i once beat a man so severely
that my knuckles hurt
it settled
my quarrel
but it would never settle all of his.
some people cannot be stopped.
did it help

## probably not

but i am sure
it slowed him down for a week or two.
not all presents to humanity last forever
nor are they pleasantly gift wrapped.
there may have been better choices
but none that would have been
more effective.
did it help.
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