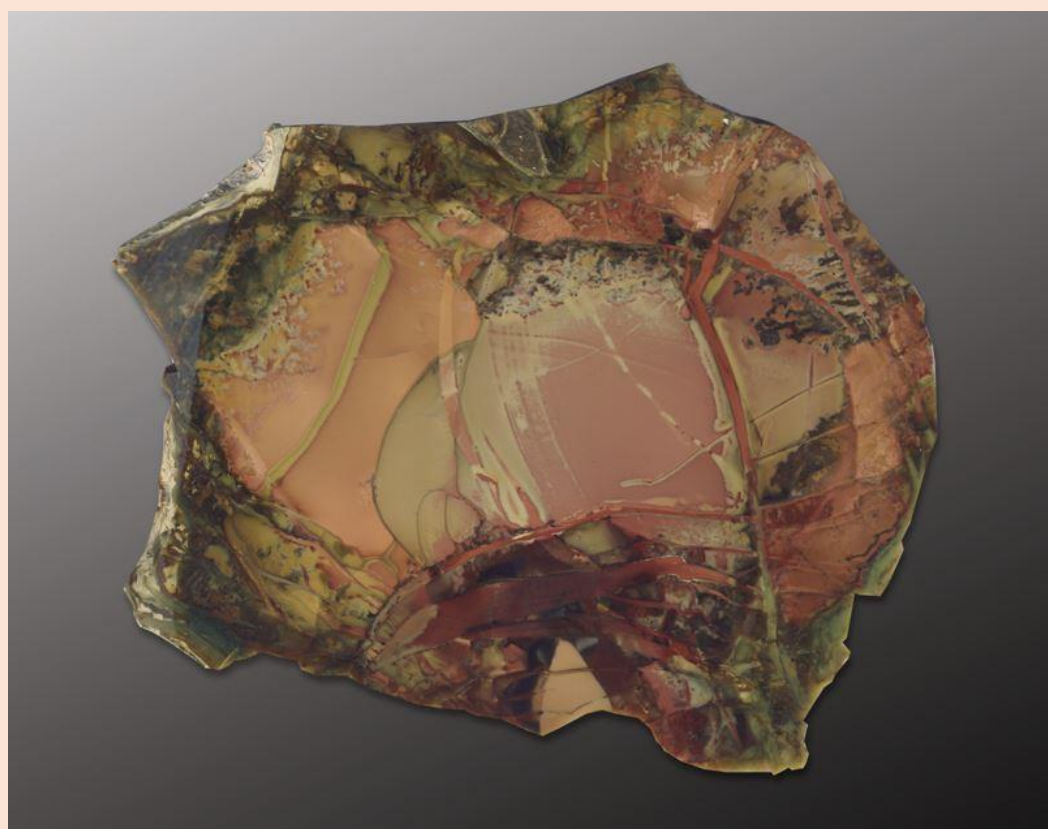
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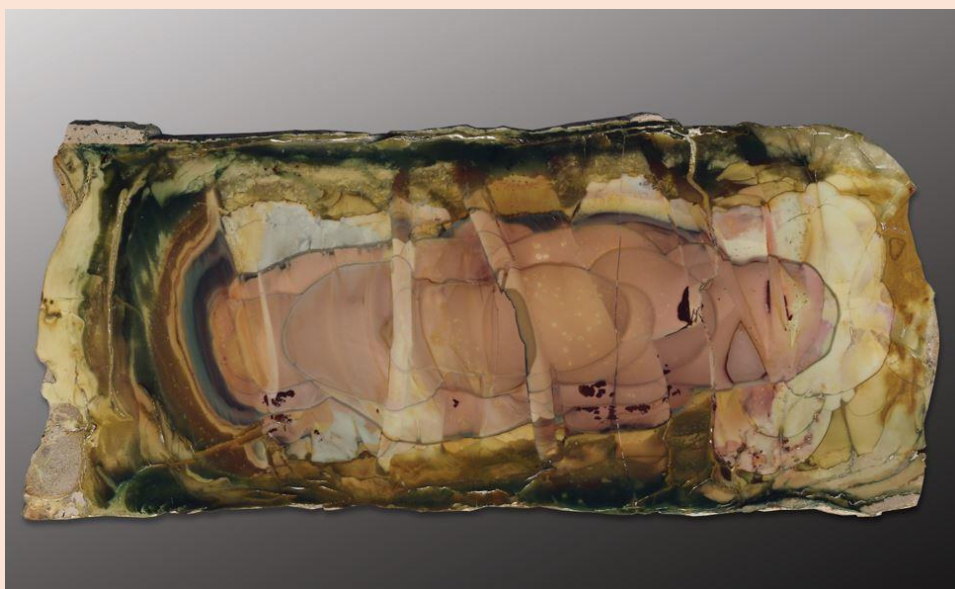
