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--with apologies to lucille clifton and ovid

i.

a beast couldn't be any dirtier! an entire crud cache collected beneath every fingernail—good god!—he's got, i hear, eavesdropping. i find his hands as appealing as a jasper kimono: luscious, maybe not oneiric, but pretty close. i make it my quest: i'll reach out and snatch the tenderness from under the very calluses on his workingman's palm. lady, my x-ray vision sees through your zoo.

ii.

zeus, you x-rated woodcock, you! violent, ugly, taking women who scorn rather than worship you: quick! transform! penetrate! omnipotent never means lovable. knocking up virgins—jesus!—is hardly generous. fucking egomaniac. don't come to me like some bullshit animal.