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Judges' Notes

Jay McKenzie, *Douce Sirène*

The invisibility of emotional violence builds to captivate the reader of this story. First a hint and then a build-up of the ugliness and power that narrows the choices of the victim. The story captures the essence of such violence and the awful, shocking end. But, as in life, the reality is never entirely obscured. The truth, we are left to believe, will out.