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## Shackled

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*Lillie Vermillion*

Turning aimless circles in a swivel chair.

I'm the only one left.

The last of the office personnel.

The last of the staff.

The last one here.

So I swivel in the turning circle of  
my chair.

And I am waiting...

for the Alpha of the G to call me.

They will give me glad tidings  
of much work.

Then I must put my paper-cut fingers to the task.

I will toil and slave  
over what will ultimately be trash.

When the task is complete  
and the trash is assembled,

only then am I released to show up late at home.

So I wait.

Circling in the turning swivel of my chair.



*C. Helvey*