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there are sharks in the window
and they cannot touch us
though
we are submersible
this is ok.
you, i, a darkened condo
in the sunrise mountain tide.
the rain is not an atmospheric effect.
this is not a painting,
nor is the spinning sky.
can i make you hear the tearing?
look at my shoulder
if you put my bones in your body,
you have changed nothing.
if you put your words in
my bones,
you have changed
nothing
i belong in the window.
i belong submersible.
 susceptible
a temperature blanket over darkness covers us.
the world inside
is outside
is heavy with my head on your shoulder, bare and full
fuck the flood

bring every dog into this market
we will become a swimming pool
like our bones intended
you glisten and gruesome
my elbow is behind my head
you don't care how many times
i look around the corner and there you are
my bones are wet
i am the naked dog on aisle three
i die when i see your
tremor and musk and that ugly mustache
i've never seen you with whiskers
but there are puddles everywhere
and sirens
and sirens are drowning my pool bones
dragging me down down down

your fur is [gold or] green
[or in between]
chlorine green
but your hands are your hands
were we ever this good
were we i would
i would we were

my paws have goosebumps
you put me on a shelf
i shrank and shrank
then you ate me
like a dog
in the market
cavernous bones cleaned
fuck my bones
fuck the sirens
and if you find me poor
Ithaka won't have fooled me