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My mind shouts and my flesh crawls--
Images of horror invade my living room.
I'm drawn into conflicts of rebellion and extermination,
Visual testimony to the cult of war.

I turn away for release and absolution--
But huge black eyes draw me into a world of pain and filth.
Bloated belly, scabby limbs and lazy flies
Desperately shout: Hunger!

Racing now, I seek escape in sitcom hell,
But it's too late--
I am my brother's keeper.