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he can take out layers
& slide them in again
say there's no harm
done

teach us to watch
violence
without wincing

is it toughness
or indifference

around the hives
he pulls up nests of nettles,
bare-handed.