Orange.
skin thick, resisting puncture...
yielding, and the slow peeling,

and the delicate separation of covering and flesh.

eyes intent.
fingers deliberate.
mouth watering.

... anticipation...

urging of the senses—nose, eyes, fingers, lips, tongue

quick rush BITE!

burst of sour sweetness, saliva, tears.
mouth drawn, teeth clenched, face distorted.

pleasure
pain

pleasure
p.

swallow...
eyes heavy with effort.
relax.

sticky sweetness dried on hands, face, lips.
taste that lingers...
savored.

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