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Rosh Hodesh

feels the new
moon strip what's
jagged, catch her
up. It takes
what jars,
smoothes it
out like the
oval her mother's
hand fit in,
moved over her
calves and
thighs, each hair a
sin she wanted
to no longer
have to think
of. The moon's
lips like the
tide, gulp
prints, the
skeleton of
a life she
leaves behind

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