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I am old made new
with the same text,
just different formations

made with a bumpy
spine and inkiness
spilling into minds

thick and thin,
worn and crisp,
immobile and flexible.

I can break your
ignorance and shatter
your hate

or pry open your heart
with a simple line
of dialogue

spill me and I flutter
drop me and I slam
burn me and you admit

in my power to unite
peoples. my three fates are:
collect dust, become dust,
or be dusted.