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To gully

Settlers dispute by a muddy creek
over land rights and property but

patience erodes, and a gully knife
stays with the body it sliced.

A gully guts a man;

gully

gul·ly | \ˈgʊ-lē\

(noun)

1 : a large knife

2 : a trench which was originally worn in the earth by running water
and through which water often runs after it rains

3 : a small valley or gulch

(verb)

gullied ; gullying

transitive verb

: to make gullies in

intransitive verb

: to undergo erosion : form gullies

A gully guts the earth.

A boy in Converse slides down slopes of dried leaves,
leaving trails of bare mud exposed.

Before they happen upon an oversized knife—
life stolen by the gully.

Time is both body and landscape, forever changing
forms, but experience sticks in our minds.