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It’s 7:30 on a Saturday morning in October and the chittering in the alley fifty feet down

already surges in triangles and sloughed-off ovals of taunts and trisyllabic names—

Wang Hongyu! Guo Jianheng! You stupid egg! No, you! (Primary students are a hoot!)

Cell phone conversations splat off pink tiled walls, but our curtains are still drawn,

closed to the careening rays of these wide-angled words.