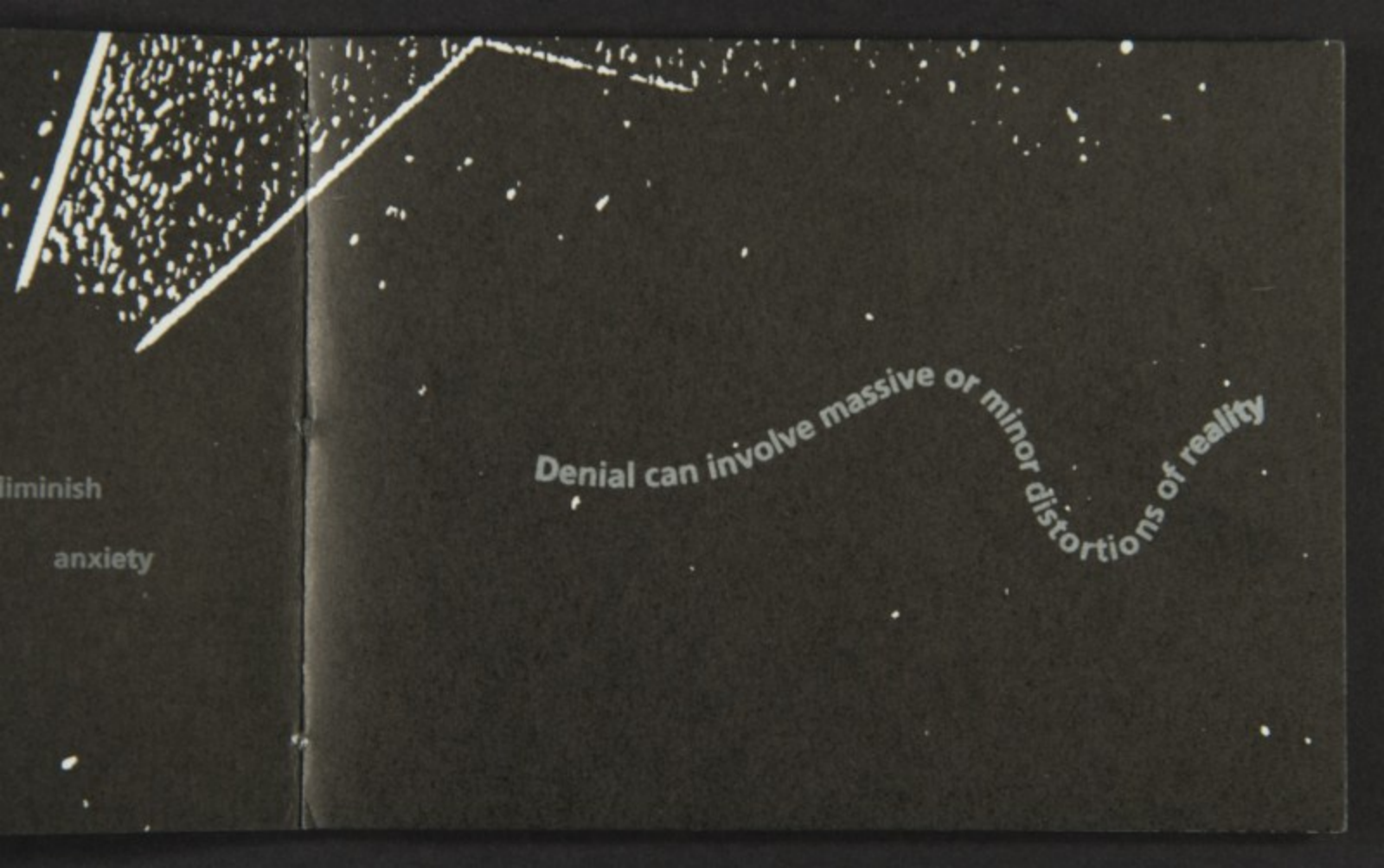


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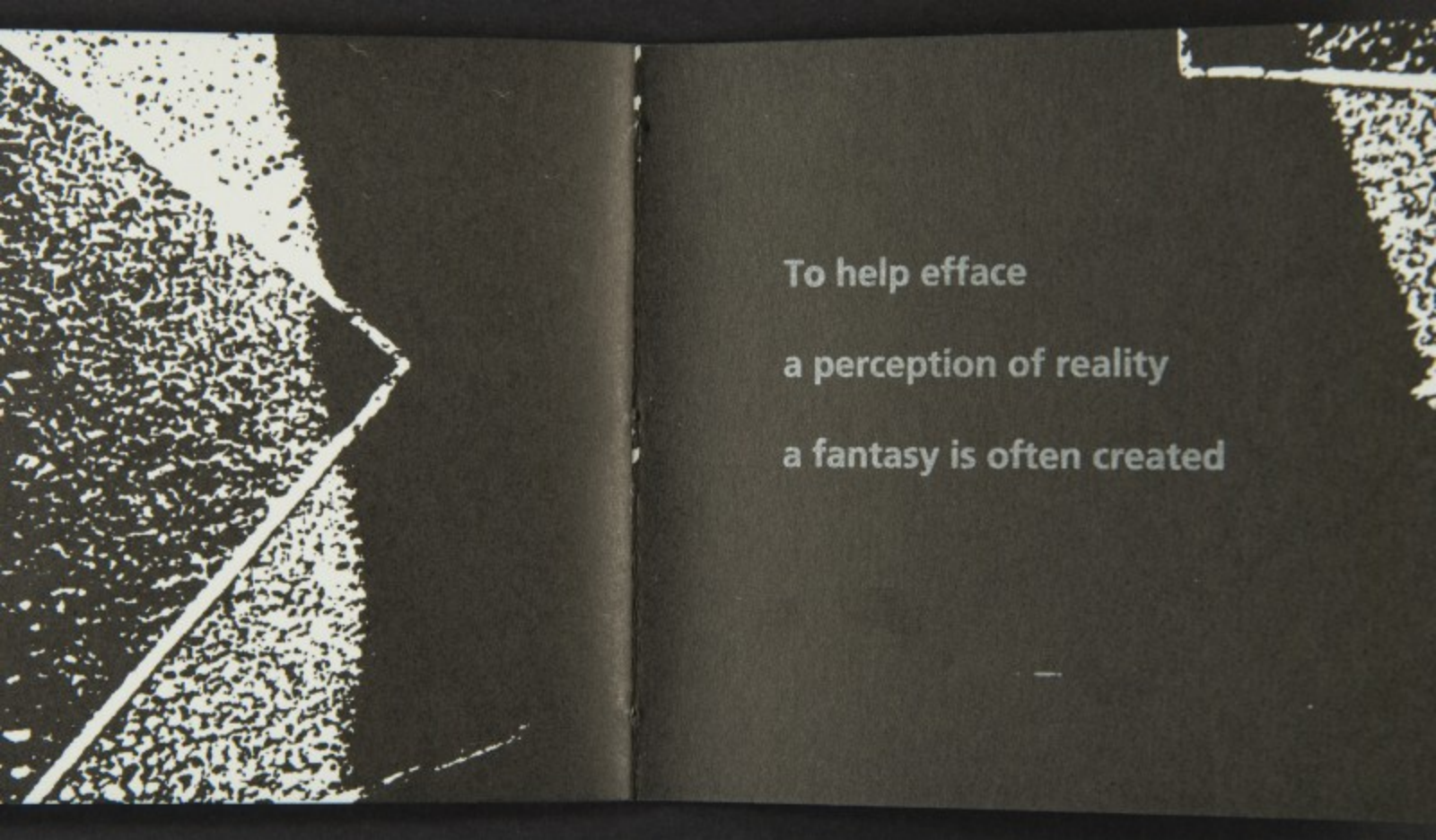
DENIAL



diminish

anxiety

Denial can involve massive or minor distortions of reality




To help efface  
a perception of reality  
a fantasy is often created



A black and white photograph showing a large, five-pointed star on a dark, speckled floor. The star is outlined in white and has the name "ELVIS PRESLEY" written across its center in white, capital letters. A small, circular metal object, possibly a coin or a button, is placed on the star near the bottom point. Above the star, a potted plant with large, broad leaves and several buds is visible. The background is a dark, textured surface, likely a floor, with a vertical line on the left side suggesting a page fold.

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The persistence of denial presents significant problems

At one extreme, denial may be delusional