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“Thieves, All of Them”

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The bandits snuck in while the people were sick.
Heedless of Stay Away postings.
Their hands were razor sharp.
Their tongues scaly as dragons.
They wore socks over their shoes.
No sound emanated from their footsteps.
Because thousands died from a virus,
their bodies hauled away,
no one kept ledgers of the diseased.

It was as though they'd never lived.
Only the robbers thrived during this time,
stacking their bank accounts into millions.
The poor did not survive such disaster.
The air they breathed was sick, full of exhaustive
fumes from nearby factories and highways.
Tell the people that locking their doors does no good.
That the earth will continue to get about on a prosthetic.
Tears are dung. Stinking dung.