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## Desolation

Paloma Hernandez

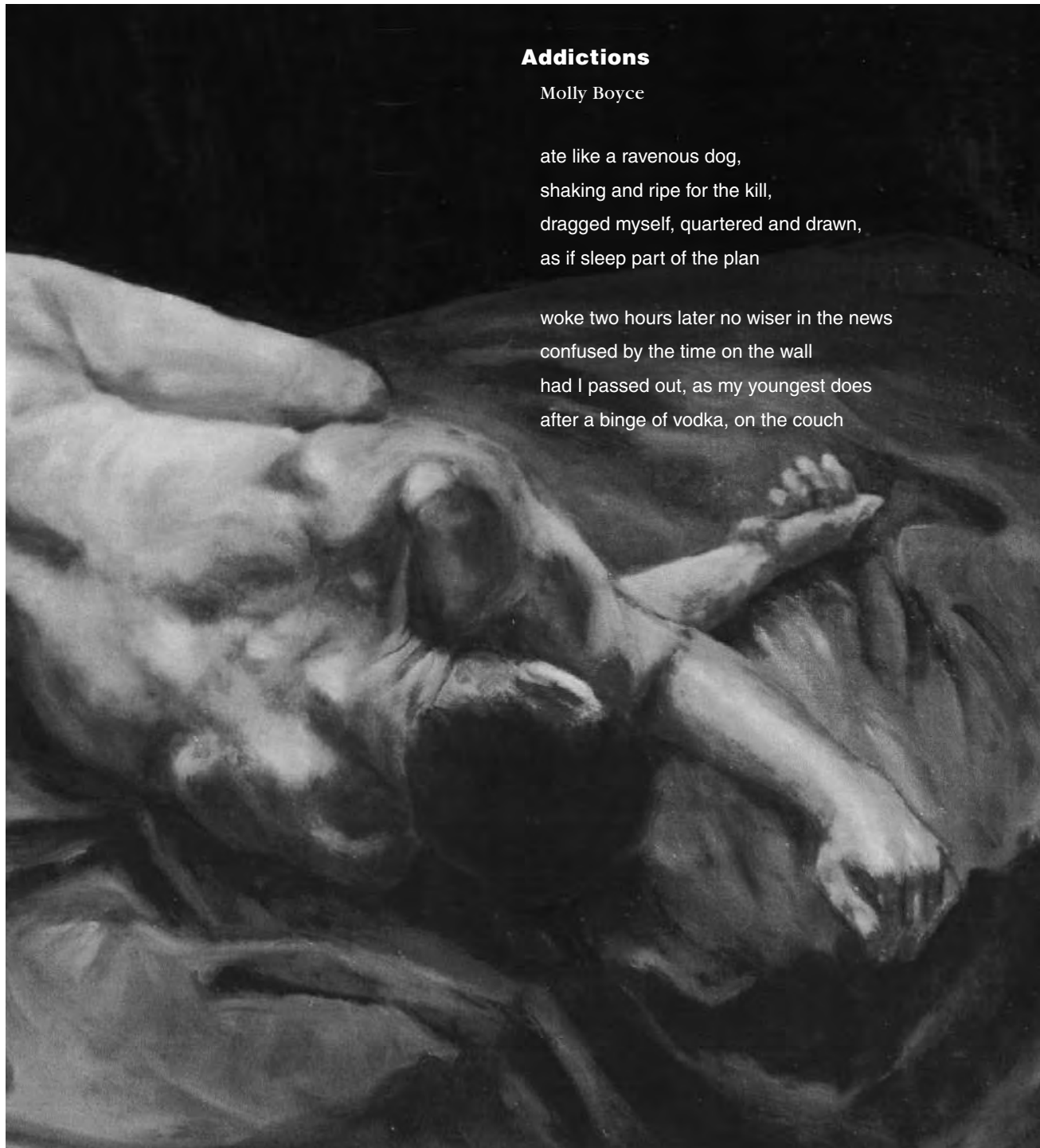
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**Addictions**

Molly Boyce

ate like a ravenous dog,  
shaking and ripe for the kill,  
dragged myself, quartered and drawn,  
as if sleep part of the plan

woke two hours later no wiser in the news  
confused by the time on the wall  
had I passed out, as my youngest does  
after a binge of vodka, on the couch

**Drafted**

Molly Boyce

I, like others,  
stood in lines  
signing up  
under duress,  
calculated  
commitment

eminently  
shaped by  
present dangers  
for services  
rendered  
abroad

required,  
cold silent  
signatures  
scrawled across  
bloody  
wounded  
scars



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