

# Invasive Species

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To eradicate  
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You will find them  
flying off  
the upper level of a parking garage  
Like landlocked seagulls  
Searching Longing  
Hoping for a horizon  
Where sea meets sky  
Their out of place  
Caught on the breeze cries  
Lost to the below  
"I got someplace else I really gotta go."  
passers-by

You will find them  
Dangling from Doorknobs  
like angsty Do Not Disturb signs  
Demanding you "Do Not Go In!"  
While being deeply disappointed

You dare not brave the  
discovery of All that is hidden within  
Or You will find them  
hanging from the bedroom ceiling  
Like faltering fairy lights  
and overflowing dreamcatchers  
Once Grand declarations  
Of "This is who I Am" decor  
Now neglected, unnoticed  
"Does anyone even see me anymore?"

You will find them  
Languidly lounging  
In a crimson tub  
Like floating rose petals  
Ah - Love  
Buoyantly bobbing in the blooming blush of the bath  
Wide eyed  
Mawed wrist thrown open  
in a silent laugh  
How to unravel this swansong soak  
Is it a riddle or punchline  
to an inside joke?

When seeking the female of this  
Invasive species  
Statistically,  
You are mostly likely to find her  
Alone  
Seeming to doze

Like a Disney princess  
Lying in repose  
Was it the apple or thorny prick  
She chose?  
Now awaiting a awakening kiss  
Spoiler - It never shows

As for this invasive species  
Male  
More often than not,  
you will find him  
On display  
Like an abstract work of art  
All streaks, drips and spatters  
Of tissue matter  
A masterpiece not meant  
for the faint of heart  
No gentle touch of a brush  
But  
In one bold masculine stroke  
He uses a piece in the execution  
Of his self-portrait of peace

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**In conclusion  
Escalating encroachment  
Of this invasive species is dire  
Personal and Societal  
Preventative Action is Required**

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