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Smaller Than a Pinpoint

Bloomberg Center for Physics and Astronomy, Johns Hopkins University, late summer

"What can you see through this telescope?"

--Ted Hughes

Nothing. Despite the rotating ceiling, the government approved magnification, and the 400,000 times more light of two stars whose gravities hold each other's place in the universe-cosmic bookmarks-still I see nothing.

It is oppressively hot tonight in Baltimore, and I feel smaller than this pinpoint of a room in a city as wide as the sky.