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The sun set long ago
but the sky is still streaked with pink,
stained in the afterglow.

On the remnants
there are bleak purple shadows
and I climb them gingerly.

The edges are rough
sharpened by wind and rain
but I cannot help myself.

A morbid curiosity forces me below
into the teeth of the past

and I embrace the ache of the afterglow. 1