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With a click-click
Flicker
The pale blue gaslight
Wets and sparks,
Begins tickling the kettle.
Excitedly she responds,
Letting her insides wriggle,
Bringing invisible molecules to life.

Their dance, now in full swing-
Flame sweeping water fantastically across the floor-
Threatens to consume both.
He, determined to walk the edge
Of sanity, where pain melts to pleasure;
She, caught at the intersection
Between resistance and surrender,
A place uninhabited by mortals.

Persistent, increasing
The intensity of the scalding fire,
Pushing an overt agenda
That can end only one way-
In a full, piercing climax.

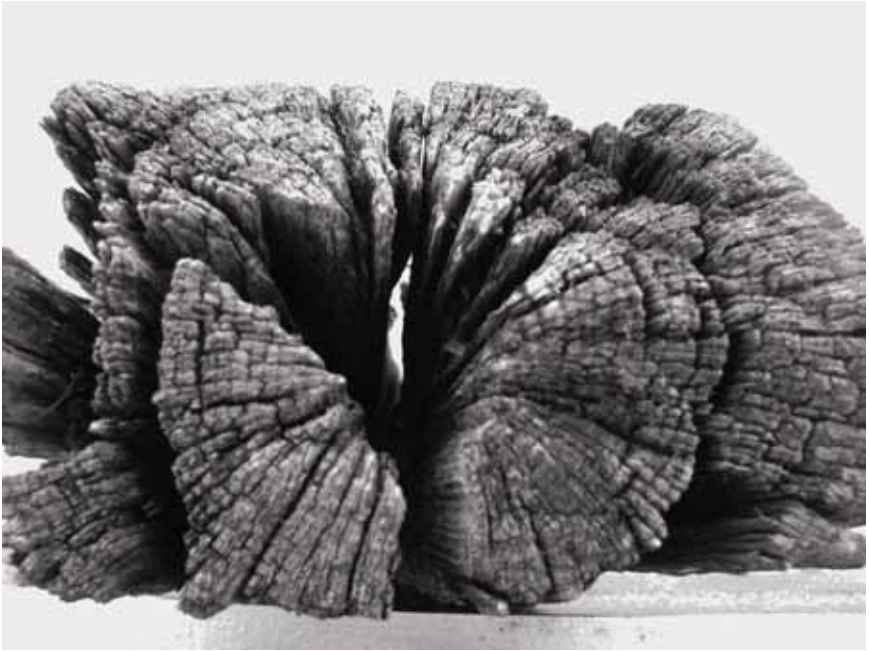
Her hydrogen and oxygen titillate
To the brink of ecstasy,
Spurred by the incessant flame,
Where sight and sound fade passively.
There is no return.

She holds out desperately, but
Can no longer contest his advances.
Heat coerces her to submit at last.
Lights flicker above-

There is stillness,
Cessation of breath and movement;
She pauses, then
Ah!
Painpleasure
Lighthead
Click-click...
Boils over.

Flower

Ben Whisenhunt



black and white photography