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Packed with poetry and prose
that's nostril-lickin' good!

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Laundry Day

Carly Anderson

I piled the surviving sock pairs next to silk pillowcases, turned tweed trousers outside in and folded fresh smelling sheets, shorts, and tanks. I uncrumpled my favorite pair of jeans, your favorite on me, and from the pocket pulled the last letter you left me, the one in which you detailed your reasons for leaving (other than her), your words now bleeding from the page, the page now tattered and torn after forty minutes of revenge by permanent press, a tactical distortion, the words no longer legible but still palpable long after the last of my delicates is tucked away.