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The Kosta Boda glass votive glows orange-red, a half-orb of ruddy, weighted brilliance thickly translucent with overlapping swirls like wildly skewed orbits of subatomic particles: a radiant cradle gleaming as from a distant star.

Memory navigates by its refracted incandescence.

Unmoored, I troll to a northern childhood port, where a winner-takes-all game of marbles—those seductively curved cat's-eyes the winking dwarf planets of youthful dare—marked the shining outer limits of intentional risk.

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