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a face painted on, made up to hold the demons down
perfection with precision, a mask
to slowly crack
thick black drops from false glued lashes,
dark rimmed and shiny irises
rosy cheeks and sharp lines
crack, chip, fold under the pressure
they streak, sliding down
to collarbones
soaked into shirt collars and patterned quilts
the snap-sudden release of breath,
slumped relief
mask undone, beautiful wreckage
on cheekbones
while glitter falls among the pillows.