

# Yellow Woman Speaks

Shadow become real; follower become leader;  
mouse turned sorcerer —

In a red sky, a darker beast lies waiting,  
her teeth, once hidden, now unsheathed swords.

Yellow woman, a revolutionary, speaks:

“They have mutilated our genitals, but I will restore them;  
I will render our shames and praise them,  
Our beauties, our mothers:  
Those young Chinese whores on display in barracoons;  
the domestics in soiled aprons;  
the miners, loggers, railroad workers  
holed up in Truckee in winters.  
I will create armies of their descendants.

And I will expose the lies and ridicule  
the impotence of those who have called us  
chink  
yellow-livered  
slanted cunts  
exotic  
in order to abuse and exploit us.  
And I will destroy them.”

Abrasive teacher, incisive comedienne,  
Painted Lady, dark domestic —  
Sweep minds' attics; burnish our senses;  
keep house, make love, wreak vengeance.



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