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In school, we're taught the soft spot—  
expected to find comfort in Achilles' heel  
or Superman's kryptonite. *They're just like us*

we imagine, rejoicing in their weakness, willing  
Lex Luthor or Paris of Troy to discover the truth  
we already know, prove the hero human.

But Achilles doesn't die from an arrow;  
he's still living now, here, thousands of years  
after the war has ended. And Superman

doesn't stay buried, no matter what the Batman  
movie says. Gods and Superheroes always find a way  
to resurrection. Don't kid yourself—

Doomsday is the fate of humans. We are mortal  
to the end, if not because of our planet or parents  
then because our weakness is hubris, the fatal flaw

buried deep in our heart. We secretly wish the hero  
to die, cheer when the greatest among us stumbles.  
Glued to the news—when the golden boy loses his luster

we take comfort, dancing in our own dull glow.