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She had fallen asleep  
on the couch  
with the light of the television  
playing across her face -  
scenes from the R-Rated movie  
she let me watch  
in spite of my parents' instructions.

Toy soldiers and plastic martians  
were strewn across the floor,  
struggling to negotiate  
their carpeted battlefield  
as I indulged my eight years worth  
of historic sensibility:  
Space Invaders versus Nazis.

Then I heard her sigh,  
a soft exhale  
that lingered in the air.

I turned  
from the plastic martian holocaust  
in time to see her shift  
on the couch, still asleep.

I stared, fascinated  
by her bare feet,  
her neatly painted nails,  
the auburn hair that hung  
just against her shoulder,  
brushing skin left unobstructed  
by her black tank top.

And when I turned  
back to my soldiers  
a wounded Oberfeldwebel  
caught my eye.