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I AM A WITCH

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We live, so to speak, like spiders, and never see the light.
—Chekhov

I am a witch.
I live alone in a deep, dark forest.

My only companion is the large black spider who lives in my room.
We are kindred spirits — she and I — born of the same clan.
Most of the day, we hide in our many-legged silences without moving.

Then, in sudden bursts of energy ...

We are spinners!
We are hunters!

Our eyes are blind, and our mouths are always hungry.
Hurry up now! We are waiting for you to start dinner.