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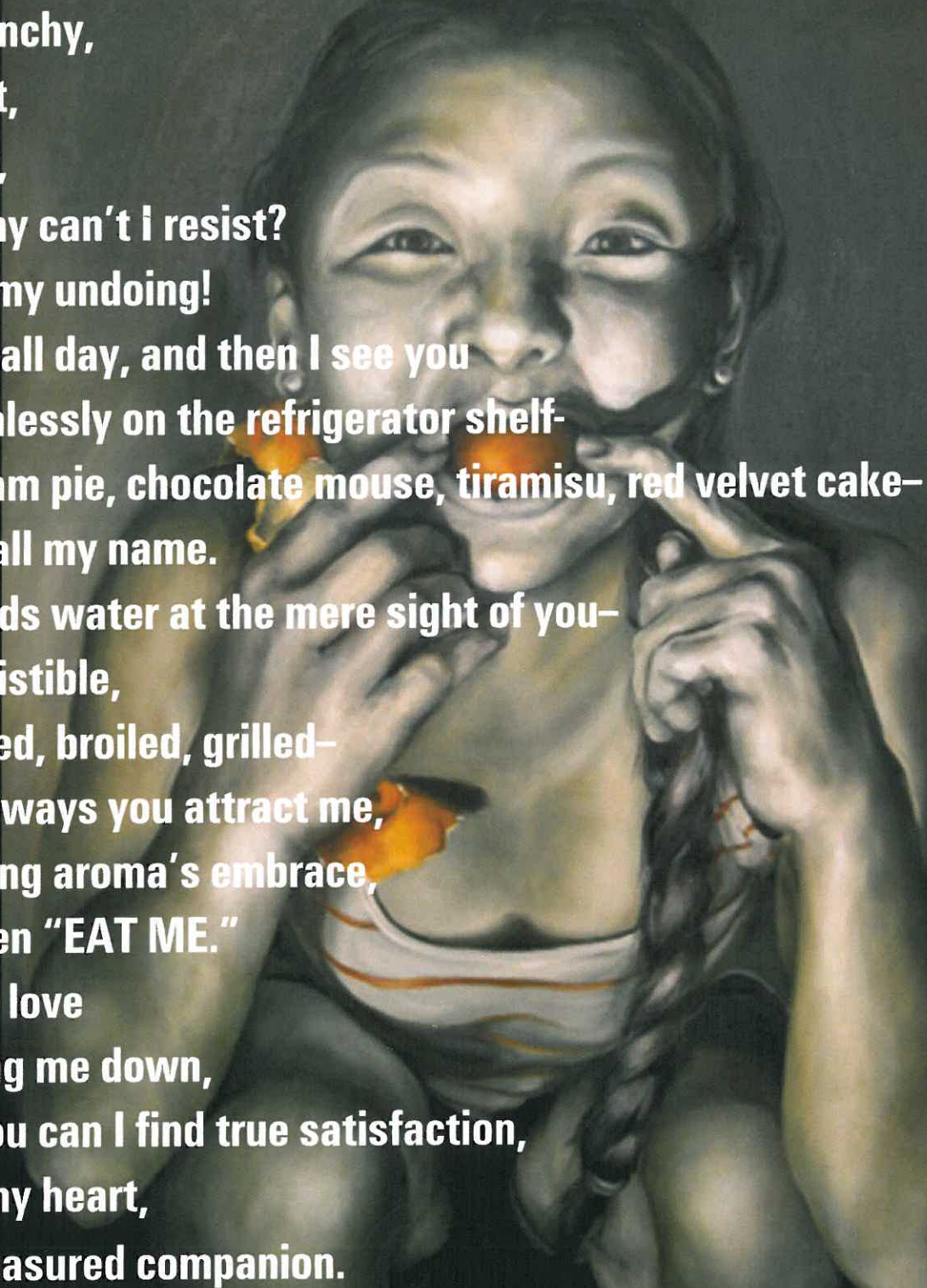
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**Creamy, crunchy,
Salty, sweet,
Tangy, juicy,
Oh, food, why can't I resist?
You will be my undoing!
Deprivation all day, and then I see you
Sitting harmlessly on the refrigerator shelf-
Banana cream pie, chocolate mouse, tiramisu, red velvet cake-
I hear you call my name.
My taste buds water at the mere sight of you-
Simply irresistible,
Roasted, fried, broiled, grilled-
The various ways you attract me,
Overwhelming aroma's embrace,
The unspoken "EAT ME."
My one true love
Rarely letting me down,
Only with you can I find true satisfaction,
The key to my heart,
My most treasured companion.**