

Travelling with Ashes
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Prompt: Travelling with Ashes

A person speaks to a fast moving passerby.

PERSON

Excuse me, do you have a light?

The passerby stops reluctantly and pats their pockets, They find a lighter or a book of matches from a train station bar.

They strike a flame and hold it out.

The person pulls out a bundle of sage. They light it, blowing on the leaves until they catch fire and smoke rises.

The person smudges the passerby, lightly fanning the smoke over them head to toe. The passerby is unsure at first then accepts the offer.

The person blows lightly on the leaves to keep them burning, causing ashes to fall gently to the floor around them.

The person hands the sage to the passerby. The passerby repeats the cleansing on the person.

As the passerby finishes, they hand the sage back.

The two make eye contact, connection. Smile.

Passerby goes on their way. Person snubs the sage out on the floor, leaving a little pile of ash as they go to catch their train.