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Ryan Chighizola Prize Winner

Call me a parasite, sure —

I can't change the body
I was born into.

We all must eat, somehow, no?

Me, I have learned to wait —

You'll come running to me

when you need relief

from something you don't understand,
when even your blood

betrays you.

for James