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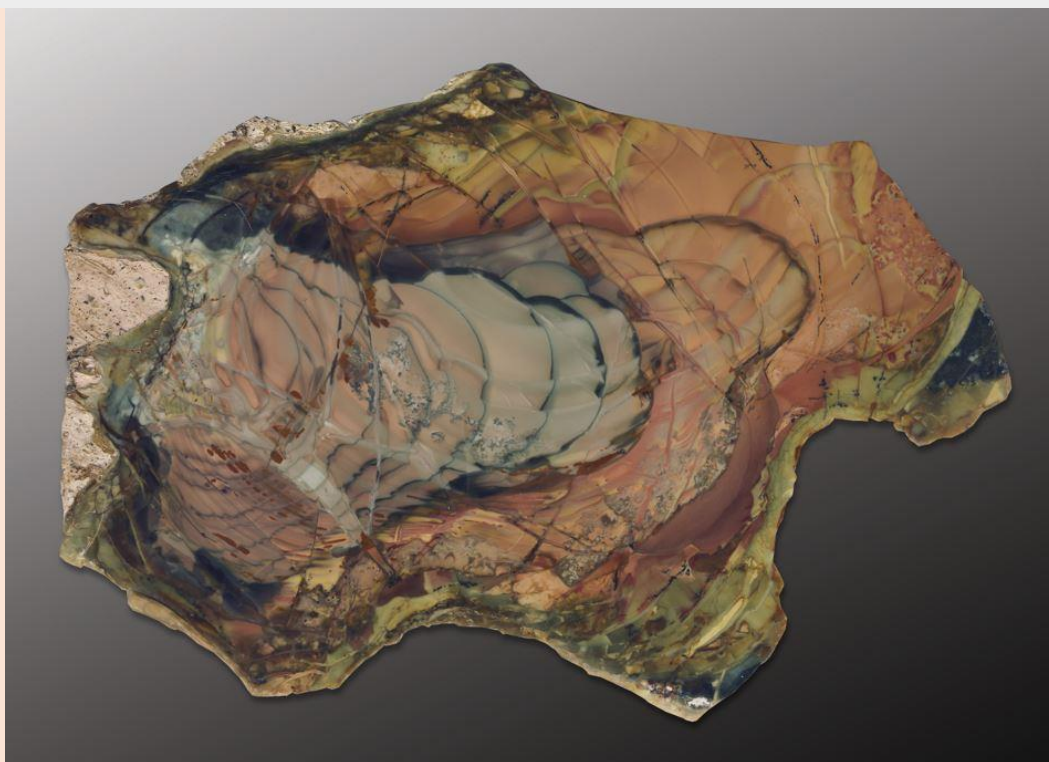
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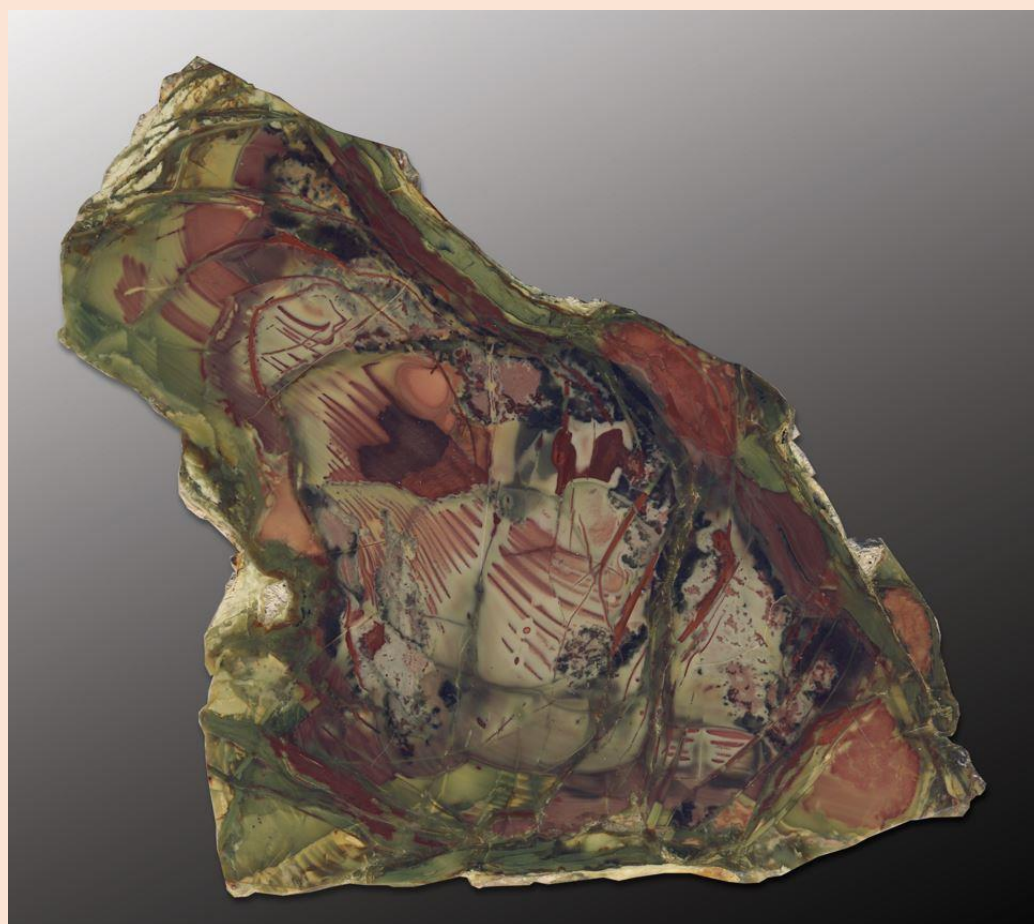
