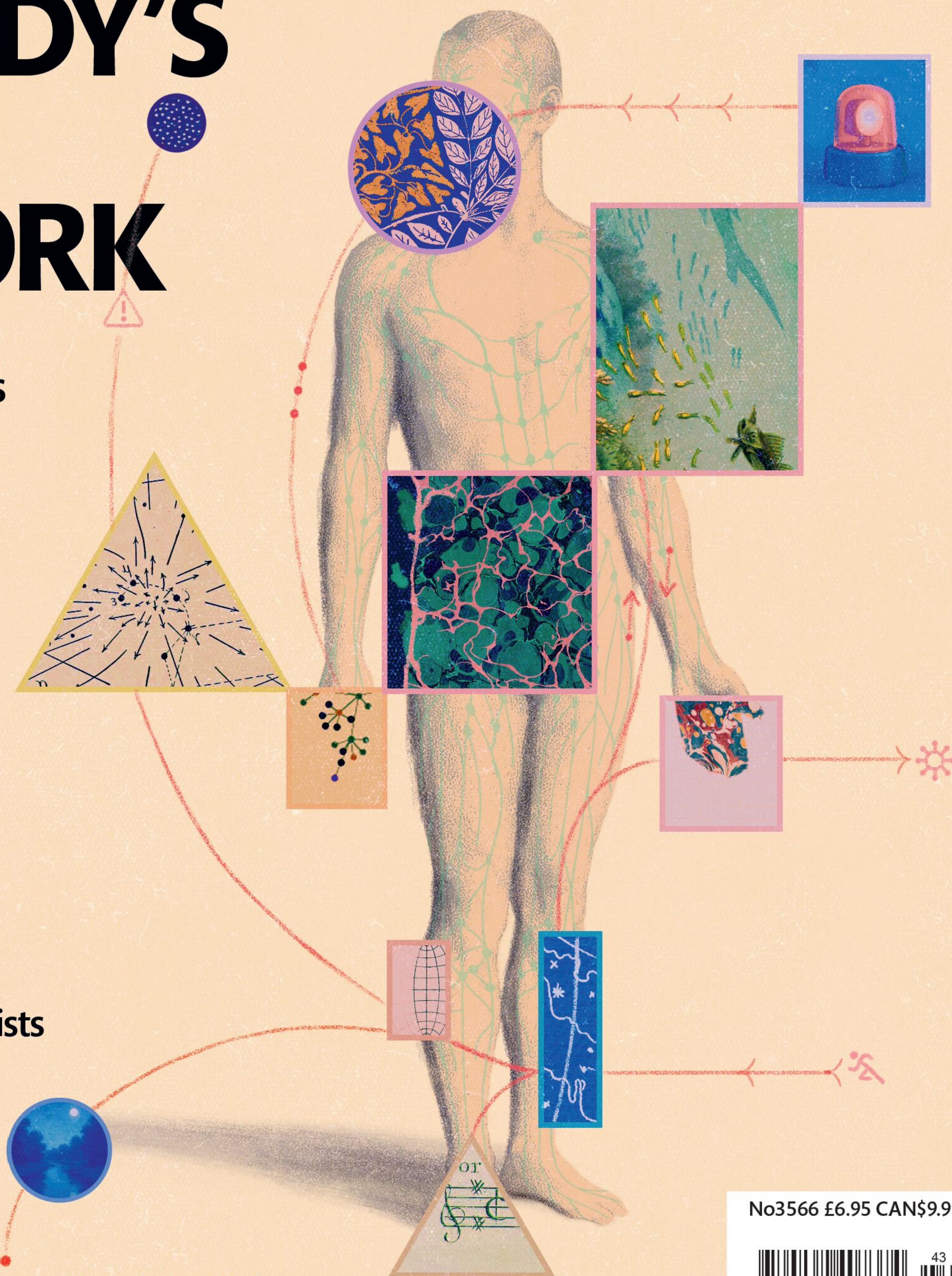


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Astronomy

A once-in-a-millennium sight

This spectacular shot of a comet shooting across the night sky was captured from the Mendip Hills in Somerset, UK, by photographer Josh Dury. The object in question, Comet C/2025 A6 (Lemmon), was at its closest to Earth on 21 October. It should be visible from the northern hemisphere until early November, after which the comet isn't expected to be seen from our planet again for another 1000 years.

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