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## **Abstract**

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My footsteps echo on the cold marble of the city court. I watch you on the other side of the room. Our names are called and my heart pounds as we enter the final goodbye. Dry eyed, I state the facts as I watch you die before my eyes. Only an object, not a person. It is too late for second chances.

In the distance, I see you on the pier. Storm clouds blow overhead and the waves dampen the walk. The girl at your side is only a distraction. A friend's arm guides me to the water's edge. I watch the waves splash below in an angry storm. As I turn to look back, the glow around you is gone. There is only another body that I pass. I turn and shut the door of my fairy tales.