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POETRY EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

I want to work with bones and stuff3:54 text— my advice requested

Is a 3.426 a good GPA? 5:43 text— she strives to prove mom wrong

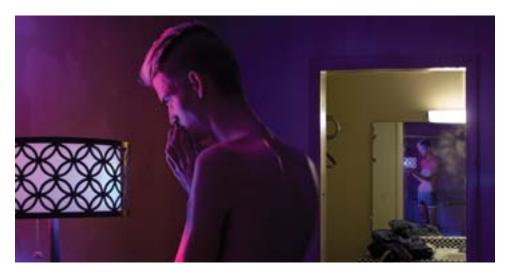
Sending you Miranda-love! [picture of a clown] 9:21 text— to scare me and induce laughter

We found *Mqndr* scribbled on macaroni framed artifacts—piled upon each other in matching flannel whispering to me at Christmas that as a child she pitied the letter, abandoned and underused, bastardizing her name to create a home for the lonely Q

Bone sisters, more than blood, connected by vexatious vertebra stacked to support and strengthen.

As pinched disks creak and groan, she swats it away with warmth of a curved cushion curled around her neck—
a humiliating tear smeared on her cheek, she forces the betraying body to smile, denying its power in false ocular floods.

She is my sister-in-spine, with shushed determination, and the loudest love I get.



Sensitivity | Alexis Howard
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