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You have to be like
that feral cat hunched over
tossed-out takeout,
barfing on the sidewalk,
the small bones in his
shoulders like wings
poking through mangy fur—
who, having puked,
ravenously eats again,
his body pushed into the
three inches between traffic
and a brick wall,
not looking at anything
but the bouquet of shiny noodles
scattered on the asphalt
between his two front feet.