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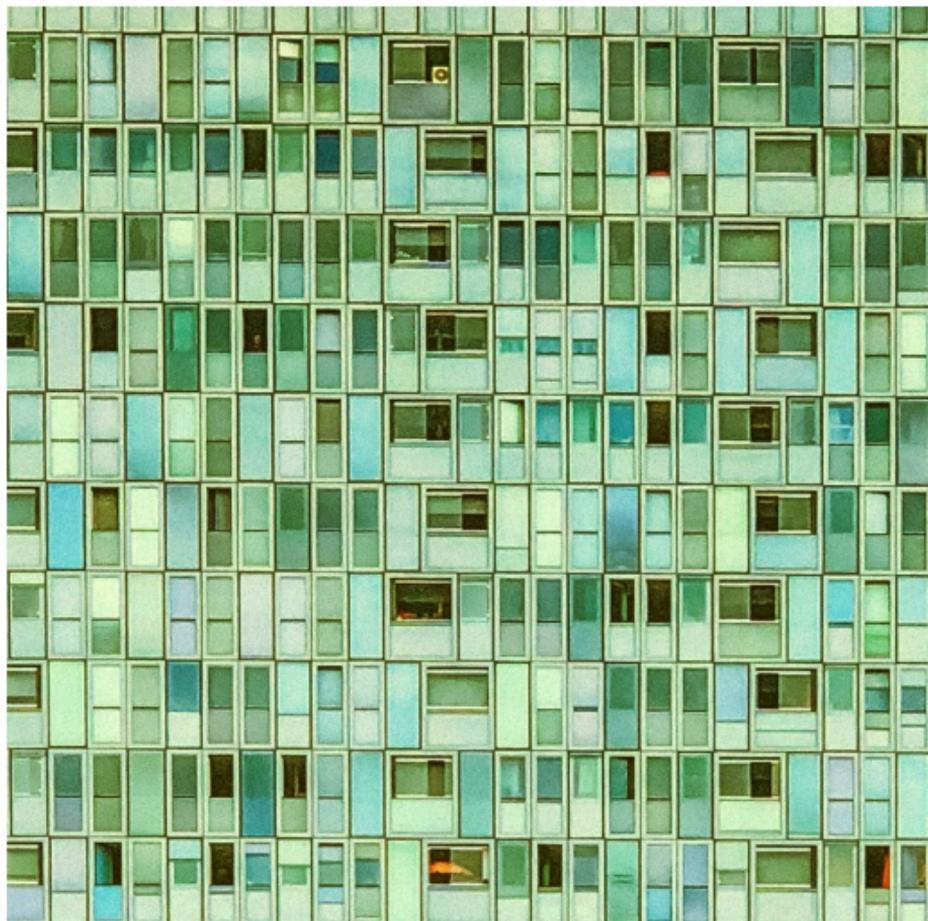
TROUBLED MINDS HAVE TROUBLED SLEEP

by Howie Good

It shouldn't happen like this. It shouldn't happen at all. A tech at the sleep clinic attaches electrodes to my head. Very soon there's a strong smell of happy little trees on fire. I wouldn't be totally surprised if someday scenes from disturbing dreams end up burned onto the walls. When patients are awakened, they don't always remember who they are. They break into cabinets and steal anything they can. They dash into the intersections of main roads. They just feel they have to. And for what? To make absent monuments look real?

Art: "Reminiscence" by Danielle Hark

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NAME WITHHELD UPON REQUEST

by Michelle Brooks

The moon, a fingernail of light tonight, appears, and I return home late. I don't have anywhere else to be, and you don't have anywhere else to go. I unpack groceries, stuffing the plastic bag into a drawer with other plastic bags. "We should throw these out," I say. "We're never going to use them." You agree, but your heart isn't in it. I should know. You like to keep everything.

Photography: "Cells" by Joelle Chmiel
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