

forbidden pleasures



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A forbidden pleasure is an indulgence that is illegal or immoral. The notion of something being a forbidden pleasure originates from the story of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which was forbidden to Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:16-3:19.

Each generation applies its own norms and values to categorize objects or actions as forbidden pleasures. Those who are progressive argue that there is nothing inherently harmful about something that brings pleasure, while conservatives argue the opposite.

This collection examines the notion of forbidden pleasures from a number of different angles. It starts with the theme of gluttony, illustrated by a series on sinful deserts. The second theme is prostitution, with a series drawn from Google street view photos of *de Wallen* or the red light district of Amsterdam. The third series focuses on women's sexual liberation--the golden girls series draws on clips from early blue movies which portrayed women discovering their sexuality. The fourth series examines the theme of erotic dreams. The fifth series portrays the fine line between relaxation and indolence. The sixth and final series explores religious devotion and rapture.





















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de Wallen 4



de Wallen 5







de Wallen 8

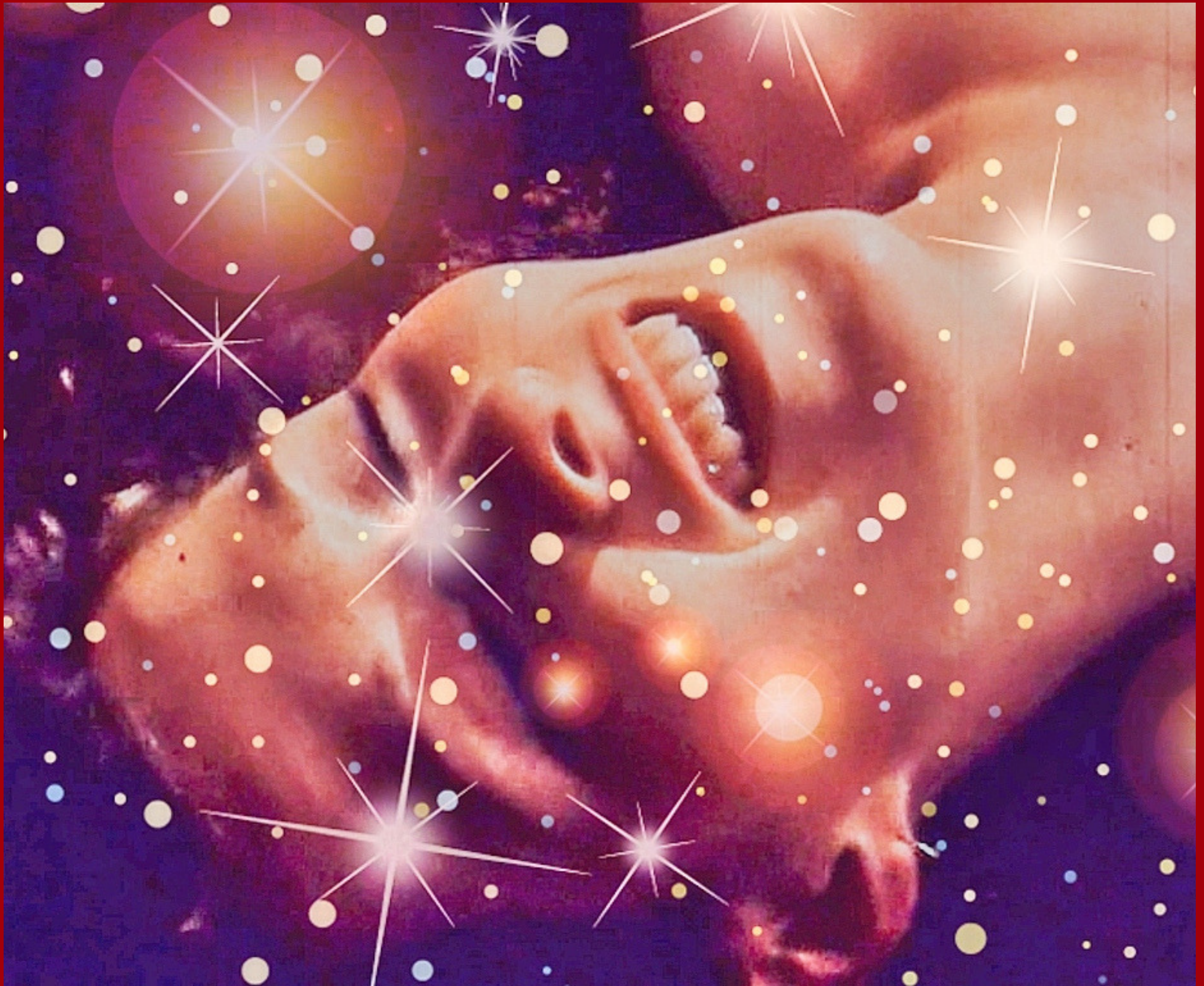




