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So I slept with a 19-year-old
who kept his glow-in-the-dark watch
on during sex. First,
the floating bulb
alarmed me as it hovered above my
darkened bed, but following it
proved to be handy
at sweaty one a.m.,
while we scrounged the dark
for one another,
but afterward while we lay together,
I stayed awake too long watching its
neon arms circumvent its
smooth face. I awoke late
the next morning, searching
the bed for the watch
on the wrist on the arm on the boy
who slept so soundly
hours before, but
he wasn't there, and my clock
blinked 8:00 over and over again.