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GHOST DOG

even now the evil seed of what you've done
germinates within you, fleshy and certain
as the dead woman's furniture still reeking
of perfume, though we have often slept there.

the seed is contained, just barely
contained. it is lint healed to an open wound.
it is the words *reviewal pertaining asset*.
I am the administrator. I traffic in shame

and wintergreen gallons of ethyl alcohol.
the dog that barks at night is not my friend.
he is your wallet-stealing assistant. he is dead.
he is wearing a leather jacket and hat!

I'm too drunk to understand what he says,
what he demands from me.