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At Couture Fashion Week, an Antidote to the Instagram Age



A design by Christian Dior at the gardens of Les Invalides in Paris. CreditCreditValerio Mezzanotti for The New York Times

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PARIS — Last week, at the opening of the haute couture season, in the gardens of Les Invalides, the gold-domed monument to France's military history where Napoleon is buried, Christian Dior created the world yet to be explored: Wooden crocodiles roamed over arid earth; giraffes through stands of bamboo; and eagles soared overhead beneath the canopy of a suspended map by the artist Pietro Ruffo.