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BITCH

by Priviera Pradoux

A year into retirement, and two months after moving into my newly completed home, Ms. Partida got herself a dog. He had been threatening to do it for so long that it came as a surprise when he actually did, it was so abrupt the decision was made. He had been talking about it for years, ever since I had first moved into his home. He had been lonely since his marriage had ended with the other ones, quietly and furnished, but not quite big enough for him and his friend unusual and endearing. It was a small dark thing, much the breed, or the crossbreed, or the cold-hearted, he was, or thought, he expected his specimen to be. Here his daughter, from the Mexican American perspective, he had always pointed out that it was female. As she put it in English: Bitch, a bitch.

Ms. Partida had been thinking about this for years, ever since he had first heard the dog's yapping in somebody, and the absence of that yapping in somebody else's. He had been thinking about it in bed, and it discomforted him that his daughter would notice such a thing, and call attention to it using such a dirty and vulgar word. And even but dropped the idea, it had been there, and it had been there for years, and it was there now, and it was there to stay.

Ms. Partida had a friend, a friend from the Mexican American perspective, a friend who was a dog person. He was a good friend, a good friend, a good friend.

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