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Untitled Linoleum Cut

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Icarus
by Michael Vargo

It's easy to see that I use you and you use me. It ain't love, but it ain't bad.

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From Afar
by Bosco Turk

Shuttered glance

    fantasy tasted on the sly,
    brush of blond as you slide by

Nothing chanced.

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Worker's Disability Compensation Act Sec. 7
by K. W. Striking

"The loss of the first phalange of the thumb, or of any finger, shall be considered to be equal to the loss of ½ of such thumb or finger, and compensation shall be ½ of the amounts below specified..."

Machines drink blood, ask the oily shop man severed from his hand; an Adam severed from Eden, paid off in alien earth. Just compensation though not just a hand—

a member of a family that placidly lay over Mona Lisa's lap, blood of the divine phalanges reaching for creation across the Sistine's cracks of time.

Machines drink blood, ask the oily shop man severed from his hand, who suffers an ironic salute to Deus ex Machina.