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And just like that
a magnolia was blooming.

As if the day before
had not been just one more episode
in a saga that's dragged on too long,
a story
of a bleak existence that no one really wants to hear
especially not the main character.

It was a stormy night, following
on the heels of a stormy day
that was the tenth or twelfth
consecutively at least
and there was no good reason why
when the empty early morning silence was replaced
by the rising agitation of an inglorious dawn,
the first omen to mark the day was

a magnolia tree blooming bright
against a slate-toned thundering sky.