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Yes: this is a love story. It's about passion, sensual pleasure, deep pull, lust, fear, hunger longing. It's about the need that's so powerful they're crippling. It's about saying goodbye to something you can't understand life without. I love the way drinking makes me feel, and I love the special power of its deflection, its ability to shift my focus from my own consciousness about myself and to something else, something less painful than my own feelings. I love the sound of drinks: cork slides as they subside from wine bottles, different glug-glug from the booze flowing into glasses, the clamor of ice cubes in a tumbler. I loved the rituals, the drinking friendships with others, the warm-up, the easy feelings and courage it gave me. Our introductions were not dramatic; it wasn't love at first sight, I can't even remember my first taste of alcohol. Relationships develop gradually, over the years, time interspersed by breakups and reunions. Anyone who has ever shifted from general affection and enthusiasm for lovers to an outright obsession knows what I mean: the relationship is there, occupying a small corner of your heart, and then you wake up one morning and some infinite pairs have changed forever and you can't go back. You need it; it is a central part of who you are. I used to have a drink with a woman named Elaine, my next door neighbor. I was in my twenties when we met and she was in her late forties, divorced and engaged to a married man who she couldn't give up. Elaine drank a lot, more than I did, and she drank very hard when relationships with married men became rocky, which is often. He drank beer and vodka, and he would call me on a bad night and ask me to come. Beer made her overweight and vodka made her sloppy, and she would sit on her couch with a bottle and cry, her face tinged with tears and mascara. I'm used to it. Over there and thinking. Whoa. I'd sympathize and listen and say all the things a boyfriend was supposed to say, but inside I'd shake my head, know he was an accident and know on some level that booze made him that way, that booze fueled his obsession for married men, triggered his tears, fueled him despair and inability to change. But some small part of me (it's become bigger over the years) has always been quietly relieved to see Elaine like that: a messy drunk is an ugly thing, especially when a messy drunk is a woman, and I can compare myself to her and feel excellence and relief. I'm not that bad; There's no way I'm that bad. And I'm not that bad. I have a lot of rules. I never drink in the morning and I never drink at work, and except for the occasional mimosa or Bloody Mary at weekend brunch, except for a glass of white wine (maybe two) with lunch on days when I don't have to do too much in the afternoon, except for the occasional zip across the street from work to a Chinese restaurant with a colleague , I always obey them. For a long time I didn't even need rules. The drink was there, it was always there, the way the food was in the fridge and the ice was in the freezer. At high school beer had just turned up at parties, bribed in the case by a boy in a denim jacket and a Levi's korduroy. At my parents' house Scotch and gin sits in the liquor cabinet, to the left of the fireplace in the living room, and it just shows up, every night at cocktail hour. I never saw it run out and I never saw it recharged either: it was just there. In college, of course, it was there all the time - in a small, squat fridge in a dorm room, in a barrel at parties, in a cold draft glass on a tavern table - and by the time I graduated, by the time I graduated, by the time I was free to buy alcohol and consume it where and when I wanted, drinking seemed naturally like a breathable, ordinary part of a social convention , a simple prop. However, I look in the mirror sometimes and think, What's going on? I have a CV of an exemplary citizen or a gifted child, not an ordinary drunk. Hometown: Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard University backyard. Education: Brown University, class of '81, magna cum laude. Parents: a devoted psychoanalyst and artist (mother), both loyal and insightful and highly intelligent. In other words, good people, from good upper middle class families. I looked and thought, What's going on? Of course, there is no simple answer. Trying to describe the process of being an alcoholic is like trying to describe the air. Too big and mysterious and pervasive to define. Alcohol is everywhere in your life, omnipresent, and you are both conscious and unaware of it most of the time: all you know is you're going to die without it, and there's no simple reason why this happens, there's no single moment there's no physiological event that pushes heavy drinkers across the line into alcoholism. It's slow, gradual, dangerous, elusive to be. My parents' house on Martha's Vineyard is in the town of Gay Head, on the westernmost side of the island, in a dry town, a forty-minute drive from the nearest liquor store or bar. When I was a teenager, our lack of us for fine alcohol facts, something I didn't notice. Then, in my twenties, it became a little questionable. I came for the weekend to visit my parents, and I assumed my dad would have a gin for martinis and wine for dinner, and he would, and I'd be a little relieved, without really knowing it. Then after I turned around, I was questioned. Somewhere inside I admit that this makes me nervous. Somewhere inside I would become very aware that the last time I was home, there was only one bottle of wine for dinner - one bottle to share between four or five people - and that the level of liquid in the gin bottle was very low on weekends. I remember, very clearly, that I had to compensate for the lack of wine by returning to the gin bottle several times, secretly, sneaking into the kitchen to top off my drinks while the rest of the family sat outside on the terrace. In some dark places the anxiety about this festers: I don't want to get stuck there anymore with insufficient supply, but I don't want to let that worry me about supply either. So I would argue, unaware of the arguments and counter-arguments swirling in the back of my mind. Should I show up for the weekend with a wine case, under the pretext that I took it there just to have it at home? Should I forget everything and just hope someone else has restocked the liquor cabinet? Should I borrow a car and drive forty minutes to the liquor store, pretending to go for a solo trip on the beach? In the back corner of my mind, I would see that the question of what was there to drink at home had become a big deal, and the fact it would nag me just a little bit, hoist a small flag, the question of how much I seemed to need alcohol. The question will continue: what to do, how to do it, who will pay attention, why don't others drink like I do? And after a while these noises will start to feel too big and too confusing and overrated, and in an instant I will just do it: I will wash my hands mentally from the whole business, and I will take a bottle of Scotch the day before the trip and I will keep it in my weekend bag. There. Problem solved. That, of course, is how an alcoholic starts not paying attention to it. Just this one time. That's how you put it to yourself. I will do it once, in the same way a jealous woman might pick up the phone in the middle of the night to see if her lover is home, or sail slowly past her house to check her lights, promising her that this is the last time. I know it's crazy, but I'm only going to do it this once. I'm only going to bring Scotch once this time because I'm so stressed this week and I'm just To be able to have Scotch where and when I want it, okay? It's no big deal: just a little glass in my room before dinner so I don't have to steal into the kitchen and sneak one in there. Just a little glass so I don't drink any more of dad's booze. No big deal; Reasonable. And it would make sense, in some way misguided. There I was going, out on the terrace on Martha's Vineyard with my family, and I would forgive myself for just a minute – just a minute, to go to the bathroom. Then, on the way to the bathroom, I would make a quick detour to my bedroom, and I would pull the Scotch out of the bag, and take off the hat and take the long snail out of the bottle and swallow. The liquor will burn down, and the burns will feel good: it will feel warm and protective; It feels like insurance. Yes: insurance – The scotch in my bag gave me a measure of security. It lets me sit at the table at dinner and not obsess over the whole meal about whether there is enough wine, whether anyone will notice how quickly I slam my first glass, whether or how I can grab the bottle to refill my glass without calling too much attention to myself. It tells me I'll be taken care of when the need becomes too strong. When you love someone, or something, it's amazing how willing you are to ignore flaws. Around the same time, in my thirties, I began to notice that small blood vessels had burst along my nose and cheeks. I started drying out in the morning, driving to work in my car. The vibrations in my hands developed, then grew worse, then persisted for longer periods, throughout the day sometimes. I'm doing my best to ignore all this. I struggle to ignore it, the way a woman hears the cold in the voice and struggles of the lover, mighty and conscious, to misread it. It.