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EYEidentity//SKINtimate

I am interested in the uniqueness of an individual; the uniqueness translating into appearance. From the nose up, we can instantly tell who a person is just by eye color, eye shape, eyebrow shape, and small features like a scar on the forehead or the way they gaze back at you. We can read facial features and emotions just by the look of the eyes, contortion of the face, and texture and pigment of the skin; we can read a person and recognize them like a map of our favorite place. What if their gaze becomes unsettling? Are they still the people we once recognized, or do they become strangers to us?

Intimacy down to the most minute detail allows for someone to become closer and more familiar with you. Marks left on our skin such as scars that refuse to fully heal, birthmarks, freckles, irregular pigments, etc. are not always things we show people upon first meeting, but something that is shown over time. These things cannot be washed off. Unlike the impermanence of makeup, sweat, and dirt, our freckles, birthmarks, stretchmarks, and scars cannot be washed off at the end of the day. These marks are defining factors for someone, though they are lesser known and noticeable. These things are permanent marks on our skin and since they are here to stay, they may as well be appreciated.