The Hole

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There is a hole in my bedroom: a black void which no light can ever seem to cross or touch.

If I lose something in the hole, I don't even get the pleasure of watching it fall away. The second it crosses the barrier of that black chasm, it's like it simply no longer exists.

There's no great meaning or beast living inside of this hole. It just exists, and I am simply documenting that fact.

The void has set itself in the back corner of my room.

At first, I hadn't noticed it, because it rested behind my bed. I simply thought that I couldn't keep track of my belongings—until the corner of my bed frame began to tilt.

When I pulled the frame out, every inch that had crossed this mysterious event horizon was gone.

There was no sign that it had been cut or damaged, just a perfectly clean, ovate, smooth piece of metal. I moved all my belongings to the other side of the room. Since then, all I've been able to bring myself to do is experiment with the void.



I've thrown so many items inside—even a rat, once—just to see what would happen. I should feel guilty; but, instead, I feel... envious.

I want to cross that line, but I know I have to do it all in one trip or I will just lose myself, piece by piece.

I know this for certain because I've already lost one finger.
There was no pain, no feeling at all.
It was just there and then it wasn't—like everything else.

I must stop writing. I have a decision I need to make. Ω