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## VENOMOUS WORDS

*Jess Bouchard*

She spun a web of words,  
    (*dying*  
    *is an art, like everything else,*  
    *I do it exceptionally well.*)  
She lay there bare  
    a bag of skin – almost  
claylike with water to mend the cracks, but  
    these were too cavernous for repair,  
    so they stared at her lifeless sack  
    and left her sunny side up.  
    She fried, they said.  
They forked the life out of her too soon,  
    and they ate her until she was gone.  
    She'll have the death of you, too.