

# Kentucky Silk

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He was out of things to talk about with his friend Charles. So he said good-bye and hung up the phone. Ate dinner. Read twenty-five pages of a book about the murder of Brian Jones. Took the dog for a walk. Did the dishes. Took a shower. Got into bed with the wife. Waited till the wife was almost asleep. Said, I'm going to take the dog for a walk. Put on his coat. Walked the dog around the block. Took three long sips from his flask. Opened the door to his apartment and took off his coat. Took another long sip from his flask. Heard the wife's footsteps. Hid his flask in the trash can. Stood in the corner of the kitchen, where they keep the dog treats and cleaning supplies. Looked at the wife, who was naked from the waist up. The wife said, Where's the remote? Said, Somewhere in the bed. Waited for the wife to shut the bedroom door. Took another long sip from his flask. Heard the wife's footsteps again. Hid his flask in the trash can. Stood in the other corner of the kitchen, where they keep the ladder and broom. Looked at the wife, who was naked from the waist up. The wife said, It smells like booze in here. Said, It does? The wife took a whiff of him. The wife said, You smell like booze. Said, Not me. The wife said, You can't help yourself. Said, I didn't drink anything. The wife said, You care more about that shit than me. The wife said, You're doing something about this, but you're getting the information, you're making the calls, you're doing it, I'm not doing it, I'm not your secretary. Said, I know, I agree. The wife said, There is a distance growing between us, I don't know if you can feel it, but I can. Said, I didn't know that. The wife said, This is not a deal breaker, not yet, I don't know what it is, but it's not good. Looked at the wife, who was naked from the waist up. Said, I'm sorry. Waited for his wife to shut the bedroom door. Took another long sip from his flask. Called his friend Charles. Said, Brian Jones was murdered by three men in swim trunks.

