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How nerve-raking heat was to bring rain,
he couldn't ask. The sky would
shed: slip leathery skin with a claw
and let the fluid in, but only

if the bone abides – ox's scapula,
clean and broad and bright,

cracks in the flames.

He couldn't ask. With an exacto-knife,
he regenerates his name: the branches
of his veins. Maybe the fire will follow.

Aren't we all stitched alive, tasting
for the drops – cool, nursing,
to tick through the straw
onto our cracked lips.