

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 incandescences 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 . . .”