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My mother speaks of cancer as if it were
a plant or a plant
ars wart and says
things like it will
get its root down
into you deep as if
it is not mutinous
cells ourselves mutated into a doppelganger
of self-destruction in
stead keeping arms
length away by making the other out
of our ordinary selves a fundamental concept of biology and a perversion
of the random mutations necessary for options
from which natural selection can select to perpetuate the species in
to perpetuity or at least until
it can
cancer gets us the fat
e of living
too long or
not long enough.

— Jeffery Greb