

# TEJAS SHAH

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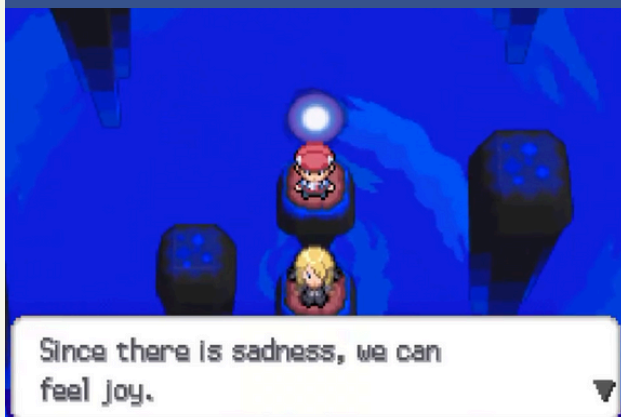
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## MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Kunj's newsletter talked about OSTs and reminded me that we shouldn't be ashamed of what we like. Here are some of my unapologetically "cringe" music recs:

- **Route 209 - Pokemon Gen 4**
  - Perfection. Courage. Inspiration.
  - Lots of good covers and lofi/orchestral re-arrangements online too.
- **Flight of the Silverbird - Thomas Bergersen**
  - This shit will make you want to lead an army of Valkyries into Valhalla.
- **Nice Guys - Ryan Higa**
  - Behind the surprisingly great vocals and beat lies a legitimately useful lesson about true masculinity and chivalry.
- **Never Say Never - Justin Bieber**
  - It's not clocking to y'all that JB was standing on business in 2011, and the Jaden Smith part has insane lyrics.



## SHI THAT HAPPENED

### Good

- Successful DnD run with the boys!
- Hung out with Lex and his friends again, Omkar's been glazing this Lex dude for like a year but honestly he's the real deal and my inspiration
- Hung out with Amazon friends again
- Ashton Jeanty scored 33 points!!!!!!!

### Bad

- My dad called me and told me I need to start dating (already on that one chief but it's been all nightmares thus far)
- Malik Nabers (my best wide receiver in one of my leagues) is out for the season
- My cell phone usage/doomscrolling has gotten to harmful levels recently
- Lots of family shit happening that I'm not there to help out with, so I feel pretty guilty being in DC during it all



## NIGHTMARE OF THE WEEK

Girl I had the really great Hinge date with texted me at 12:49am yesterday and said she's not feeling our next date. This one really stung because I felt like things were going well. I'm tired of letting people like me, think on it for a bit, realize they don't like me, and then move on. It is emotionally exhausting and while I recognize this comes with the dating process, I don't know how many more I got in me. This is why I didn't date after my last breakup, I'm getting numb to it all.