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I asked him one time, “How did Grandma die?” and Grandpa said, “Well, blame the goddamn cats.” He claimed that one had crawled up Grandma’s chest while she was sleeping, glued its mouth to hers, and sucked out all her breath. But, still, I knew he must have taken in a dozen more after Grandma passed away. He swore the coeds dumped them in his yard before graduation. “Like abortions. Christ, I don’t need another pissing flea hotel,” he bitched, while warming buttermilk. “So why then, Grandpa? I mean if Grandma...” “Shush,” he cut me short and gave the pot a stir. “Look, kid,” he said. “There are worse ways to go.”