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Near the foundation we found
the skeleton of a cow,
and we brushed
away dirt and uncovered the curve
of the spine,
the crumble and rot
of marrow, the pelvic crush,
stacked pieces of teeth,
open mouth
full of dirt
army of vertebrae,
the fine line between bone and earth,
ashes to dust,
the dark clay calming
of the mind which says *death*
but cannot connect the word
to this dark being.
We touch the decomposition
of thoughts,
the impression of a legbone
in the earth, like a rivet.
Bone lasts longer than flesh,
and is reluctant
to become dirt.
Even now it tries to hold,
compose a form,
unearth itself.