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People Who

It's not a thunderstorm it's a balloon fat
drips through the gate it hisses in rhythm with the clouds

and breathes white flames
it's like eclipse the family cat turns its head

in the crepuscular light MacWorld falls of the air mattress
where she turns in her shorts her butt a little chilled in the wind

goose flesh he knows he thinks of how beautiful her ass
is at the same moment he turns the meat

encased in a skin it's leaking and bubbling out either
end expanding yellow jackets appear

like exclamation points a blue bottle fly draws a boozy border
like a modern hunter shooting at songbirds it knots up the scene

someone looks down from aloft it's a thumb with a face whistling
sexy
he feels a buzz in his hands like pins bouncing all over the lawn

she undoes her top her nipples harden in the balloon's cold shadow
she makes love to thumb-print's eyes

while the burners suck up the air no one can see the individual hairs
black and twisty only a few on each breast

really sexy and only he knows it he loves the little planters
he loves her the floating basket's the color of dead hemp

the balloon ripples like a Caribbean sail its blue Virgin Islands

turquoise
it comes about the sun and the clouds and the balloon

have a duel they rain all over the world who's
going to win the pissing match a mile away

the U.S. mail runs clacking through a stamp machine
people whose job it is to cancel

people who love to float down the road in their hover crafts
Saran Wrap moisturizing their skin people who look
you in the eye and hand you your dropped dollar
their skin soft to the touch people who make eye contact

and then accelerate people who write poems but disapprove
of other people's poems people who have an opinion on every movie

they've ever seen people who shrink at the short end
of a megaphone sounding gradually elfin people who grow
smaller
and smaller

under the lights over their desks as they speak People who look
at your wife people who can appreciate your beautiful wife