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“Why You Need Window Blinds”  
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Exclaims the paper of record, as if  
it were your grandmother,  
the interrogative that isn't a question,  
the focus on exactly what you don't need  
as you gaze past the double panes  
where the view is cut into perfect squares,  
six at the top, six at the bottom,  
each box like the auto-camera  
that demarcates the best shot, how  
it thinks you should see.

But I do not click and save  
the view from any one chipped white frame.  
There is a tangle of branches, still exposed,  
bright light without heat dimmed into shadows  
by the every which way of old growth  
and new tentative shoots, wayward vines,  
my angle, and what I miss  
through yet another lens,  
without which I am the divider  
between room and tree.