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On my hotel television, there's Anderson Cooper with a story about the developing plight of career fishermen in the Philippines.

He's interviewing a man in a Galoise cigarette cap. He is crying, his ship is lost, and his hat reminds me of the last time

we smoked together behind the library after your shift was finished. It was April, and the wind kept blowing out your flames.

Between drags of your Winston, you said the cigarettes were me, and the lighter was you. I said that the lighter wasn't anything at all.

The fisherman wipes his eyes on his t-shirt when he admits that the ocean can play god at will, that attachment will not raise boats or

entice fish, and I wonder if your fires ever drew the same conclusions. You once told me that hell was a place where everyone remembered

everything you'd ever said and no one smoked, and I told you that it was a place where men cry on beaches and all the women close their eyes.