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## Overtime

By Rachel Hughes

The faux leather chair squeaks mockingly  
As ticking hands  
Expire promises,  
Turning them into echoed apologies.

What happens when  
working to put food on the table  
means eating alone at a desk?  
What happens when  
windows in the coveted corner office  
turn out to all be mirrors?  
What happens when  
weathered hands caress more keys  
than loved ones' cheeks?

Incandescent bulbs and elevator buttons  
Shine brighter than a billion stars.  
The sky is obsidian;  
Yet the city does not sleep.

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