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## DOWN THE DRAIN

ALEXANDRIA RAND

i hear the water running  
what a waste  
it sounds like Lake Michigan  
going down the drain

## MARILYN

TOM RACINE

She stands in the door way,  
“Just so you know- I was  
a demon when I was a teenager.”  
“What?”  
“Just so you know.”

Air shoots from the floor fan  
and blows up her skirt.  
“Wow, Marilyn Monroe,” I say.  
“What?”  
“Marilyn Monroe!”  
“Oh, OK.” and she walks back into the other room.  
Sometimes  
even demons  
can be ignored.

## MOTIVE

LAURI MCGILL GALENTINE

March 24, 2001

What I remember most  
Is the rage in your eyes  
As the words from your lips  
Broke my heart.  
And I question your motive.  
I wasn't the only one  
Who sinned that afternoon  
You were right there with me.  
It was you who said  
“Let's go in the backroom.”  
The thing is,  
My heart was in it.  
And if God looks at the heart  
Then I guess your sin  
Goes deeper than mine.

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## MY GOLDEN ON-LINE FRIEND

PAUL CORDEIRO

In her fifties, she still has Marilyn Monroe's playboy image.  
She runs on the treadmill, with round firm breasts  
and long legs to make angels weep.  
Somehow we connect though I'm not a gay dancer  
and good listener who knows he's not as handsome  
as one of the Kennedy cousins  
who never quite stepped on the White House lawn.  
I can only guess she's a retired dancer herself.  
I don't teach or publish anything substantial enough  
to replace what luxury she dearly enjoys.  
Though I give her examples of the pleasure of pain.  
She masturbates herself when I say I'm hotter  
than a city summer night on top of her now.  
She tells me she's miserable, and lonely, and sleeps  
in a separate bedroom a wing away from her husband.  
He writes scholarly criticisms and historical novels.  
He gives her a happy life raising their three kids,  
who also respect and admire him.  
She doesn't need any constipated married poet  
to drive four or five hours to the Connecticut woods  
to obviously upset the beauty sleep she has  
with a big house, and an investment banker on the side.  
She's bored by guys who want to give up  
all for a few minutes with her golden hair and smile.

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