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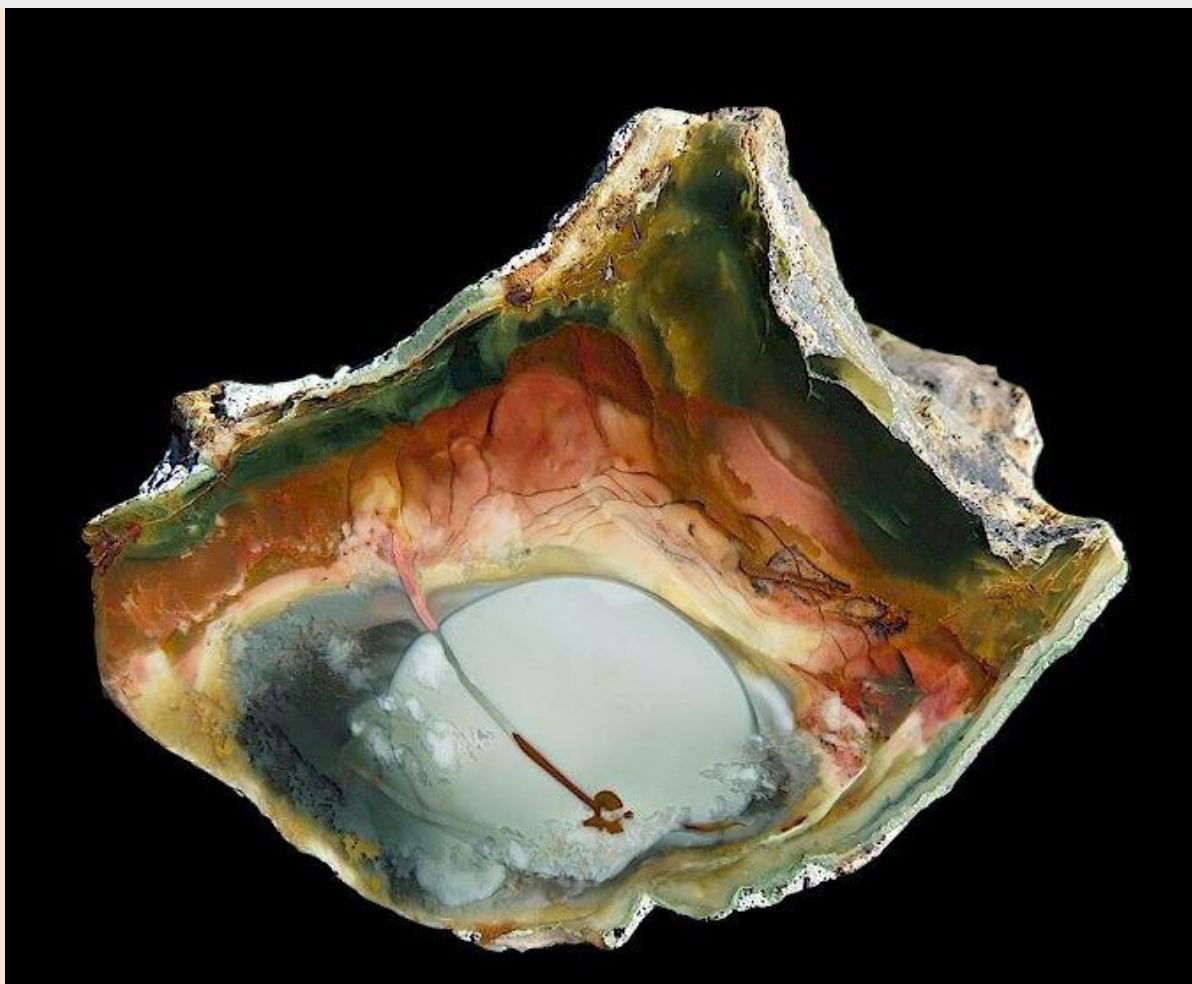
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