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forest floor.

"What?" I asked.

"Mommy is God."

I almost laughed, but he wore this look of serenity that I'd only seen on the face of a cancer patient drifting off on a sea of morphine. I thought about what wisdom he must possess to be so certain of this, to know with such conviction that his mother is God. I thought about how my teaching him complex concepts and answering his dialectical inquiries to their ontological conclusions. My father wouldn't recognize this form of child-rearing.

"Why is Mommy God, Tommy?" I asked.

"Because I said so."

That's as good an answer as anything I could come up with.

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