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Pike Place

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► **Pike Place** | Aubrie Salzman

I walked into the store, and a rush of apprehension hit me as the door closed behind me. There I was, standing where you stood on Friday afternoon. The place was empty except for the cashier. I approached the counter, hesitatingly.

I checked my wallet, stalling for time, but time for what I did not know.

I reached up to grab a fresh pack of cigarettes, but halfway there, my hand suspended in the air. I thought about you again. In a split second, my mind went back to Friday, but this time, I could see you clearly and hear you amicably say "hello." Fighting off the tears that would come soon enough, I reached down below the counter and grabbed a pack of chewing gum, enough to last the weekend.



► **Untitled** | Nadia Blackmon

