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a time, he is working, she is bent in the distance—  
half-sees her in the kitchen, she is cleaning out the drain.  
at the desk, he is sweating, sketching finger positions  
on his Buxtehude score. his glasses are slipping,  
his fingertips press, and step, like a spider  
“a spider stepping and pausing on the desk!”