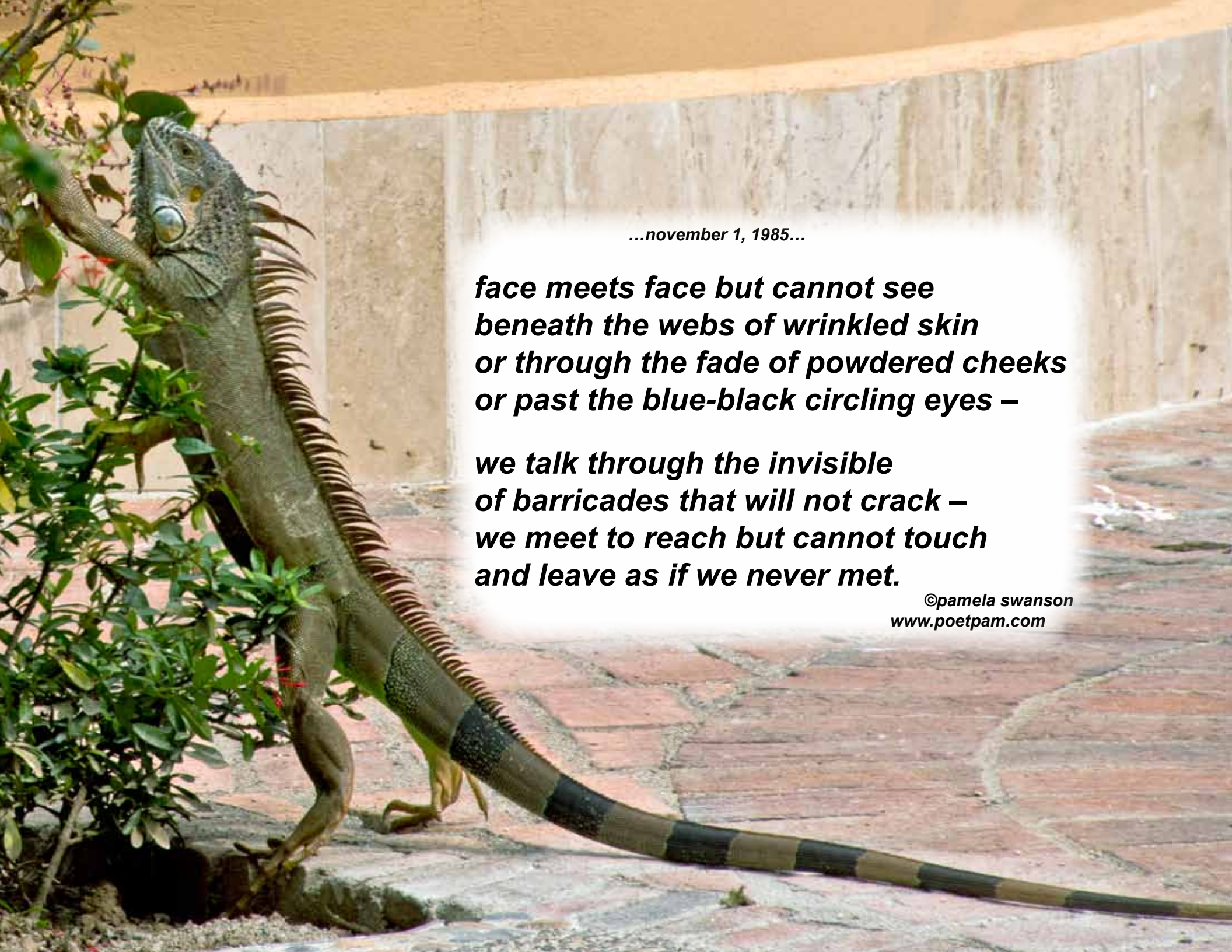




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*face meets face but cannot see
beneath the webs of wrinkled skin
or through the fade of powdered cheeks
or past the blue-black circling eyes –*

*we talk through the invisible
of barricades that will not crack –
we meet to reach but cannot touch
and leave as if we never met.*

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