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*L. M. Martins (he/they)*

A sorceress, blinded by *eros*,  
swift to help her lover on his quest for the Golden Fleece,  
but slow to realize that he had been using her all along.

When the shroud of desire is swept from her eyes,  
and the heroic Jason is revealed to be just another man,

she is overcome with  
sadness  
regret  
despair.

And as passionate love metamorphoses to heartless insanity,

she seethes with  
anger  
resentment

vengeance.

Enraged by the spiral of punishments women have suffered under the rule of men:

Dowries  
Submission  
Virginity  
Marriage  
Cooking  
Baking  
Cleaning  
Laundry  
Spanx  
Corsets  
Thongs  
Boob Jobs  
Liposuction  
Rhinoplasty  
Mascara  
Contour  
Periods  
Labor Pains

Self- Blame  
Guilt  
Rape  
Assault  
Harassment  
Adultery  
Bad Sex  
Groping  
Cat Calling  
Misogyny

She grovels at Creon's knees  
shading deceptive intentions with entreating words  
all the while

devising  
plotting  
scheming  
biding

rather than tearing the hair on her own skull.

Boiling inside over  
Jason  
Creon  
that Corinthian floozy  
her sons  
until she explodes into a rage.

Her eyes innocent and smile bright,  
she poisoned the woman who dared to steal her husband  
with a vile concoction brewed from  
VX for asphyxiation  
Batrachotoxin for heart failure  
Botulinum toxin for paralysis  
and Ricin for cell death.

She cast merciless fire on the palace of her foolish father  
and finally skewered the bodies of her own helpless sons  
with a dagger  
how phallic  
and then fled,

leaving the husk of a man behind.

Looking back at her own chaotic masterpiece  
she calmly states:

“As women we will never be recognized  
for our strength, our virtue.  
Yet as the mistresses of all types of mayhem  
no one can deny our supremacy.”

Medea  
whose artistry for revenge inspired  
Jian Chen to slashing  
Jeanette Michelle Hawes to stabbing  
Deanna Laney to bludgeoning  
Karen Biraghi to shooting.

Medea  
Incarnate Queen of Disorder  
Now betrothed to the king of rage himself, Achilles  
joined among the souls  
not even death able to do them part.

I suggest kneeling in supplication.