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Loft Bed

by Noelle Sterne

In the two-room, graduate-school apartment, one-eighth of a brownstone whose only virtue was eleven-foot ceilings, my new husband, despondent at the little space, designed and with a cousin built a loft bed. At first, I thought this innovative, creative, even genius. The thick wooden planks were solid and rich and the matching ladder naughtily bohemian for staid doctoral candidates; he was elated. But making the bed required the skills and muscle tone of an advanced yoga master. And during sleep, if in the night a pimple broke through on your nose, it grazed the ceiling. One morning, suspecting the rest of my life could be seeing him through a succession of impossible highs and lows, I climbed down the ladder and walked out.

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this is so very visual and packed with imagery. i like it much!

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Gabe McCaslin said...

I love the word order and the finality of it!

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Jeanette Cheezum

Clever how you explained the agony of the top bunk scenerio.:)

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Ian said...

Great! The story untold is just as fascinating.

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Thanks for sharing this with us. I really enjoying reading your piece :)

Jessica

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