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**The Voyeur**  
by E. Marie Gray

Poetry Winner  
of Felix Christopher  
McKean  
Memorial Award

*"You are a woman with a man inside watching  
a woman."—Margaret Atwood*

From the mirror on her wall, between her tacked-up  
movie posters, my glass eyes watch her tie her shoes.

I can tell when she remembers I'm up here. It's when  
her posture ugly-ducklings, swan from vulture;

each vertebra files into a more alluring line,  
the way they must when men are near. Other times,

she sinks into her book like it's the chair she occupies  
cross-legged, hunched, fingers tugging a lip. I see

teeth last touched by the man who plied her braces off  
and shiver in my window-intimacy.

I think I am forgotten until she rises, comes  
to me and watches back. She starts to lift my shirt

and I hope she will undress me tenderly,  
but she's only examining my waist.