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Jason Snart

At dinner one night the wine has flown  
around the room over a heaped plate of white rice,  
lamb biryani, the aroma of cloves, not to mention  
the heady Howard's 3000 that started it all.

Gathered couples  
talking across the table, teeth  
flashing like so much rice,  
I'm losing my grip on the fork.

Conversation turns to the subject of jackets  
with crests, and, recalling at once a Seinfeld episode  
involving crests, and an explanation of female anatomy  
I announce, "the clitoris is  
at the crest of the labia." Then laugh, loudly,  
  
in the silence that follows.