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WOMAN WITH TERATOMA

To the witch she says:

*I leave my window ajar at night
will tie no red strings in my hair
and there is no cross carved in my left boot-heel.*

To the lover she says:

noiseless and from the inside: a renegade eye disapproves.

To the husband she says:

*"tera," Greek for "monster,"
and must you diffuse every bitter thing I say?*

To the priest she says:

*I saw a picture of a white beach,
and protruding from the sand, two hands praying.*

To the physician she says:

and my ovary into a jawbone?

To the ovary she says:

speak.

To the devil she says:

what.