Riptide

INDIANAPOLIS, I.L., OCT. 26—
Body of sixteen year old.
More than 150 burns, bruises, sores, cuts and scalings.
*I’m a prostitute and proud of it* carved into left abdomen.
Torture had been communal by assorted

*Short cut*, a crossing
Also *near cut*. to heaven from every place
*disfigure* (To carve (a peacock

dis’flesh*, v. b. To free from
disembody.

BAMIYAN, Afghanistan—
Empty niches that once held colossal Buddhas
now gape in the rock face—
explosives at the base and the shoulders blew them
great scar marks the inner
a silent cry at the

self

obscure

*Mining*. Of a rock, etc.: Detached,
they are self-stones.

how we allow it.
Crutch. Or is it

Death is like a return of being in itself.
An irreducible or privileged relationship.

to possess. To
pick until it bleeds. Opening to what’s.
light.
bare stripping. To
locate.
the riptide

How memories lodge and you have to peel them back.

Then stand in the spaces.
Thus the rituals

sterile dermal needles. Large kitchen matches.
Low buzz running between pins.
Mugwort smolders at tip
The gating of pain

Four prostitutes in a drainage ditch behind a strip of motels
He can relive his fantasy through the shoes which serve a trophy

there is the night we were in the closet
and I closed the door
or was that you

—it’s called a screen memory

In the mountain cloud forest of Ecuador
a rare vampire
has a tongue
that stretches up to three times its length
to reach the sweet nectar
in the corolla

20. A turning aside, a deviation; also.

Ruskin’s model of divine proportion
mournings.
Where the subject does not know what has been lost

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J., NOV. 21—
Each barefoot.
Each face down in several inches of water, head tilted to the east.