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Self Portrait

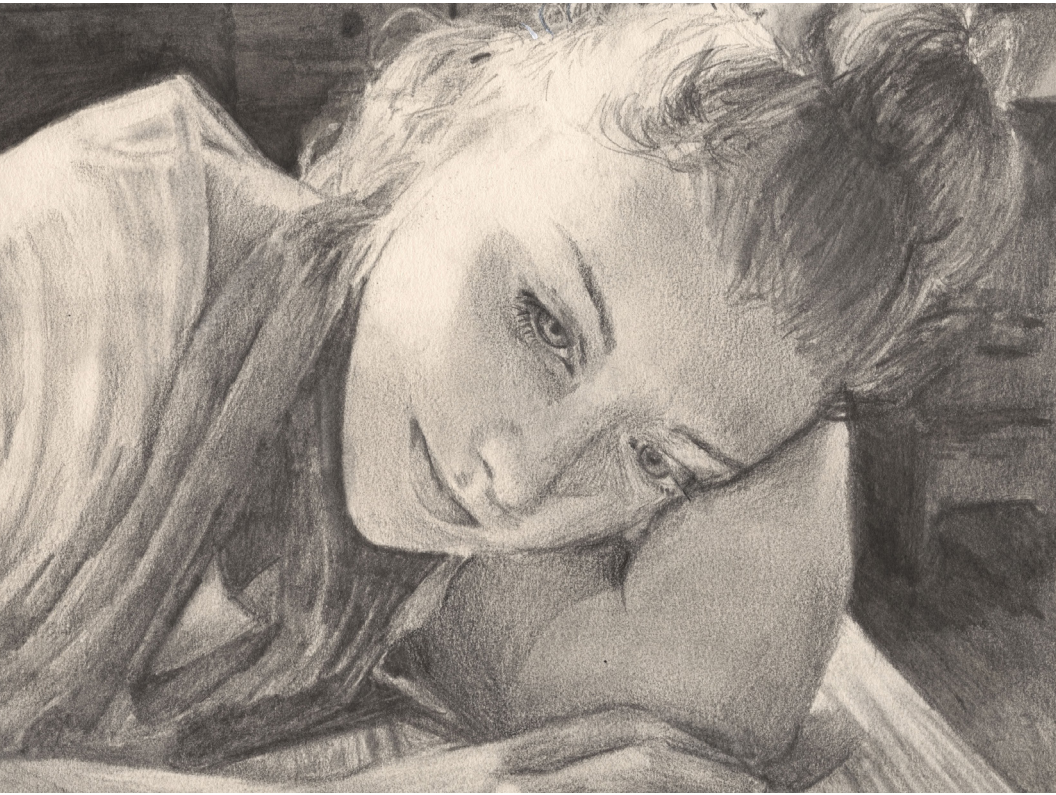
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sleepover stories: serena at josie's

Morning comes in haunting stealth
Prying through windows
Intruding to paint sunshine on sheets

Josie's somber smoked eyes
Hadn't smiled for ages
The fresh silence flourished
Beautiful, belated

If the oxygen had been obliterated
Constricted their airways
Those words would've stayed stone
Stuck in their souls and not splattered
On the walls

Serena didn't think wolves could howl so loud
Or holler like chains wrapped their teeth
Josie's parents were monsters outside closets
Playing with claws, without rules
And Josie's tears screamed along

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