

Mustérion

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She—dark eyebrows, inky eyes,  
raven hair, olive skin—bakes as her family  
works in the fields daydreaming

about that bearded man  
under their ketubah . . . so handsome!  
but exiling such thoughts she  
reaches for flatbread toasting in a pan

the dim room incandesces with blinding light—  
an iridescent figure speaks  
words piercing her soul—  
then vanishes                    his image seared

in her sight                    the room again dim  
flatbread smoking she seizes it  
burnt                            then she sits staring

at smoke wafting through  
the small window            contemplating  
“the Highest overshadowing you . . .”