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**AUDIO CASSETTE  
BOUGHT FROM  
GOODWILL  
MARKED "KELLY"**

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At first, static. Almost  
two minutes. Then,  
a cough. Gentle, as if  
calmly getting someone's  
attention. A moan—a woman—  
and springs. The slide  
of a metal chain across  
the floor. A man's fast  
breath. Woman begging  
*please...oh, please.*  
Some wet skin and  
awkward rhythm. A pause.  
Something wooden  
is dropped. Then the rustle  
of papers. Like applause.