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The breeze brushes across my
face; a concerned mother's caress.

Mountains, soldiers protecting
the land, glance back at me.

The sun glints off the metal
handrails—a constant reminder

of human interference. I shift,
and try to emulate the broad shoulders,

sharp jawlines of those stoic
warriors. But I cannot raise

my chest high enough,
for how can one be a fighter

trapped by crutches under each
arm; chafed skin revealing my

soft exterior? I relent, instead gaze
towards deep trenches hidden

among each rank, where
battles continue to rage on—

faint roadways cutting into trees
like scratches on well-worn armor.

Footprints spread slowly like a disease.