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There are many attempts to reduce binding theory to the theory of movement (see for instance Hornstein 1999). Cases of split antecedents -- as in (2), the grammatical Japanese counterpart of (1) -- pose a potential challenge for this enterprise. Movement from the same position to two different targets is implausible here (and impossible given the details of Hornstein's theory).

- (1) * John_i told Mary_j about themselves_{i&j}
- (2) John_i-ga Mary_j-ni karera-zishin_{i&j}-nitsuite hanashita
John-NOM Mary-DAT them-selves-about told
'John told Mary about themselves'

References

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