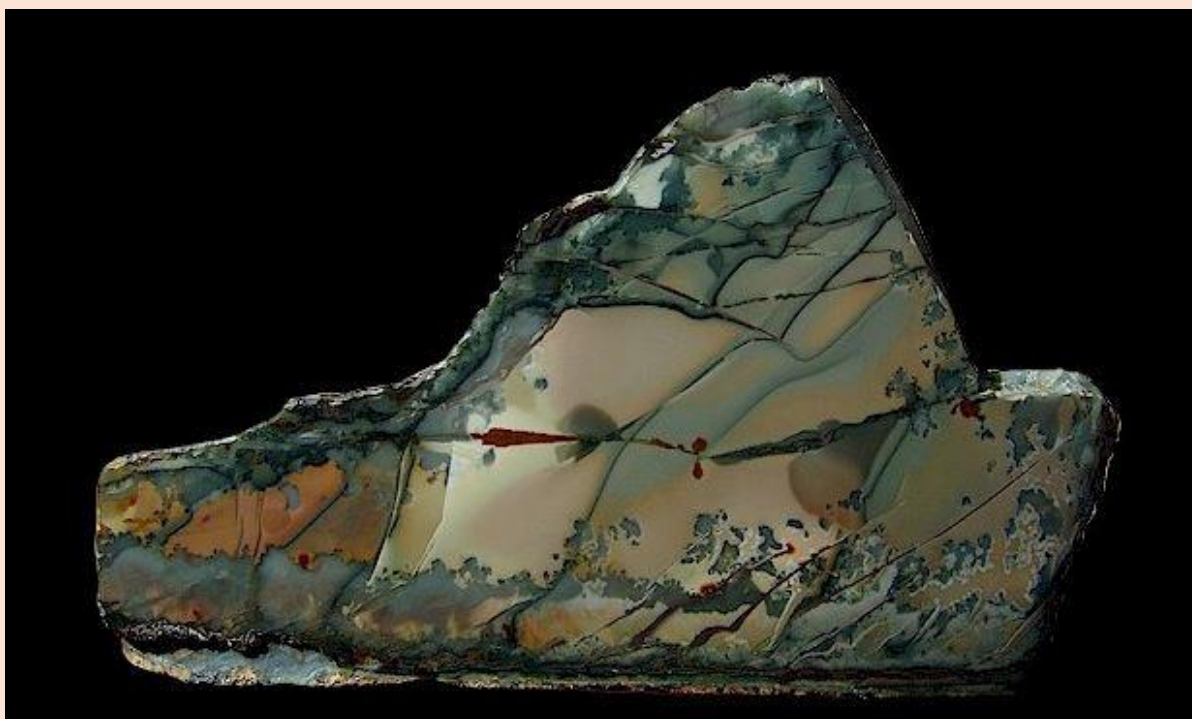
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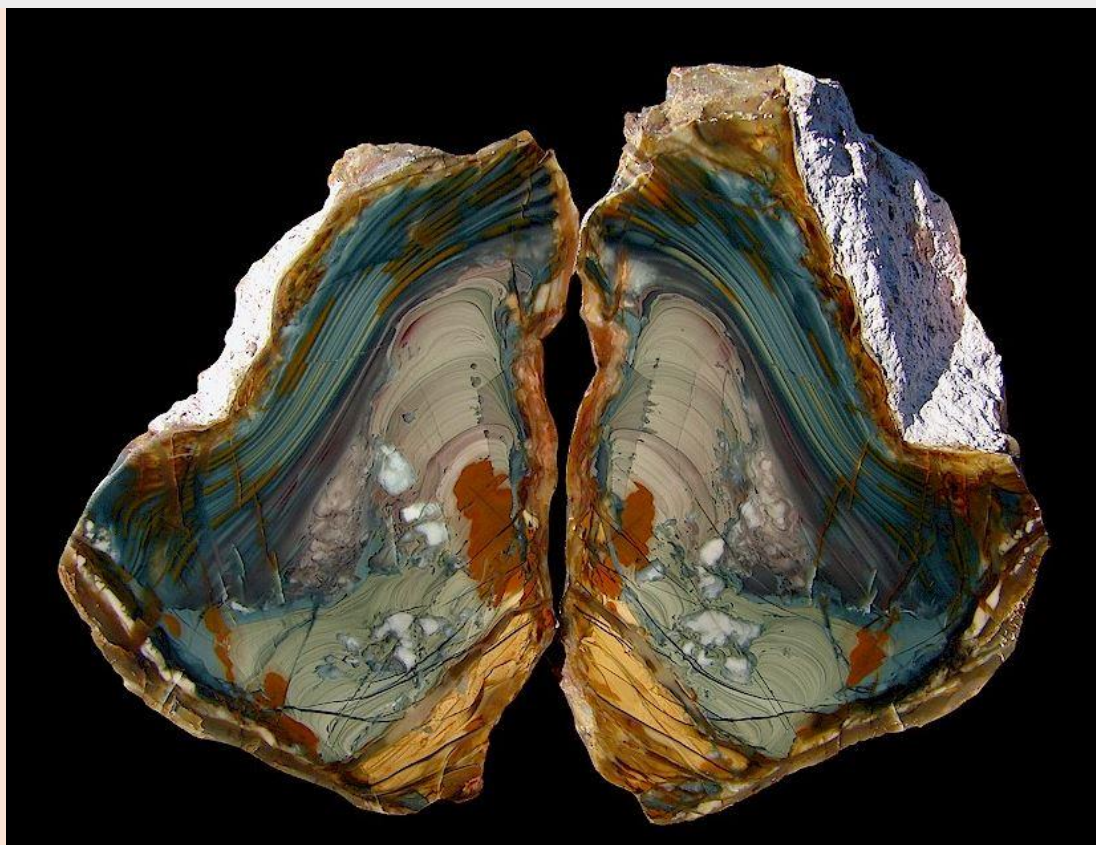
