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last night I dreamed
of the Indian storytellers

in a potter's window in Taos
I studied the tan clay figures
speaking to smaller dustier audiences
who are dancing, joyful, orange-banded
or crouching in fear and awe,
brown and black

I dreamed I crept to the fire
listening for voices—
after shuffling miles in the moonlight
through dry brown leaves
to the storyteller's circle—
hushed figures in the firelight