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Your mother mistakenly led
her daughters to the house of a butcher,
and when he flashed his cleaver,
found the door locked

You are now a body of static, forced
to mutilate words on your cutting board tongue
(You're only beautiful until you open your mouth)

You wear red bras now,
but you're only borrowing these breasts from your mother
It is now your turn

In the distance,
a washing machine hums

The door is locked