

## accident

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a cold crisp night  
and voices laughing; voices echo  
still, bright stars  
a patient moon  
and voices laughing; voices echo

door slam shut  
the reflex locking  
gliding forward  
laughing; echo

a swift wide turn  
an open door  
sliding, sliding  
a cold wind  
terror: panic!  
dragging dragging  
hard, rough cement  
merciless pavement  
shrieking brakes  
roll, crawl over to side  
quickly—faster!  
cars whiz by  
voices echo; voices  
no more