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*I watched a documentary about a Puerto Rican astrologist named Walter Mercado. I don't know where to start. He was glamorous. Transgender before that was a commonly used term. Androgynous is how it might have been termed when Walter was most popular (in the 70s and 80s). The images of Puerto Rico moved me, made me think of my mother, and her mother (who was born and raised there). I felt like I was in their presence somehow in watching this documentary, particularly via the persona of Walter, who simply preached love and self-acceptance. These are hard times. I am not alone in looking for guidance from other, more potent forces. Walter says the body does not endure. The spirit endures. Walter says he dressed up the body he was given (altered it too) as a means to draw attention to the message he was trying to send. Love. Love. Much, much love. The rest is us getting in the way of ourselves, our destinies.*