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Thom Young
Surf

the surf
isn't what
it use to be
now
it
washes up
lives
and dirty needles
and once they found
a lady
in a green dress
face down on the beach
she said her
name was Amber
which seemed like a good enough
name
but the tourists
were too distracted
by a school
of Bluefish
to know
they were
already eaten
alive.

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VCR

where is her body

buried?

in the past?

in the seaside

trash?

they waited

until Brody

came

to fess up.

the Orca was attacked

by something else.

and in 1982

the VCR

lied

at the slumber

party.

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Fries

there's
nothing
worse
than realizing
you should
have asked her
to dance
on that night
so long
ago
not knowing
she would leave
with
her future husband
who
chopped her
head off
and put
it
in a freezer
next
to the fish sticks
and Ore-Ida
fries.