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there weren't many cherries
left on the trees.

steel-bodied
pickers shaking in fully automated
orgasm claimed them all without
prejudice for race, color, or creed

an equal opportunity employer.

each and every tree-mother
had her turn sooner or
later her sons were called to
serve the noble cause
pre-pitted and boxed frozen pie
food for the masses.

that september afternoon i
found her — a tiny frozen-dancer tree
mangled by nature alone
in a deserted corner, ignored by
the omnipotent pickers, she
still possessed the fragile fruit
of her labor, and those
cherries were good.