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The night before I left
You traced my blue veins
Purple.
And we laughed at how it
Shrank when I moved.
Skin bending, obscuring
The rest.
Three days, it faded.
Sweat off in the Virginia heat.
And you laughed
Pleased with its longevity.