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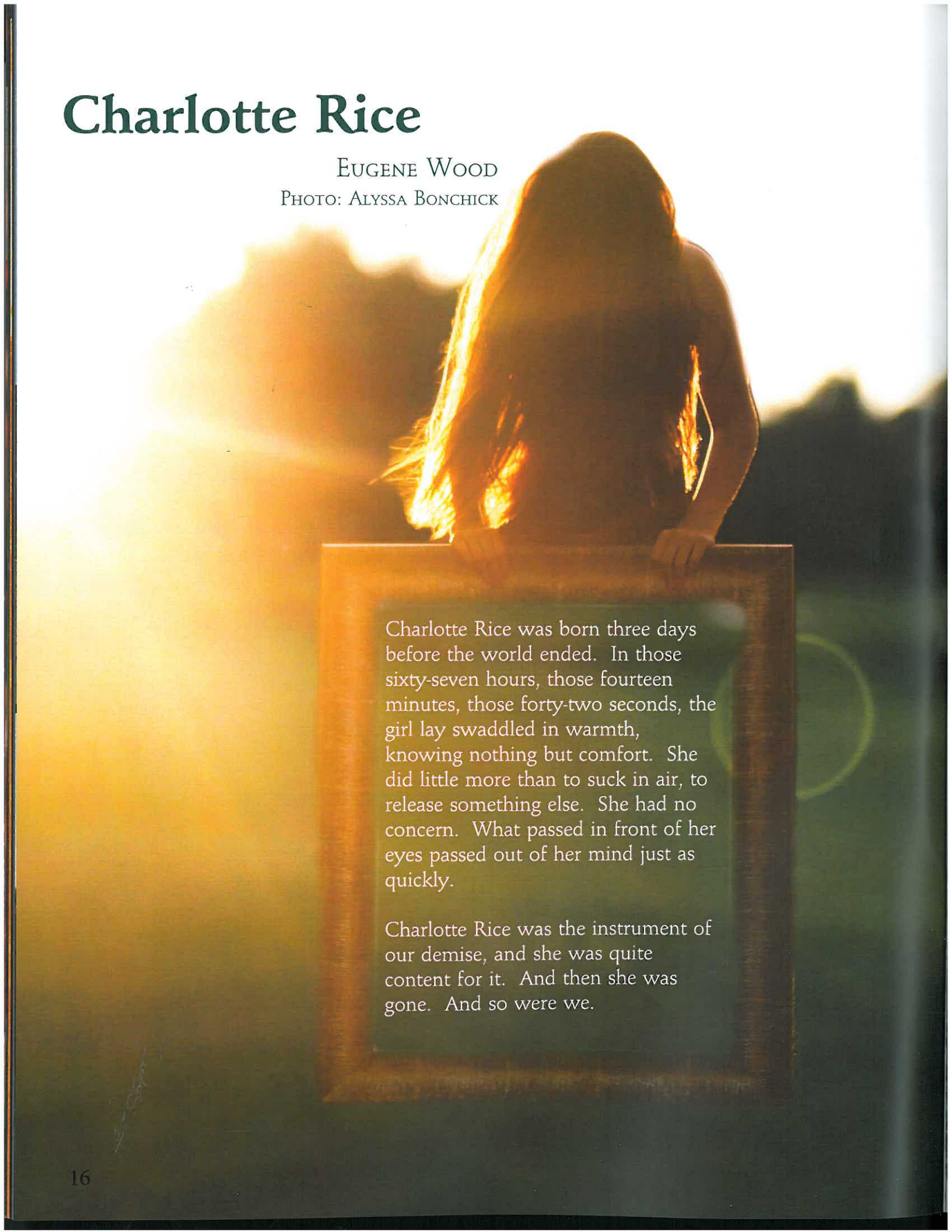
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# Charlotte Rice

EUGENE WOOD

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Charlotte Rice was born three days before the world ended. In those sixty-seven hours, those fourteen minutes, those forty-two seconds, the girl lay swaddled in warmth, knowing nothing but comfort. She did little more than to suck in air, to release something else. She had no concern. What passed in front of her eyes passed out of her mind just as quickly.

Charlotte Rice was the instrument of our demise, and she was quite content for it. And then she was gone. And so were we.