Zombie Double Feature

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Before the first farmer's skin is pulled back, I watch Harry crumple in a methadone sleep, bawl into my popcorn bucket, then reach across to hold a finger under his nose. The last terrified soul eaten, we leave the theatre, but only make it to the bathroom where I blast the sink over sounds of vomiting, and lock the door just when the light beneath the jamb goes dark. We're getting out of here, I say, over and over, lifting him to his feet. We lurch past a ticket taker sweeping popcorn from the lobby and out into the street where Harry wanders the ellipses of traffic until I tackle him in a bus stop. People swarm us, and I wrap my arms around his head, build a chamber to bury their threats under the sound of our breath.