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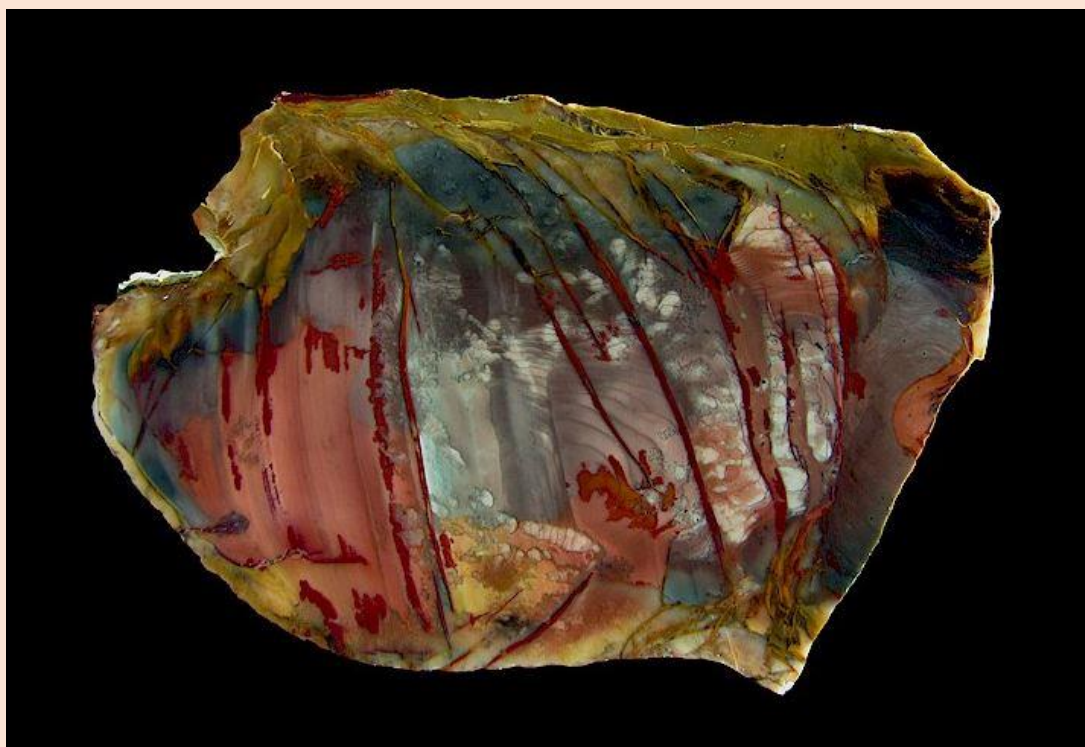
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