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"You never draw water from the depths of this well."

"What water? What well?"

"Who is asking?"

Silence.

"What silence?"

- Franz Kafka

In the dark

Echoes tapping against the foreboding, black walls

plop

against the cement; maroon fans across the water

Then swirls and dances down a spiral staircase into the depths of the puddle

The last fleck vanishes with a flare against the roof of the steady, unlit pool.

Shadows kiss, then separate

and are gone.

