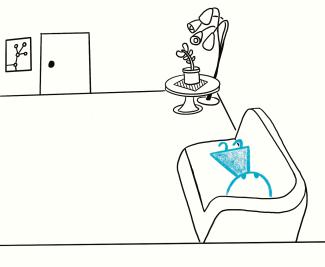


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I think I might be haunting my own apartment.

There's another girl here. She just moved in one day.

She doesn't seem to notice me.

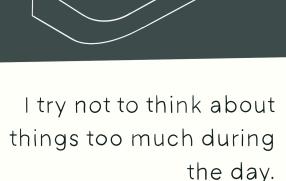


I tried going outside.
It'd been awhile, to
be fair, but I couldn't
figure it out.

She can leave just fine, though.

Haunting isn't so bad.
I can still use my phone, guess
the internet connects spirits too.

Not so different from my old life, really.



But at night I often have this dream.

I see myself from the outside as if behind glass

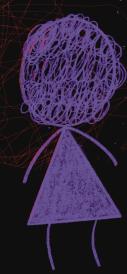


running in reverse—spitting water back in the glass, puking food back up onto the plate, faster and faster, being flung back and then I see her... standing in a dark field...



She's looking up at the stars the same as she always has but she sees something different

a great network of
fiery threads
leaping from star to star
in a shining path
leading her home





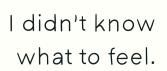
but in fear she flinches from the flame, faithless and in an instant it's gone

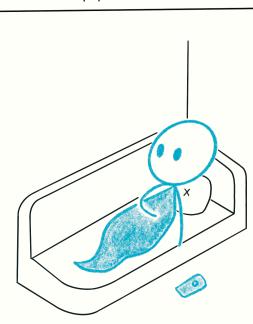


But yesterday was different.



That'd never happened before.







that even though she
flinched
little drops of the flame
clung to her
like the stickseeds of
a tenacious flower

