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## Badger Behaving Badly

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There are letters steamed  
open. There are bugs behind  
the wallpaper. There is a mechanical  
relief found between outsized  
mutton thighs. There is a word  
that forms *reality* into *poetry*,  
then *fiction*—an empty room  
lit by a bare bulb—there is  
the banality of evil—music  
echoing from a flood-control  
chamber. Net curtains around  
blacked-out windows. Plastic-wood  
cabinets withholding a good man.  
Here are his Prussian gray polyester  
pants, his cheap mailman's boots  
that march.