

# Wink

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It's just another night in the old city, perched in the skeletal radio tower with my collection of telescopes, looking down over the slums instead of up at the scorched sky. I used to collect stars and satellites in this journal, now I just collect hopeless situations. I can see lights in front of a large shipping-container-turned-brothel. The guy outside has a pipe wrapped in barbed wire and a slashed-up scowl for a face. *But hey*, I think, focusing on the spray painted roof, *at least that graffiti demon has a smile on*. Then it winks a fiendish red eye at me through the smog haze. I wink back.

