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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.