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You said Lucille Clifton is a worthless, racist bitch,
and I disagreed.

I think you are frightened by her honesty.

It's funny that you find a poem
about menstruation disgusting
when your mother, and grandmother, and sister—
if you have one, all bleed.

But if you fall down on your little football field,
and cut your face
you consider that blood
to be heroic, noble, and brave.

*“Girls like me blow
your facade.*

*Boys like you lack the
ability to go deep.”*

Smart girls frighten you
because they easily decipher you,
and rub you the wrong way.
Girls like me blow your facade.
Boys like you lack the ability to go deep.

In your life you have seemingly never had to
beg for anything—except to get laid.
You so cold, angry, stealthy
have been sex denied
again and again and again
by girls like me.

Maybe you hate me
because it probably wasn't a stupid girl
who left you limp and angry
when she told you no—

It was a girl like me.