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i am still tied to you an impossible knot looped beyond reason and rationality the harder i yank and pull

and strain to break the tension the tighter it closes angry red skin blistering beneath the rough texture of your truth

the secret to freedom is to simply stop struggling and yet i find that i cannot sit quiet bound indefinitely to past decisions

you have trapped me
because i trusted you enough to
extend my fingers out
reaching towards something that
was never mine to hold