

Excess

Tiemon Hofman – placed in a mental institution by Dutch law enforcement at age 16 for having sex with older men

When the door of our hotel room swung open, we froze in our awkward state. The police later said another hotel occupant had complained of strange noises. Sexual excess? Violation of 248bis?: sentences that would follow us like tattoos for the rest of our lives. Once separated by a few years, then by white walls and prison bars, we are always united in our position as different from the others.



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