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BRINDLE

Tommy Brock

DRIFTING

Lindsay Hause

GWADALITE

Josh Moyar

THE LANGUAGE YOU LEFT ME

Tannar Crossman

BURNING EMBRACE

Madyson Riedinger

THE CAR CRASH PHILOSOPHY

Cole Read

WOULD-BE CORN COP

Hattie Smith

MUSHROOM ZOMBIES

Sophia Therriault

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