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## Factory Misprint

Megan Mandrelle

The feeling of TV static runs through my body  
 I'm filling my pages with nonsense  
 Watching the clock  
 Its ticking noise pounding in my head like a drum  
 Tick tock  
 The time reads 1:07  
 Time doesn't really exist though  
 My whole body aches with dysmorphia  
 Learning that words have no meaning  
 Tick tock  
 My whole life has become a lie  
 I feel like a factory misprint  
 Staring at the imaginary numbers written on the board  
 I'm sweating through my shorts  
 Tick tock  
 My phone chimes again  
 "We are all specs of dust in the grand scheme of things"  
 Calluses growing thicker on my hands  
 My grip tightened on my pen  
 Tick tock  
 Forcing myself to be self-aware just to feel something  
 I swear that I spend every day writing the same things  
 I can't breathe anymore  
 My throat is closing  
 Tick tock  
 My mind is thinking faster  
 Than the speed of my bouncing leg  
 I've lost touch with my senses  
 Numbers aren't real and neither are words

## Femininity



Nola White — Oil on Canvas, String Sewn  
 — Through Canvas