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Aqua, turtle tank top  
and sagging milkbone  
bag of flesh  
drop khaki-clad hips  
into the corner seat  
by the stained, paisley couch.  
Bedrock mirror eyes  
keep my own set  
on the blank  
computer screen page  
when the tin rattle  
bell bounce sounds  
against the wooden doorframe,  
pulling city gasps  
into the murmuring storefront.  
Lion-roar breaths bring tight this  
scoliosis spine set,  
not light, moon-moth flutters,  
but the tired transfer  
of an old acrobat, shaking  
shoulder weight around  
stiffening sockets  
in figure-eight ellipses  
against the thatched chair-back.  
Typewriter pupils  
demand the clacking  
of my nerve-sweat fingertips.