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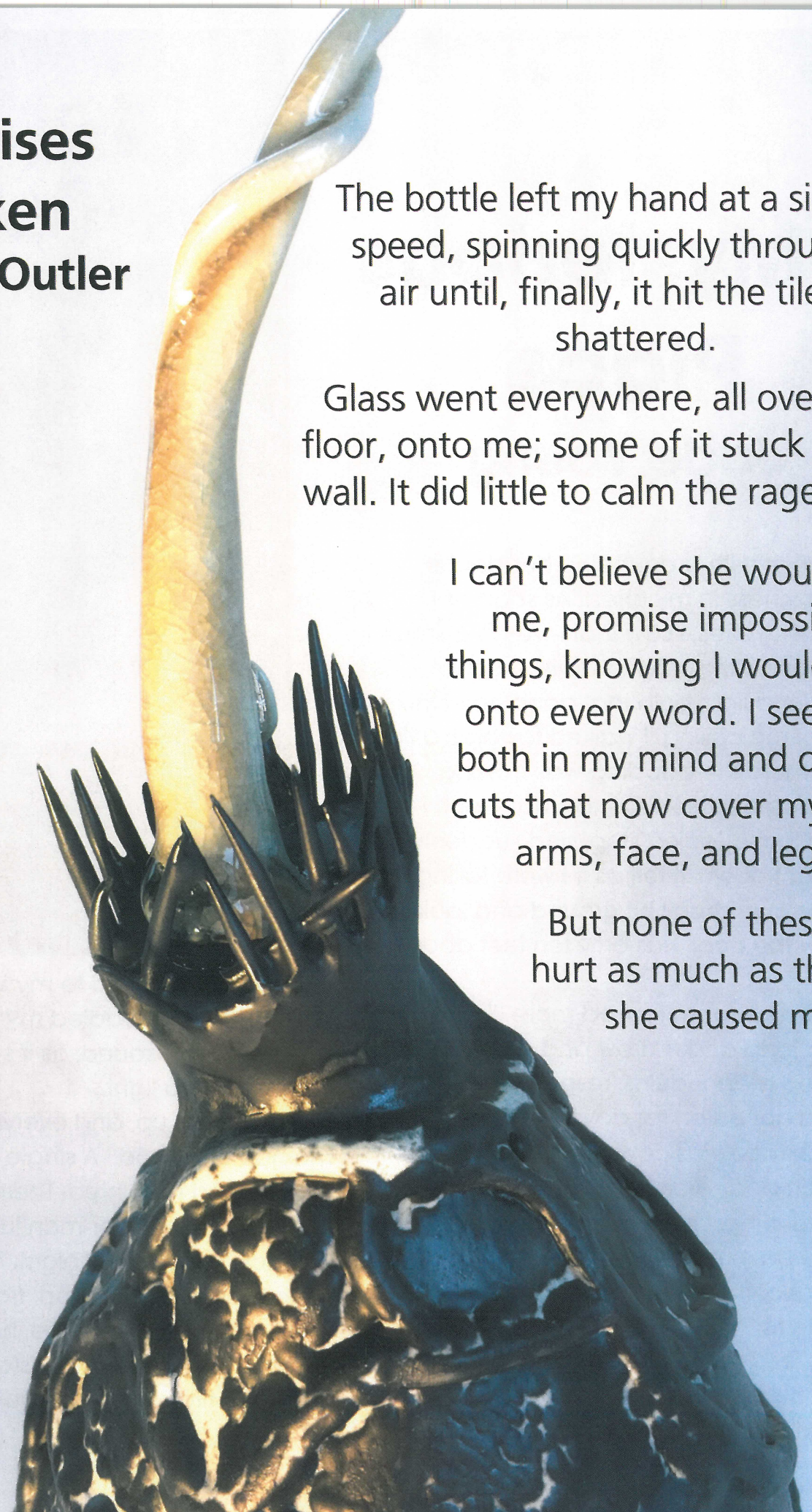


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A sculpture of a hand with sharp, dark claws holding a broken glass bottle. The bottle is yellow and white, with a jagged break at the top. The hand is dark and textured, with a pattern of black and white spots. The background is a light blue gradient.

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The bottle left my hand at a sickening speed, spinning quickly through the air until, finally, it hit the tile and shattered.

Glass went everywhere, all over the floor, onto me; some of it stuck to the wall. It did little to calm the rage I felt.

I can't believe she would use me, promise impossible things, knowing I would hold onto every word. I see red, both in my mind and on the cuts that now cover my feet, arms, face, and legs.

But none of these cuts hurt as much as the pain she caused me.