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I was thinking of a suitcase smoldering in the basement I was walking toward the window I was placing my mouth on the glass I was seeing a beertruck thudding down the street I crossed my eyes and saw my eyes smothered against my face

I walked behind the empty discount store saw a rusty trashburner, a bin of flaking tires, a giant compactor with GOD and REFUSE COLUMBUS on the side I stared out at the ragged woods behind the place, heaps of rubble, splintered trees and thought of shopping carts stuffed with lawnmower wheels buried beneath the mud where I stood

I tried to leave, my feet were stuck I'm lurching forward, lurching back the meat is jerking from my shoes I see my head float above a single shoulder my neck a smear of smoke, staccato screeches where my voice should be I start to move I'm staggering in the woods