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— Lisa Huston

She was sitting on the floor eating a popcorn ball,
and her sock monkey was securely hanging
from the closet door behind her.

I had just confided in her
that I don't confide in anyone
when she said,
"You know Henry gave me herpes."

"You are only saying that
because you know how much
alliteration aggravates me."
But two can play at that game,
so I said Rod regurgitated rubella on my white pants
and Stan stuck me with spongiform encephalitis.

She swung her monkey to make him too dizzy to do evil in the night
then she hopped into bed.

"I knew you'd know exactly what to say," she smiled.
But I forgot to tell her to brush her teeth.