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don't say nothin'
he warned me
I didn't
ten years ago
I sit
every night
and watch the neon lights flicker
and bounce off the pavement
while outside
the city breathes
I order room-service
but never pay
someone else does
someone else who sits
every night
watching the neon lights flicker
and bounce into my face
"cheeseburger and a pepsi?"
the same boy every night
I don't tip him
I think maybe in the middle of the night
while I sleep
he tips me
my clothes smell like cheeseburger
even though I shower every week
and change my underwear twice daily
while the keyhole watches
watchers watching me

sometimes I give them a show
I sit on the toilet
so the man below can watch my butt
or I spit in the sink
just to wet someone's prying eyes
sometimes I get a feeling
early in the morning
so early that everyone is dead
they're gone
but I stay careful
I remember
don't say nothin'
he warned me
I don't

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