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by
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the chink. the spook. the raghead.
the monkey. the dog. the rat.
the insect. the scourge. the virus.
never through these gates.
illiterate. incoherent. opaque.
too many of them, too few of us.
uppity. angry. scornful.

they are not human until we say they are.

you are not human until I say you are.

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Kevin Minh Allen was born Nguyễn Đức Minh on December 5, 1973 near Sài Gòn, Vietnam to a Vietnamese mother and American father who remain unknown to him. He was adopted by a couple from Rochester, NY and grew up in Webster, NY with his two younger sisters. In 2000, he moved to Seattle, WA to pursue a life less ordinary. Kevin is a freelance writer who has had his poetry published in numerous print and online publications, such as Aileron, Monkey King, HazMat Literary Review, and Chrysanthemum.

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