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DIVORCE MOVE

by Catherine Joseph

She pushes and drags sofas across
the avacado carpet, and shoves broad
shouldered chairs into corners.

During television commercials, she spurs
the elephant size china cabinet
with her foot. After dinner, she eases

the black slate coffee table out
of the cups' reach. The Amazon Queen does
not bare her breast. She bares her teeth

As she moves John M. Smiths around
the living room. She is House Beautiful's
designer of the month.

Her favorite room is the foyer,
where furniture is stacked
behind the front door,

blocking the way in.
He knocks outside,
but the furniture will not answer.