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I Called Off My Wedding. The Internet Will Never Forget

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I STILL HAVE a photograph of the breakfast I made the morning I ended an eight-year relationship and canceled a wedding. It was an unremarkable breakfast—a fried egg—but it is now digitally fossilized in a floral dish we moved with us when we left New York and headed west. I don't know why I took the photo, except, well, I do: I had fallen into the reflexive habit of taking photos of everything.

Not long ago, the egg popped up as a “memory” in a photo app. The time stamp jolted my actual memory. It was May 2019 when we split up, back when people canceled weddings and called off [relationships](#) because of good old-fashioned dysfunction, not a [global pandemic](#). Back when you wondered if seating two people next to each other at a wedding might result in awkward conversation, not hospitalization....

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