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The woman walking past me
does not meet my eyes. She only absorbs
the glare of her black, shiny shoes,
sometimes stealing a glimpse
of her left clenched fist and her right hand
grasping the man beside her.

I wonder if she ever manages to stand alone
or if she only extends like ivy,
narrow and thin, clinging
to something strong and hard.

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