Little one: Photographer Ami Vitale captured this image of a baby panda, birthed by seven-year-old giant panda Min Min at Bifengxia Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center in Sichuan Province, China. It was three long days and nights of waiting for her to give birth, and the vets thought it was likely to be a stillbirth, Vitale tells us of the birth in 2015. “Much to our delight, a very healthy giant panda cub emerged with a loud scream. She was the largest cub born that year, and first-time mother Min Min proved to be an excellent mother,” says Vitale, author of *Panda Love*. “Giant pandas are born tiny, blind, and helpless. The limbs of newborn pandas are so weak that they are not able to stand, and for the first two months baby pandas only nurse, sleep, and poo. They are weaned between eight or nine months and a year old.” Note: Vitale has had to get into disguise to photograph the pandas.

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Mother Earth: You may know Jimmy Chin as the award-winning director of Meru and Free Solo. Here, the mountain-climbing photographer captures an aerial view of the newly established Cerro Castillo Parque Nacional in Chile, where a massive effort has been underway to preserve nature. What does he think this image looks like? Chin answers in four words: “Veins of Mother Earth.” Our four-word response: We can see it.

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