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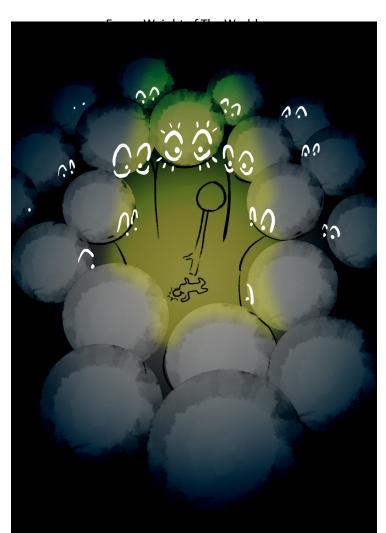
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## <u>Caller ID</u> Serena Gakhal

I hear your soft manipulative voice. You don't have to call for me to hear. You are loud and clear and engraved into everything that I do. You like to tell me what to wear, how to act, how to speak. You help me at times, but then, when you see me at my high, you decide to destroy me. You smirk and you laugh at how weak I am. You love to tell me distasteful things. You like to talk about others. You love to say I'm too fat, I'm too short, my skin is too dark, my teeth are too yellow, or I might die if I don't give in to you. I tell you I'm trying, but you tell me not enough.

I'm stone when you are near. When you are away, I fill my eyes with different entertainment to forget you.

I blast my music so I can miss your call, but yet there you are. Don't you have anything else you need to do? Anything else? Please, I beg of you.