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Our Path

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Our Bathroom

The room's apathy is clear as I walk away, heavy with noise oscillate in my ears. I've been watching

rain stopped. why, when it was

other every 350,000. I've been staring at the fan too, thinking I should turn it off and go to bed.

water forum

against the tiles. My face had

without moving at all.

A shadow fogs my right eye. I hear it sound as though
I was drowning. My present has become a blank sea. I'm

being supported by the

I don't look to see what it is, what it's just there. My eyes remain on the end of the line and the wire runs on it. I decide never to clean it.

I don't know how long it's been since I saw the light to love.

I don't tr

Where would I go? I think I'm making noise or doing something,
the white noise makes an enigma of me.

It's just a few minutes. Let me hear in your own voice now.

from *Avatar*, I decipher the words "let, lift, and relax" and "and unbinds, I fly". When was it last suspenseful like

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...like this when I refused to

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splashes of adventure that

"I'm cold" I'd say, I

attack each available air pocket.

"Wouldn't it be like this?"

"But I just... mmmmmaa" loser kicks this time and with a

slightly cunning look upwards I'd say "five more

minutes please, you said" "hmm, I think I did say," she said smiling,

smiling and lowering me to the ground in a triumphant

On the mat I throw myself into puddle

I slowly retreat

resembling a raw chicken, rocking in the realisation that I did want

a towel after all. Not that I would ever have admitted it. It always

came though, with flapping and lifting simultaneously. My

neck squashed and my

puckered against the nape of my neck, trying to blow

nostrils, failing.

No urge to touch grips me now in the

I feel myself being lowered with no sense

of protest. The water draws a line across my face and my

eyelashes grow wet with steam. I am

heat fails to sink me. I look down at my chest and realise then

nothingness I feel about the lifelessness in there.

You have to care to feel self-conscious and you can't care if you've

forgotten how to do it. I can see that feeling, but I

hold of it, the utter urgency to diffuse someone's image of you to

which you are denied access. I pretend to know it; guiding the way

over my right breast. I can almost see the namo, a cheap, humble, but

tactically immune to the world was in the

I'd watch her in this wrapping, my childhood soaked in a strident stroke

of eyeliner would come hand in hand with a faintly lit of her

wine rested against the mirror and a



be a long way from the air to the ground, way of the birds

In this state,

That he has no more to say and still

The hum of the

early morning wind

It is a word

a rag doll

I wait in the

ignoring the

I know that

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explodes

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Wants

back hands clasped

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point and then lets it flatten

humming a song.

I close my eyes thinking

warmth trickle down my neck and behind my ears.

I could stay here forever

as per

you're taking me from the

but the star begins in the from the

that can never find cause.

She impresses me with her grace

just as my

the one who

The ritual begins and the warmth of her leg

I rock and fling my head back, my liveliness

rewarded with a kiss

and my

for the first time

the weight of my

I fling my head back expect

but only the

stage, back to the

It squirms in my hand a prize

I hold the top and then release it

reflects her

way hall of mirrors. In

him, she finds a total knot. Even when

she says, "I'm not really a virgin," it's a virgin's first time.

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