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I'm in my footed pajamas. It's the drive-in's
third movie--the one, my mother thought,
I'd never stay awake for. James Bond's girlfriend
takes off her dress and my mother says,
"Quick, cover your eyes." I peek just enough
to see bouncing breasts through finger slits.
This is one of my first inklings of sex. James stands
in front of her, a shirt still on his back,
and they jump on the bed like kids and kiss. Next, a shot
of enemy missiles shooting through an ocean.

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