



In an eerie bit of numerological synchronicity, exactly 5 years, 5 months and 5 days after the TWA 8:20pm Flight 804 out of JFK to Charles de Gaulle, a horrifying, tragic and unfathomably sad crash occurred:

TWA 8:00pm Flight 800 out of JFK to Charles de Gaulle crashed just miles away from takeoff on July 17, 1996.

There were no survivors of the 230 passengers and crew.
5-5-5.

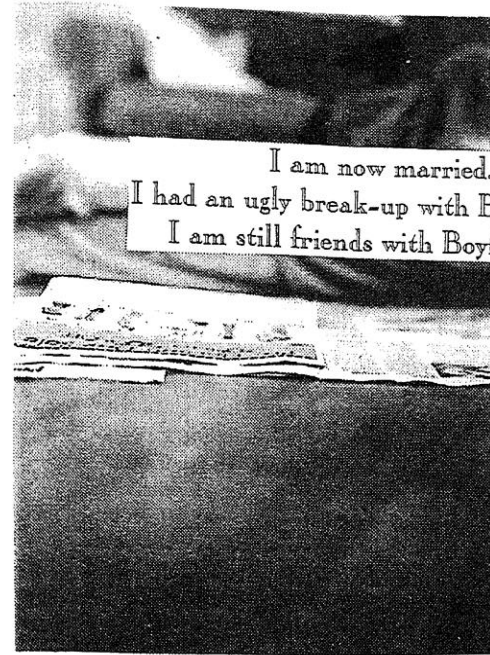
The only differing digits are the 20 minutes on the time and the 04 on the flight number. Then I realize that $20/4 = 5$
Five.

Four fives

No idea what this means.
(No, wait - it was a 7:00 flight delayed by one hour.)

Does this make any more or less sense than the 5-5-5 in the TWA/Kennedy coincidences? Kennedy Airport... Boyfriend 1 on Lincoln Avenue.

I'm probably reading too much into it.



I am now married.
I had an ugly break-up with Boyfriend 2.
I am still friends with Boyfriend 1.

I had an incredible time in Europe.

I can't help but visualize myself on Flight 800:
I can almost touch it.
There were many young, hopeful people on that trip:



one had just gotten engaged;
one was meeting his girlfriend;
others were on their first trip ever.
Some, perhaps many, had the same mix of exhilaration and apprehension that comes with such a journey. The tragedy of the ill-fated flight lies partly in this.

As have many others, I got to make it.
They only got as far as I got when I realized I had lost my hat.

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