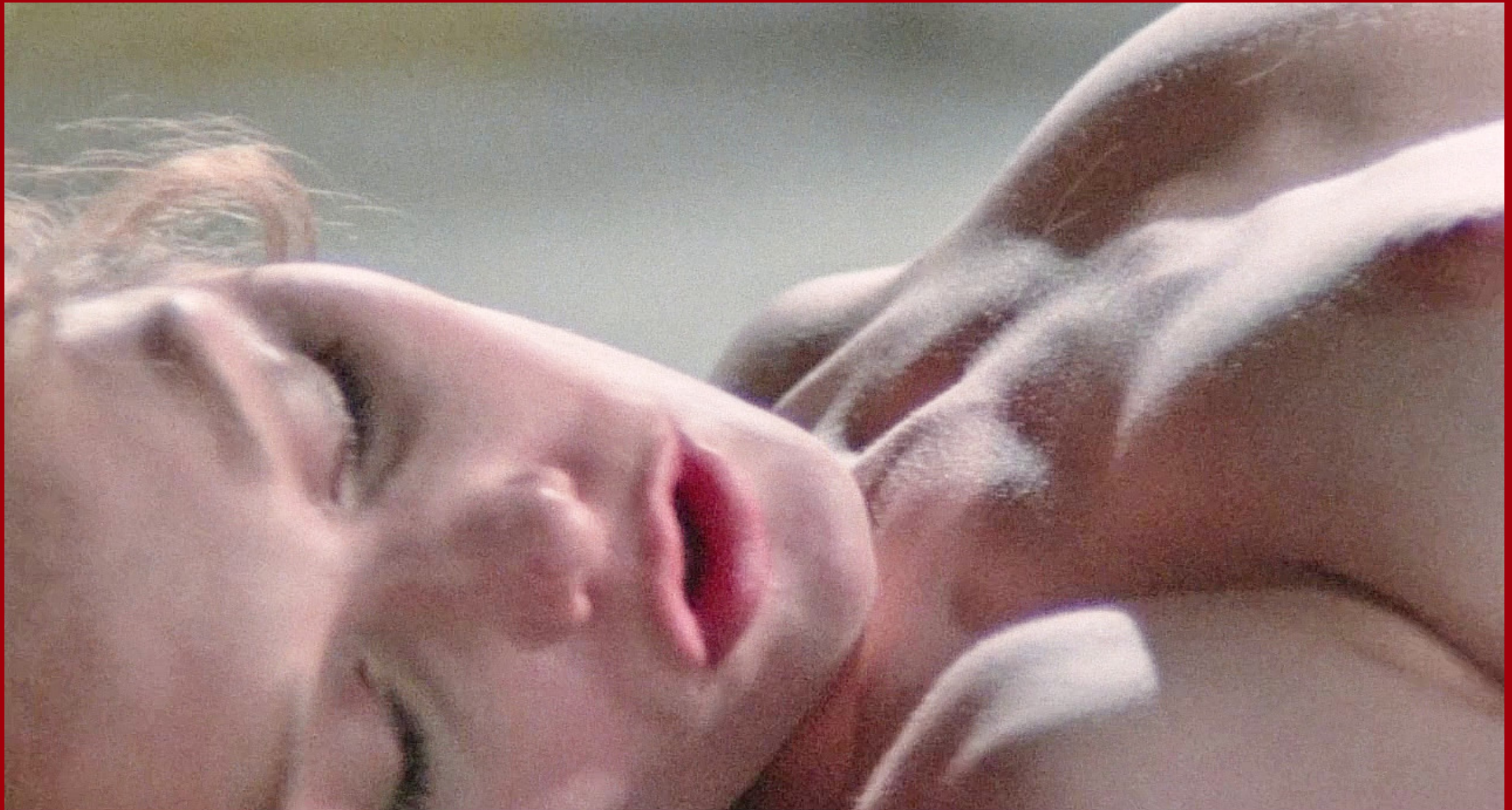








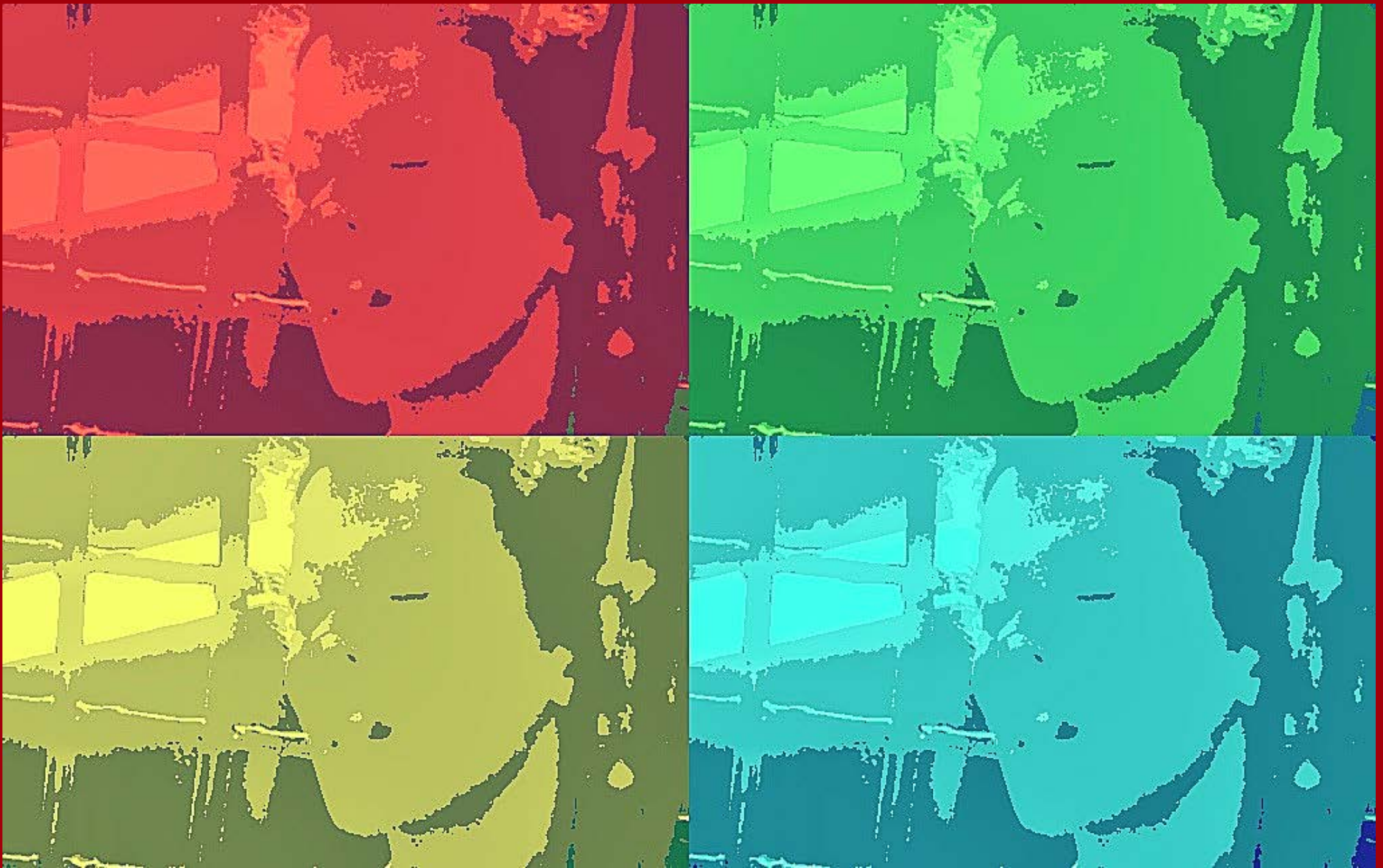
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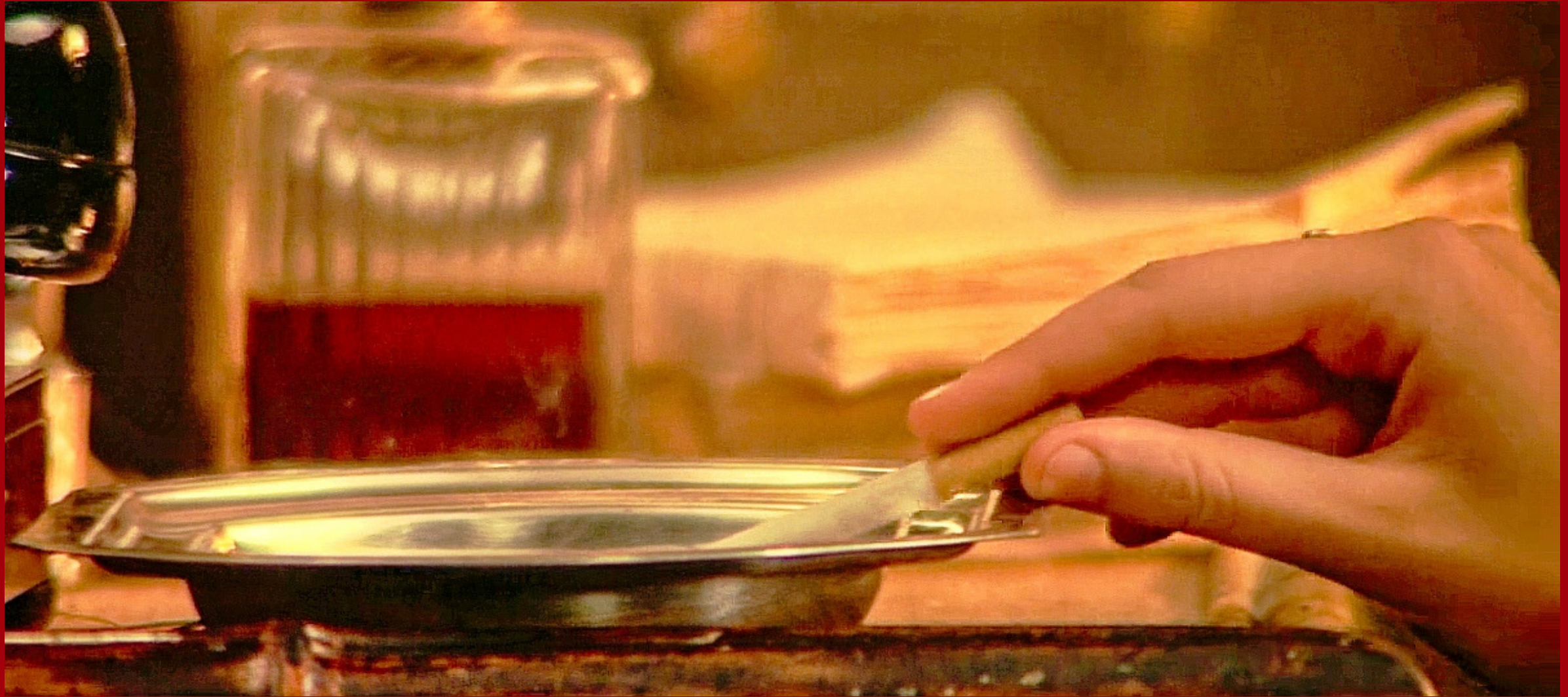
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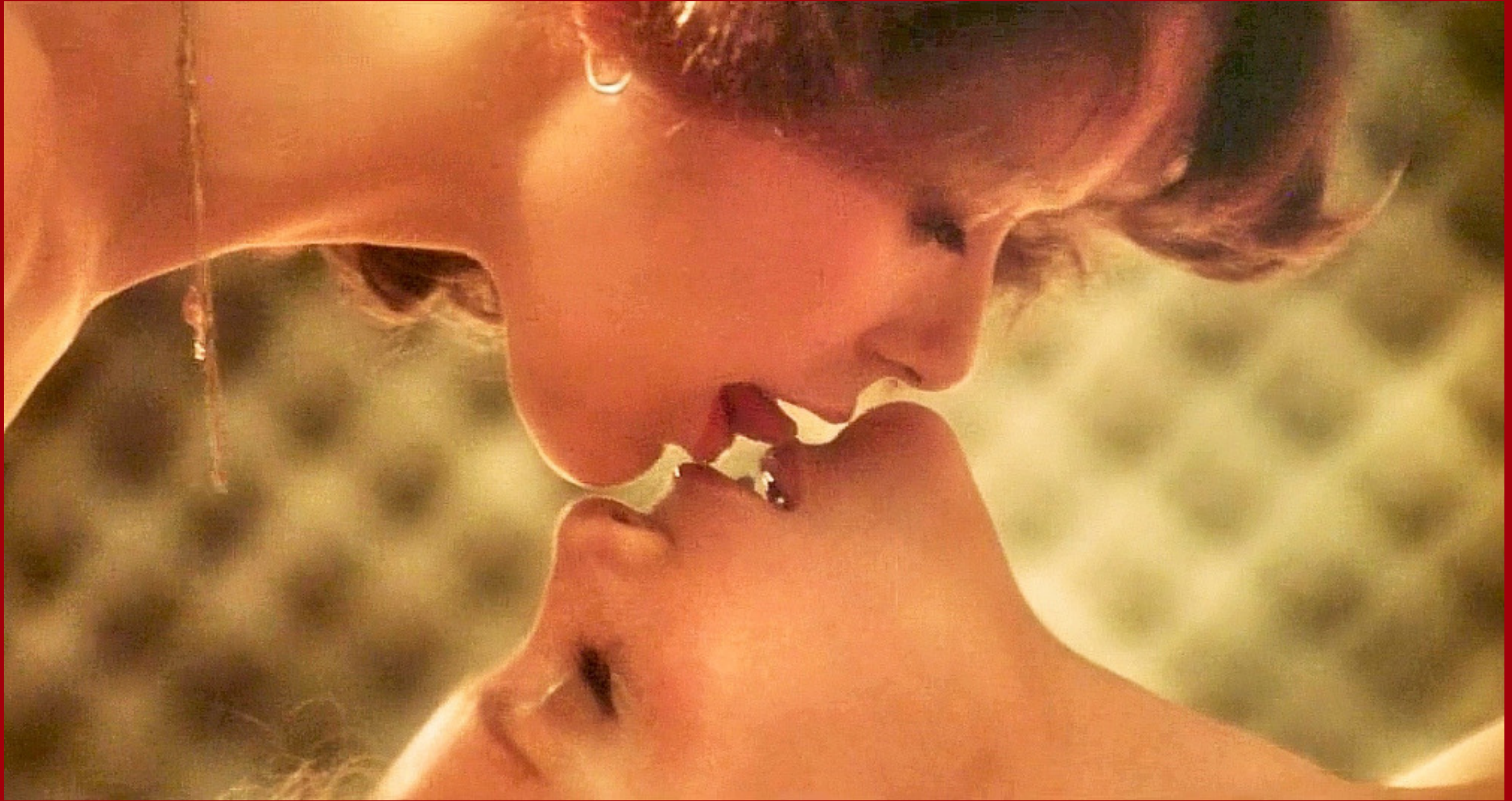
