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Put the stock on to boil, add the rice. Walk into the other room to get a warmer pair of socks. Sit on the edge of the bed and stare at the floor for a while. Think about that one stupid thing you said ten years ago. Think about the woman you loved. Think about what your life would have been like if you had known how to be vulnerable. Look up and see how empty your apartment seems and realize that you haven't had people over in months. Remember to rehang the *Starry Night* poster that fell off the wall last night. Get sad when you see your cat lying on the floor, like some sort of animal, instead of up on the bed with you. Think about how she won't be here forever. Cry. Remember you are making soup as you hear it boil over. Reclaim a sense of urgency and attempt to save the soup. Step in cat puke. Realize you never put your socks on.