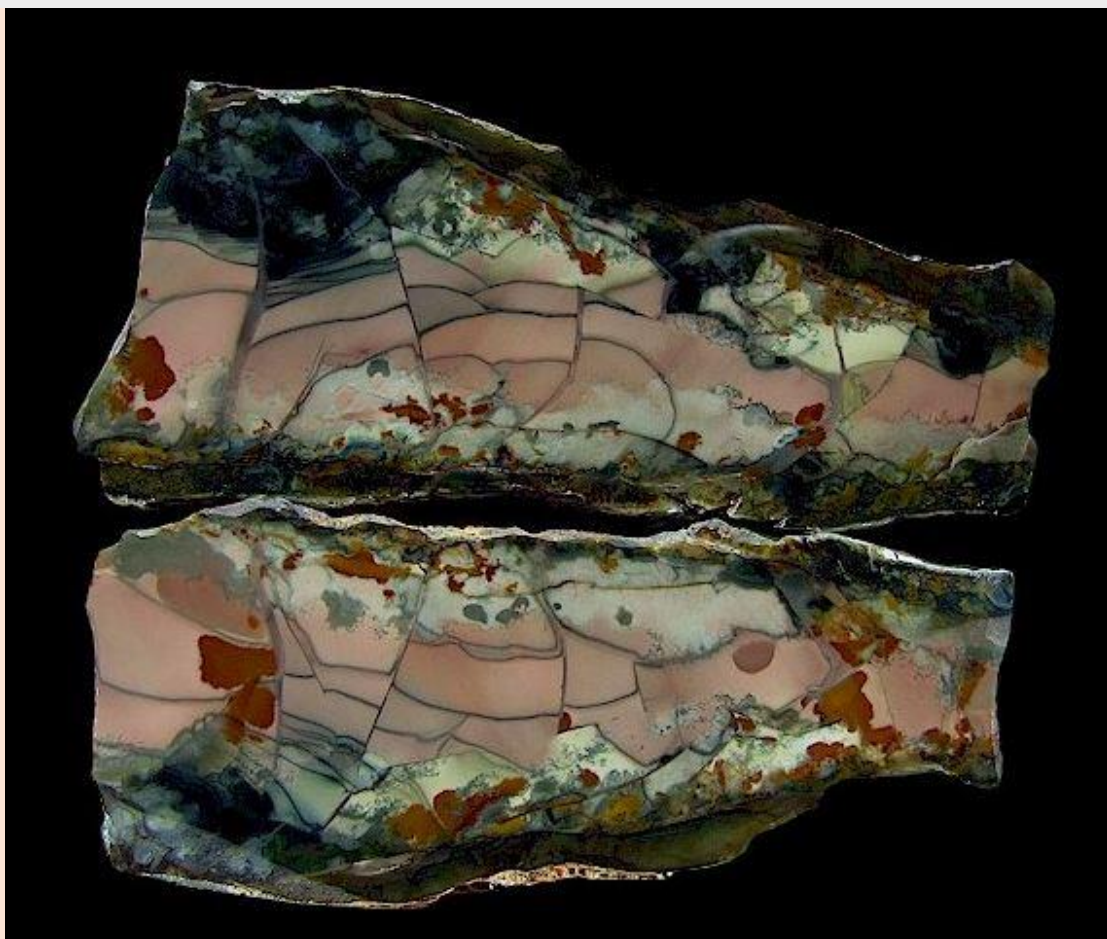
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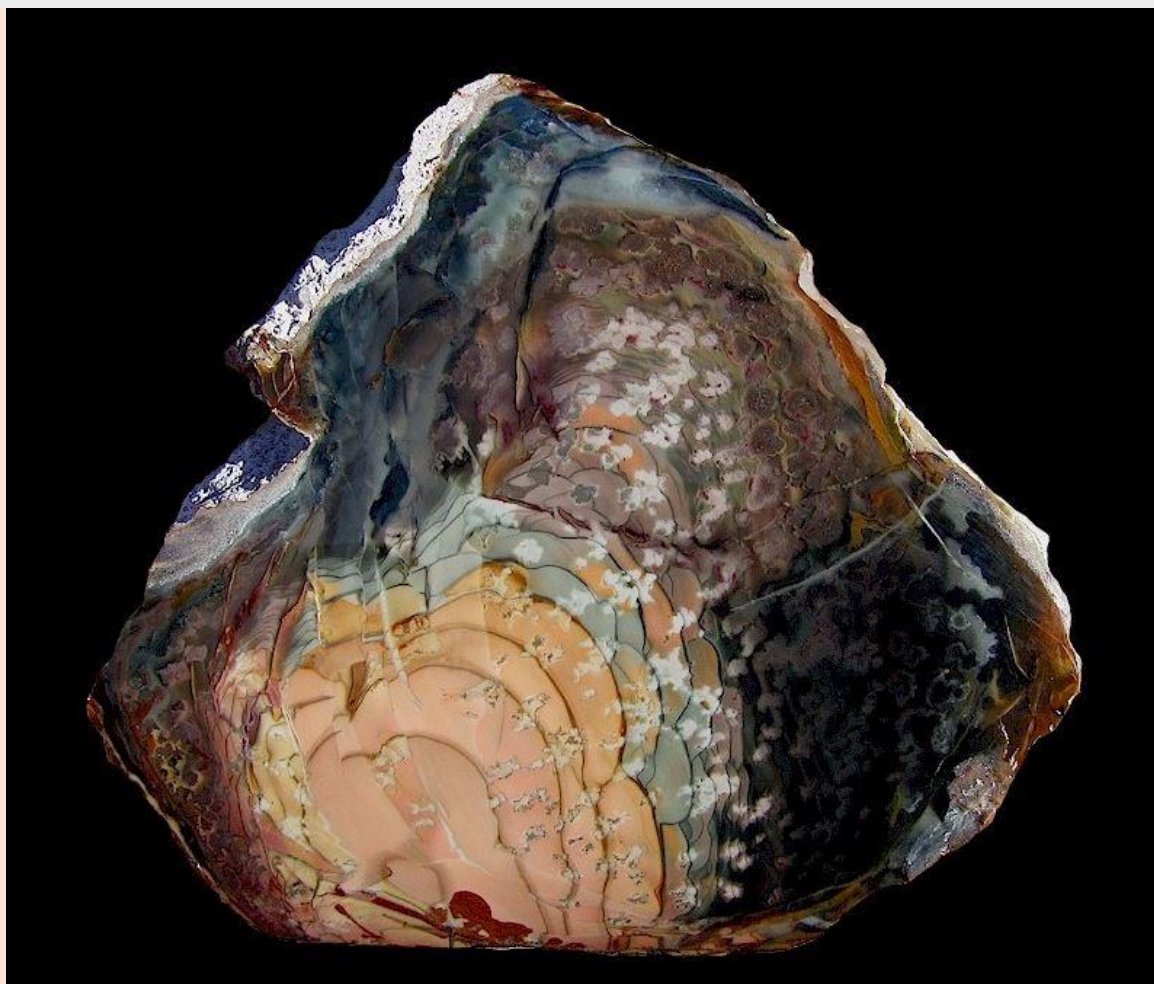
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