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By Virginia Adams

Once upon a time, sibling studies were always about children. No more. Psychologists are now investigating adult sibling relationships and finding them remarkably various. For a good many brothers and sisters, closeness and competitiveness remain for years in uneasy equilibrium.

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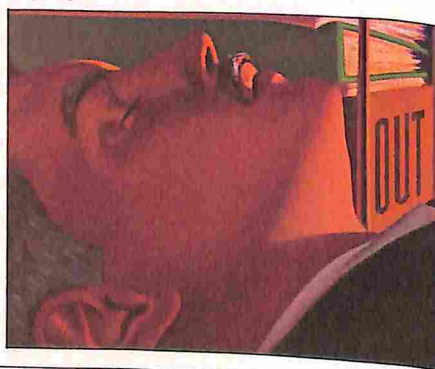
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A fast computer can process 1 trillion bits a second. But the brain's capacity is 10 times that.

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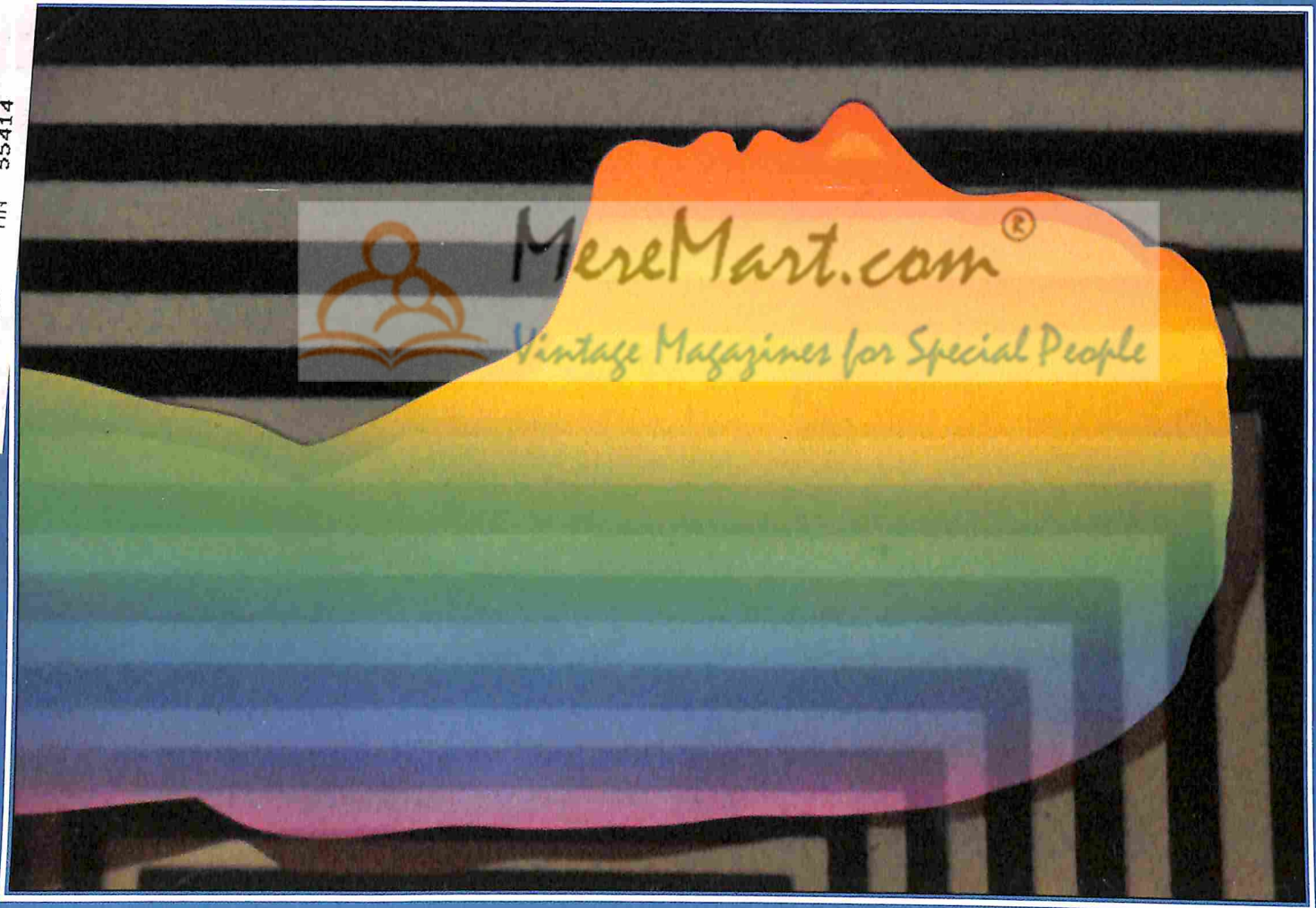
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