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The Surprise Is Inside

I cut
the
edge
of the plane
your forehead
across
the triangle
side of your brow
down
the slender cylinder
around
the ball
your nose
and
your full lips
flatten.
Sharp
even
strokes
unfurl
oval cheeks
the
cleft in your chin
splits.

A slice
across
the border
of
square
jaw
followed
by
the ellipse
of
your neck.
I cut
into
the giant trapezoidal cone
of
your torso.
The knife
slides
through cubes
spheres
cylinders
of
arms
legs
genitals.

Your body
falls
flat
on my page.