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# EATING ORANGES

Tricia Cimera

In a green kitchen  
on a hot day  
a man and a woman  
sit at a blue table,  
watching each other.  
She picks up an orange,  
peels it with practiced  
fingers,  
slowly, silkily.  
The peel is dropped,  
discarded like  
a fallen skirt, a fallen shirt.  
She takes an orange slice,  
holds it in her  
mouth  
until all the juice  
slips smoothly down  
her throat, the seeds  
spit out, delicately.  
She eats it all,  
her eyes never leaving his,  
even after she begins  
to juggle four oranges,  
expertly, easily.  
He gasps-  
wants her, wants her, wants her,  
juicy woman, all *his* -  
not knowing  
she juggles her men  
the way she does oranges.  
The walls of her green kitchen  
watch jealously.  
*they* know –  
but can't talk.