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He drops cigarette ashes on my legs from time to time,
I tell him 'I know it's an accident, so I don't mind.'
Each small burn mark leaves behind a reminder,
Telling me it wasn't a dream:
You did sit beside me and smoke your cigarettes
With my feet in your lap. You did rest
Your hand on my thigh and smoke a cigarette
With me at your side. It was real, and these
cigarette scars constantly remind me.

These scars remind me that
I had to take a break from you.
I had to take a break.
I had to break.
I had to,
I had to.