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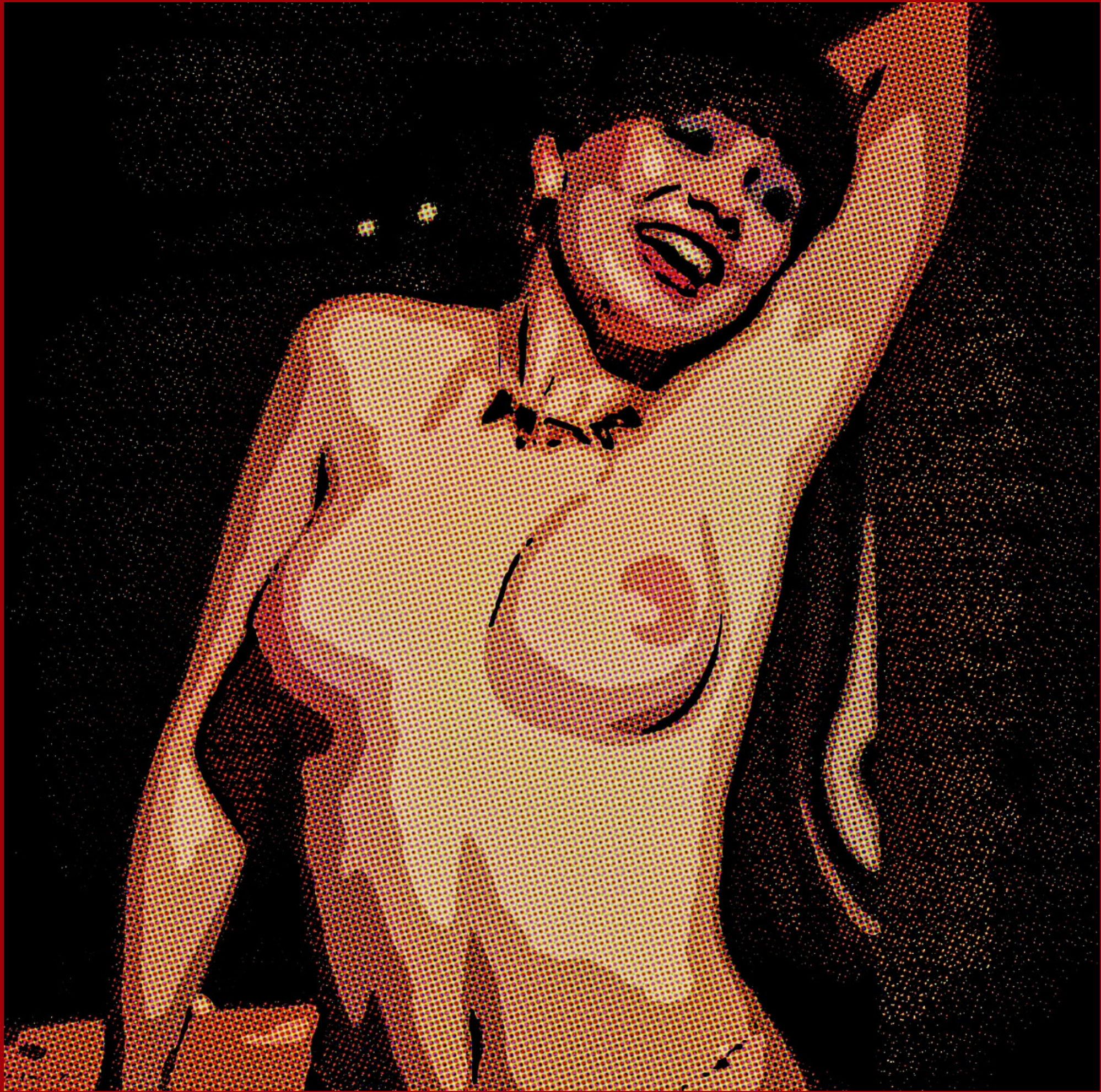
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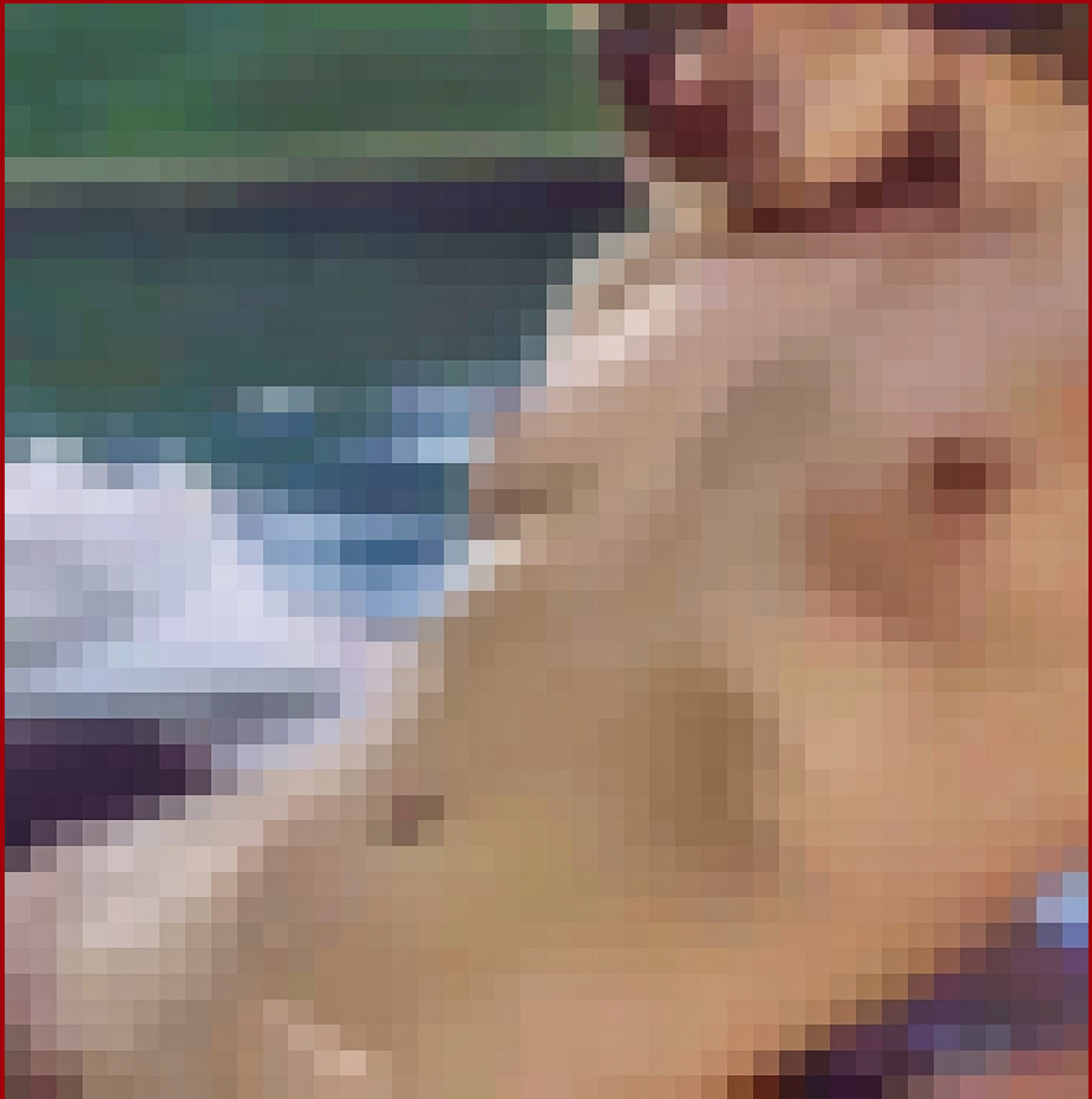




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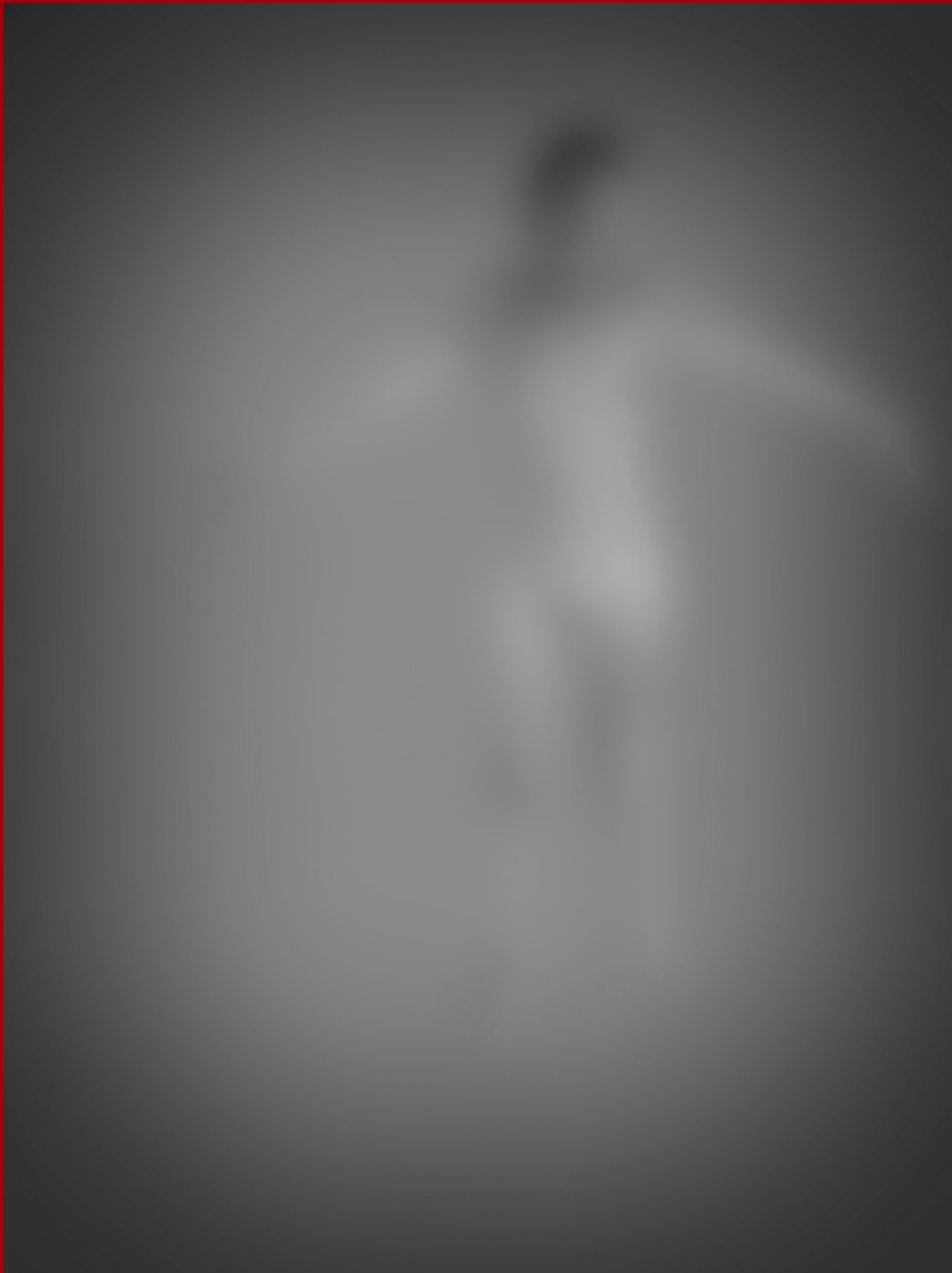
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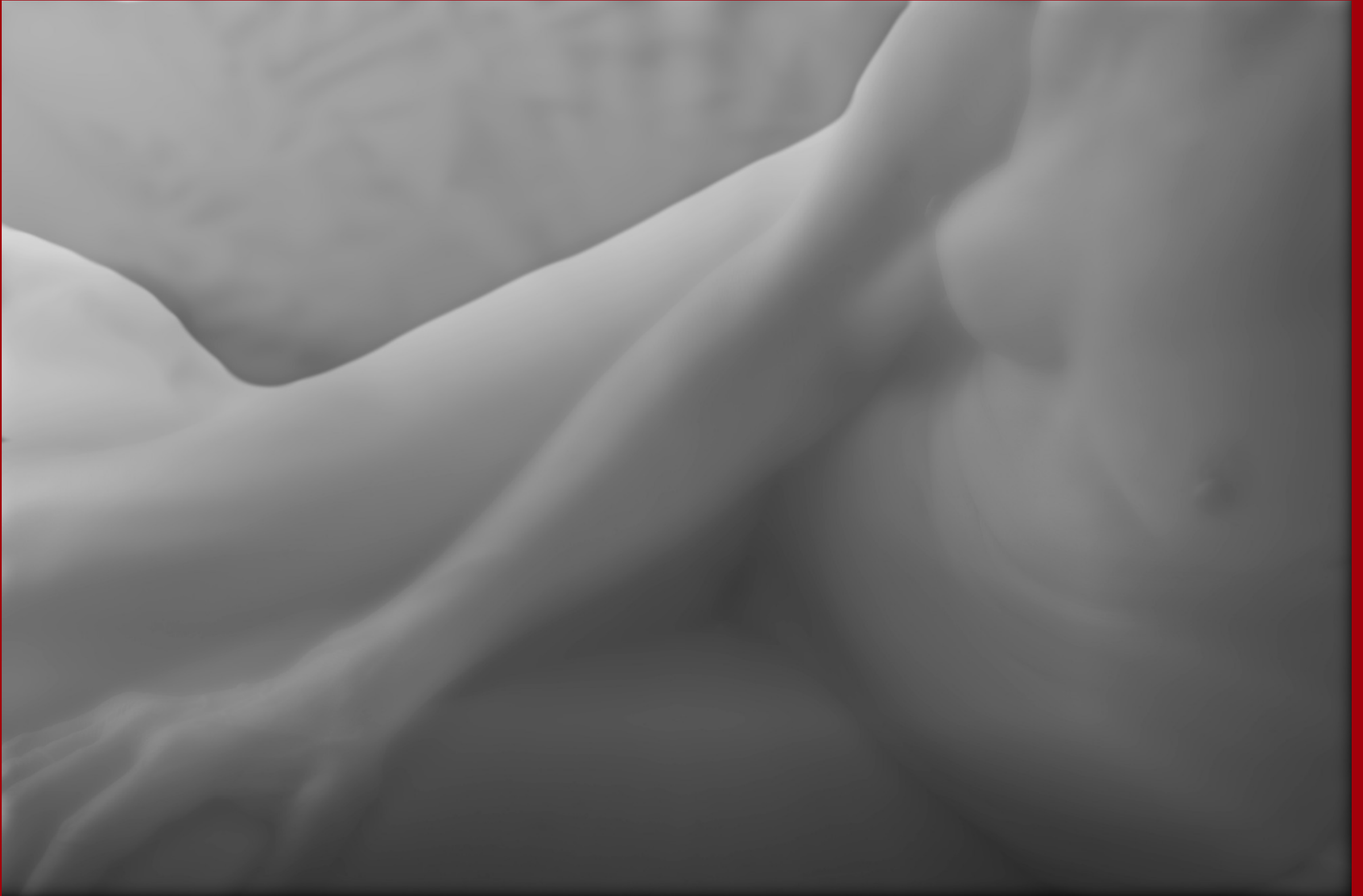