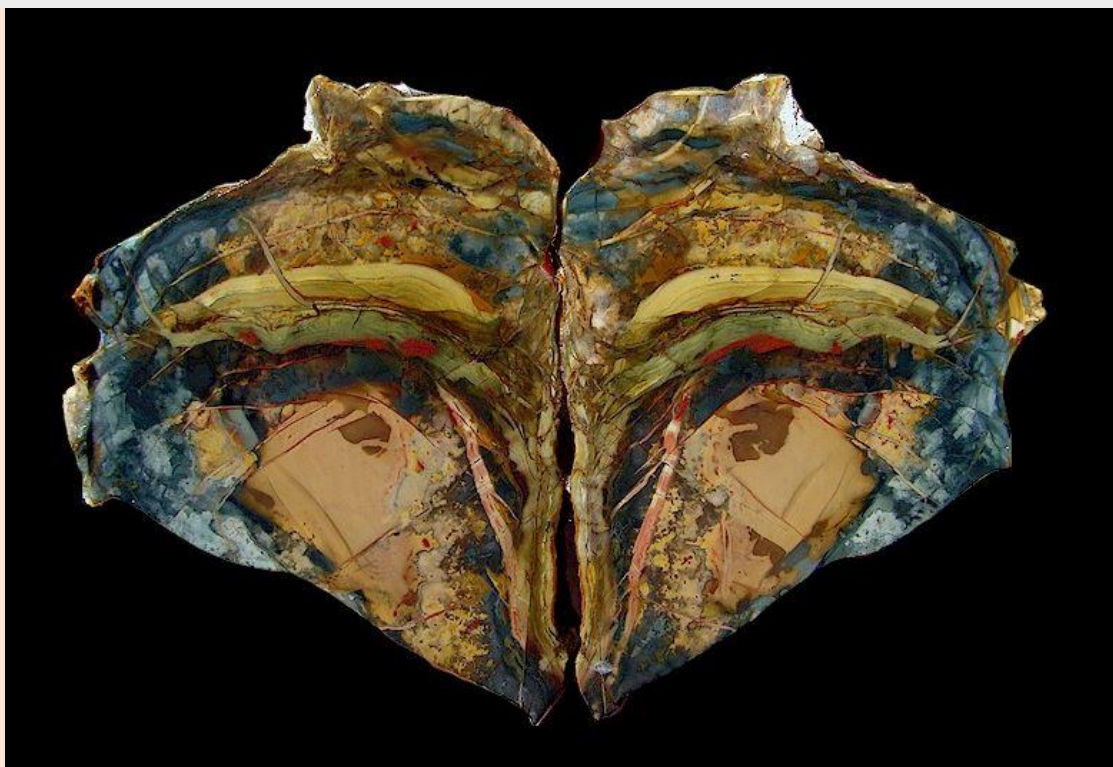
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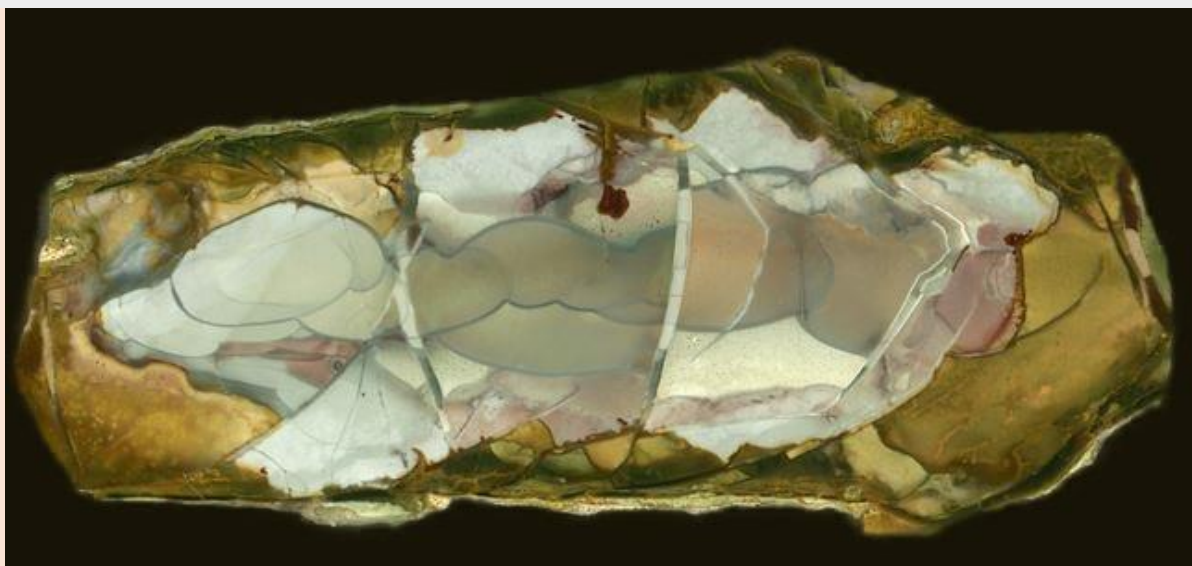
