

shattered glass. crushed leather. the smell of cigarettes stained on skin. angry eyes. spilled beer. bloody knuckles. vodka tonics. what goes in a vodka tonic? anger. malice. broken tiles. screaming in parking lots. streaming 3am tears. open threats. broken promises. one-sided apologies. 8-hour playlists i can't *bear* to hear. the taste of *your name* on my lips. the sound of your fist when it hit. the feeling of fear and panic set in. and all of it just left me numb.

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