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Abstract

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It wasn't gold or even close,
but more an apricot. No name
because come morning he'll succumb
to fate, this transitory spoil
of war, water-bound, unaware
his life was meant for trade and pure
commodity. I thought his eyes,
alive and bulging, tunneled straight
towards the guilty fact that he
was second-rate at best, because
the shiny car with racing stripes
was what I wanted most. But now,
I'm left with life I never wanted,
a warden for a while, until
the scales no longer shine for light
and I am left, the bearer of
an afterlife.

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