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photographed in succession, a labor-intensive process that was divided across scores of artists and technicians. In order to see the art, labor,

and technology of cel animation, Frank slows cartoons down to look frame by frame, finding hitherto unseen aspects of the animated image. What emerges is both a methodology and a highly original account of an art formed on the assembly line.