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# EPILOGUE

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*“The last twist of the knife.”* – T.S. Eliot

Fredy  
had a baby  
with his  
girlfriend  
in the 11th  
grade

now,  
everytime I see  
him  
them  
his family

he looks  
as

happy

as my  
mom  
when she  
trudges  
into the  
living room  
crushed  
inside  
the  
bags  
of

groceries.  
Fredy, he

sprouts  
from the floor  
like a rigid  
gray acacia tree,

holding  
his daughter on  
his shoulders,

free, she stretches up  
to play with the sun

free, she steps  
down to mount a cloud,

but drops  
like an anvil on his rotted body.  
the weight is insufferable,

too much to bear.

and so  
his  
skull  
hits the floor like fertilizer,  
and  
baby plays inside the decay  
like a playground caught in sunbeams under sky,  
clueless of  
all fright,  
devoid of  
future and the edge of the knife  
giggling blissfully in the playtime.