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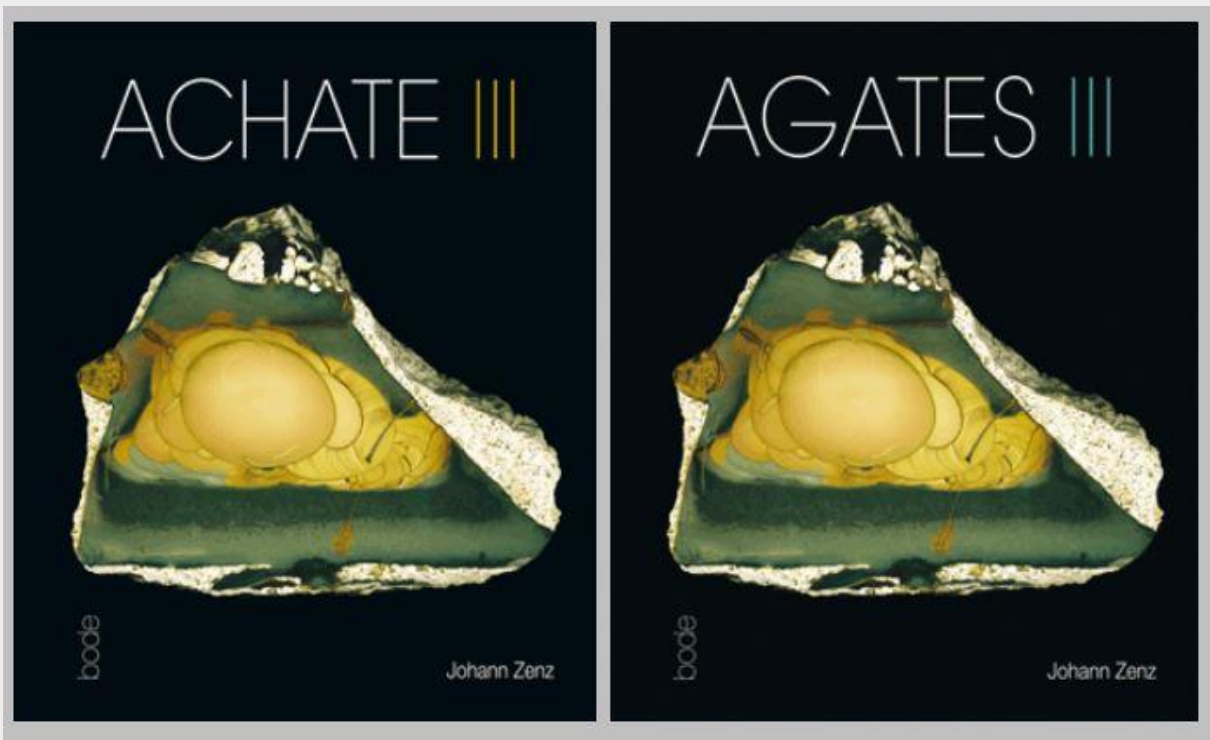
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