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Welcome to womanhood!
Admission granted after you sat
on his dictation, slowly
weighing the depths of his command:
“Tell me, who does this pussy belong to?”

You don't know how
to answer.

You have become the master
of baiting the desire of men,
whose fever is permanent illness
to the jungle of your thighs.

Forced to swallow
the dark abyss of white secrets
made custom for the deep of your throat,
you've become numb.

How does it feel to be made dog
in this style of oppression?

Dahlia Noire,
do you ever gaze upon your midnight skin,
wishing it to lily white safety?

A safety that does not exist
for flowers that are required to grow
without water.