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this thing by brayden aaron tii tii



Where shoes hang off powerlines dodgy as. The Area surrounded by sirens and Bogans with makeshift motorbikes. The Boys on the street passin the durries round. Rubble and fresh fire lit. The struggle. 2770.

this thing by jack cameron stanton

At the dinner table picking through Good Friday's leftovers of kibbet il roheb and lubiyeh, Mum crumples into fits of crying. She wipes her eyes with the tablecloth, trying to hide her tears from Harry, my brother, while smudging her make-up, which had already nearly perished from the sunshine at Uncle's barbecue. My dad puts down his fork and uses his arms to push his seat back. He massages Mum's shoulders. You did so well, habib, he says, over and over. We drove right past the cemetery, she says, both her hands resting palm-down beside the microwaved Tupperware she's been eating out of, a fork protruding from the batata wa bayd she's barely touched. Mum, Harry says, having never seen his mother cry before. Mum, he says again. And now not knowing whether to join our dad standing behind her or stay seated like me, he reaches out to hold her hand. We are around the table, linked with our hands,

as though beginning a ceremony to raise the dead. I tried so hard not to say anything, she says between sobs. But we drove right past, and didn't think to stop.



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