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The story is almost always
about when the cut started
to make the pain directional

& if either of us cared about
what divided flesh, we would
give each other a damn break,

but since we want most to know
what stopped the knife's edge
from tearing across the vital

points, we continue to press
each other on the details
of who put the bottles

of whiskey underneath
the furnace unit. Was it her
as a threat? Or was it me

when I used to threaten
everybody? If they were mine
I maintain, they would empty.

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