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*THE GOSSIP

I don't always want what we have, she is saying.

He is silent. Outside, dark clouds, fish hopping, tilling waves
back from shore. Sometimes more is happening, he says, finally.

The sun's coming up, she says. *Look at the light that's kept.*

I'd like to keep it up, he says.

She is silent, tilling shore back from shore.

Don't make apart what is otherwise the same, he says, finally.

What. she says.

Never try & stare darkness in the face, he says, darkening.