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some people drown in the depths of a watery grave
[like that wretched ophelia but i prefer pine trees to willow branches]
yet i drown steeped in a crowd of flesh and blood
at a seedy bar where i hold my wallet close and my inhibitions closer
*[/loneliness/ a feeling of being unhappy because you have no friends or
people to talk to]*
to feel alone standing shoulder to shoulder with others
or sit thigh to thigh with them on a stained couch in a godforsaken
fraternity basement
is a worse fate than to feel alone when you actually are
the relentless current of my compatriots who look like me only on paper
*[there were at least two other brunettes but the first one was prettier than
me]*
rushes down my throat and clogs my trachea, lungs, soul
insinuating that the myriad of goosebumps on my pale skin are curated
by the scars of my past rather than the chronic intolerance of the present
tense