

BROKEN HANDS

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ulcerations weep between
like interdigital islands
floating amidst
compromised flesh

sheets of tissue
peel off in strips
enough to fund
a graft
or Christmas

erythema creeps
towards dorsal
patches of
xerosis

where water
becomes fire
the epidermis
erodes
cracks and fissures

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HEVEL

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Corporeality rests with the soul at the place of death.
To meet these two brothers. To escort them in. He undertakes.
To usher in solace. To rage against light. This is his lot.
They sleep among slaves. They toil among stones. Inscriptions complete.
He cleaves with his family. He moves high away. To work alone.
Good doctor, will you be with me there when the silver cord breaks?