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I saw an old friend today.
Flooded memories came.
Laughing, crying, lying.
Being kids.

Him: crooked teeth, video games, running free.

Me: brace-face, bookworm, candy-crazed.

I saw an old friend today.
New stories came.
Laughing, crying, lying.
Broken kids.
No longer kids.

Him: ears pierced, hands scarred, lungs tarred.

Me: makeup done, wrists scarred, stomach starved.