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Dubbed, Staked Out, Overwritten—

from the Atlas bone that holds
up my head to my Achilles tendon;
every hemisphere, groove,
fissure, plate, ridge, and basin;
from Broca's area in the frontal lobe
that controls my ability to say "tubes,"
Eustachian or Fallopian, to each tract,
notch, root, bend, inlet, loop,
crevice, and recess; from the spiral
valves of Heister, affiliated somehow
with bile, to my bundle of His,
pores of Kohn and canal of Nuck
just beyond the vestibule
of my vulva—I've been occupied
by centuries of men. My body
is an index of them.