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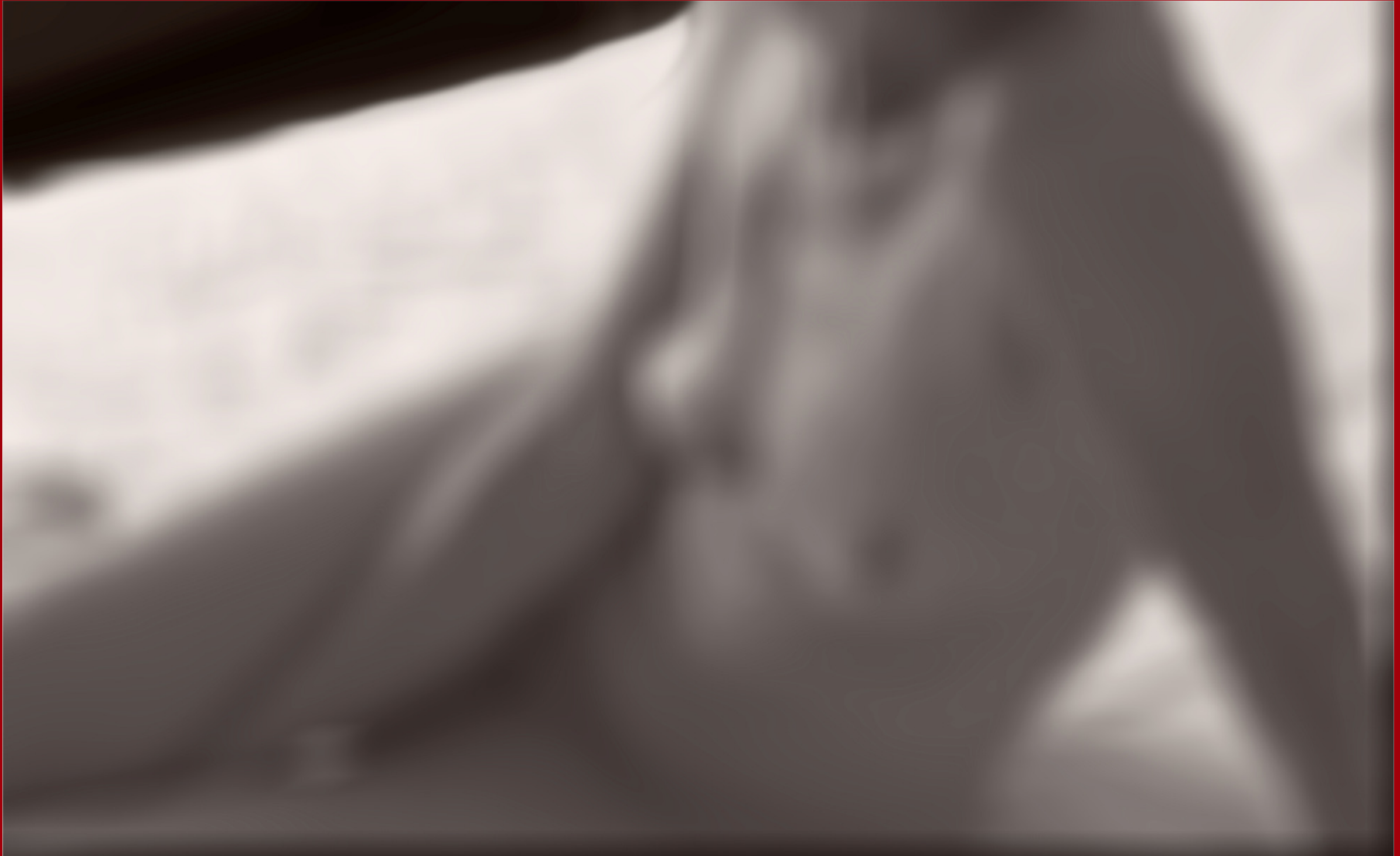
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relaxation 1













relaxation 7



















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