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I *am* enacting my mom's habits.

She sweeps the kitchen floor multiple times per day. I used to watch her sweep as I sat at the kitchen table, and I would notice, as we talked, that each time before she finished, she would turn the broom over, and pick out the clumps of dog hair from the bottom of the bristles.

I sweep now too. I like the sound it makes.

Evan got a vacuum but the warning on the top scares me,

The warning reads

Warning

Do not suck up water to avoid device malfunction.

I think of water in the lungs

I think of my dad, several years ago breathing through a machine -- you could hear it working when you entered the house. The sound the machine made was just like the sound of someone breathing while they are asleep: regular, deep.

hydraulics is the liquid counterpart of pneumatics

: pneuma, meaning breath of life

When he was dying, I wanted to remove the canula, but my mom thought he would be more comfortable with it.

If a vacuum sucks up water, google tells me

either a) the force required **to suck** up the **water** will short a circuit or destroy the fan, or
b) some **water** will get **into** the bag, clogging everything up and probably destroying the fan or, c) **water** droplets will get **into** the fan motor itself, frying out the wires and creating a fire or

Alveoli are tiny air sacs in your **lungs** You have about 480 million **alveoli**

@aillarok posted that the lungs hold grief. I googled it.

The emotion associated with the **lungs** is **grief**.

The **lungs** receive and let go,

keeping the movement in and out in a healthy exchange with the outer world.

If that exchange is blocked emotionally by **grief** and sadness, it affects the smooth action of the **lungs**.

last night

I watched a documentary made by a couple in Tehran during lockdown

Two nights ago

I thought I couldn't breathe.

It ends with the celebration of the Persian New Year



the earth breathing
the wrinkle in time
that you could breathe through a flower to survive a trip to another planet

The flowers function much like an oxygen mask on an airplane.

Whatsit gives them each a flower shaped like a bell with many little flowerets inside. They each use their flower to breathe oxygen when **Mrs.** Whatsit carries them up out of Uriel's atmosphere.

As a raindrop falls through the atmosphere, it can attract tens to hundreds of tiny aerosol particles to its surface before hitting the ground. The process by which droplets and aerosols attract is coagulation, a natural phenomenon that can act to clear the air of pollutants like soot, sulfates, and organic particles. (MIT)

the water is the vacuum.

I will keep sweeping. And it comforts me to know, that next time I am home, I will listen as my mom sweeps and talks and empties the broom's bristles.