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i always wondered: how this place
held so many memories
with its open-windowed hands
collected dust in the
wrinkles of its brow
how a room could capture a moment
with silent words
comfort with creaks and
warm with the flicker of the
overhead fluorescent
how returning could feel
like coming home
even after years, i'd hear
the sigh of relief
when i opened the door;
[and though
the latch cut my wrist
as i left—
that was surely
no one's fault
but my own].