

Chinatown

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On 7th street,
before the fire,
there was a restaurant,
the one with the roast pork in the window
next to the Walgreens that used to be a CVS that used to be a Peoples Drug that used to be
the knick-knack store that displayed the musical pencil case I coveted,
where the cooks knew my parents,
so tossed in extra pineapple buns.

The Chinese sign tells me it will be *Owl Restaurant*.
Hooters – intentionally lost in translation.