

A red heart-shaped paper cutout is shown against a dark, textured background. The heart has a jagged tear across its middle. A piece of light-colored tape is applied vertically down the center of the heart. A horizontal strip of the same tape is placed across the tear, overlapping the vertical strip. Handwritten text in black ink is on the horizontal strip.

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