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I kill a part
So the other lives;
Unlike the snake
Chopped in half,

Rejoining itself among
Nightshade. Otherworldly
Green — amazed by what
Logic weaves as one —

How the sky's balanced
By the ground underfoot.
I think of Count Basie,
What he knew

To leave out. Leverage
Determines the arc,
& everything else is
Naked grace.