

sounds (sənin)

kitchen faucet running water over a pile of dishes
curious appetite, unfocused chit chat, busy hands
icebox exterior, open door, threshold, clutter guts
farm you

five mouth

i hungry

[potato] shop breakfast nothing

ask, eat, splash, fork rattles

ba says: *whatever you want to ask me, go ahead.*

i pause at the thresholds, sensing that the space remains around the same.

faucet turns off,

change the subject,

there's a lot of onomatopoeias in here.

didn't hear it well, didn't say it well, old slipper shuffle, *need to fry scallion
can't eat in one sitting, after time it dries, yet make a dish without it there
is no fragrance.*

{little scallion is very simple.

don't water. just put it on the ground, it grows

on its own.

cut a little, it'll grow back. cut, grow back. that way...

in the end

little scallion

doesn't cost much.

but if you wanna save
a dollar or two, you grow

a little. }

slow cleaver chop

{you want to use a wooden b`end?}

slight confusion chop

...wooden cutting board, right?

{how come you don't use a wooden b`end}

dull metal brushes against countertop, across finger tip, noise snap click into place

{wash no?} *no, wash out the flavor.*

i draw a breath, draw a few more, drawing them everywhere from gentle concern to the edge of patronizing. there's not that much range between them when you really boil it down.

ba searches for bean thread noodles, eyes dart faster, looks under a pot lid, opens cabinets.

{hm open rice bag?}

water

fine, but too long births worms.

{hmmm why the onions on the floor?

a full contradiction of my own words}

onions on the floor, since there's no place to put them.

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