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THE CURTAINS ARE ANOTHER KIND OF HUSBAND

Drawn in the daytime, they are grand, gruff and complete with cuffs. Another kind of eight-in-all, they are near, but not enough. The curtains are cryptic and unwilling to billow when the windows are closed. They whisper, they whistle, they call me glaucoma. Clearly they can’t speak, clearly they can’t see me, but they do drape like the arms of an angel-ape down the sides of each see-through torso.

The curtains make flirting make sense and make fun. The last one teases me.

My grooms disagree with me and I am both embarrassed and proud. I am embarrassed to be so proud, but I am also proud of this embarrassment. They say they give me a place, but they take my place. They take my time and they give way.