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Album number two for Dave Grohl and the Foo Fighters was no picnic—what with alt-rock in a slump, their drummer splitting the band, and Dave's marriage on the rocks. Not to mention the long shadow cast by a certain former bandmate. So why is Dave Grohl so darn happy? **By Mike Rubin.**

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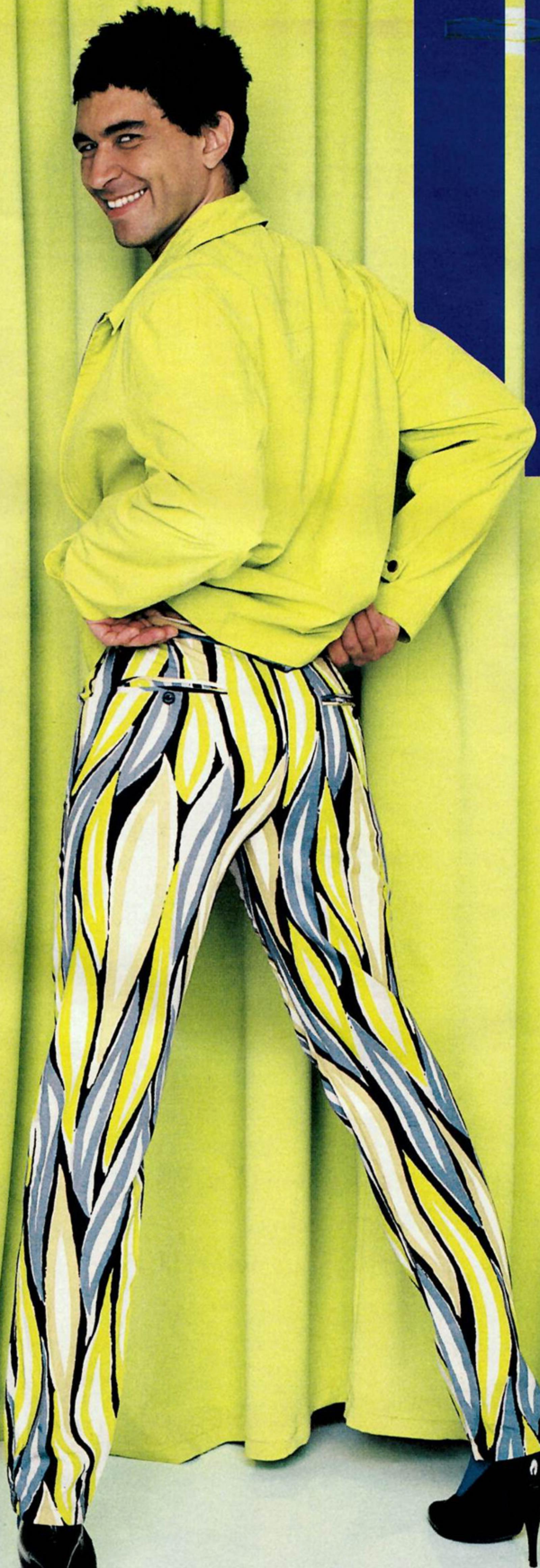
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