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WHAT I LIKE

Not the party itself—a flurry of uncomfortable moments—and laughter that really means something else. Not the moment just after the party is over when we fall onto the sofa, dishes scattered everywhere, cigarette butts floating in soda, a single untouched piece of pie on the coffee table. What I like is the day after the party: the signs of guests mostly erased, balloons tied to the pantry but flying a little lower. The leftover food mummified in the fridge. I like remembering that the room was full without standing in a full room. Silence pours in like water and I swim alone: a fish in an empty aquarium.