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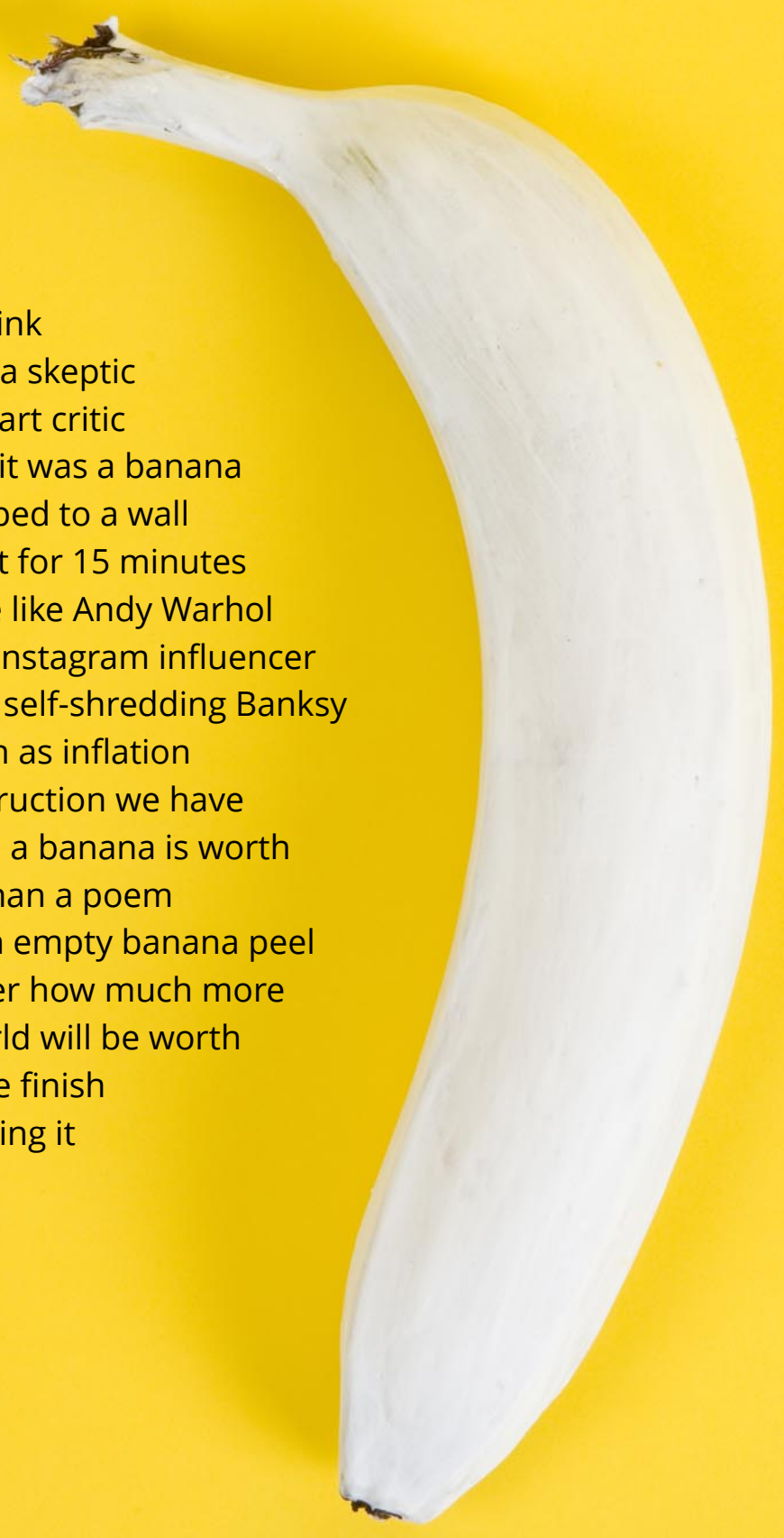
Capitalism or The Guy Who Ate a $120,000 Banana in an Art Museum Says He Was Just Hungry



But I think
he was a skeptic
I mean art critic
I mean it was a banana
duct taped to a wall
he did it for 15 minutes
of fame like Andy Warhol
like an Instagram influencer
like the self-shredding Banksy
creation as inflation
by destruction we have
learned a banana is worth
more than a poem
even an empty banana peel
I wonder how much more
the world will be worth
once we finish
destroying it

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