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I marvel at an open-air atrium,
lined with potted greens and hanging plants
and rosy-cheeked geraniums
peering over their enclosures. They gleam at

the high noon sun streaming down slightly askew
upon teacups and saucers, and a perfect
paired pot melds Earl Grey leaves and water. It brews
as we sit at a wrought iron table except

I am just carving pictures in the blackest
of nights, etching memories into the white-
washed flash before my nose. I smell canvas,
not soil, and it seems that I plant only parasites.

Even now, I can see it: the way the sun lies
on a garden reaching up to ever-ephemeral skies.