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and the boy

played

with
the mother's

fluvial hair

black

her

mosaic-frame

burnt umber

the daughter just

out of

arms reach

gone already

they found the boy in time to save him. many years from now someone will tell him the awful truth of all that was lost. The bruises on their backs. shoulders. waists. how two women. mother. sister. carried him. gave him their water. on that day he will learn all there is to know of brown and gold

of

flesh

and

sand

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