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or fall into each other's arms,

but greet warily
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who have grown fragile,

or maybe even hostile,
each carrying a razor
in her purse,

the death seed stirring
in flesh folds since birth,
to dawdle along my tall and narrow bones.