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The Office

Heavy beige carpet
Wall to wall
And glare off
the glassy frames of
a girl and her pussycat
Reflecting all
gray buildings
and windows of glass
Lightbulb yellow
creeps along
the wax veneer
of the rich oak desk
with dirty brass handles
Mute green China vases
stand as stone soldiers
on the half-cut
oval table
And powder green sofas
bathe under gray
window lights
Even silk flowers grow here
The round glass table
bears its hard-bound magazines
and deftly crowns
the old Persian rug
The frays tangle quietly
against the grating of
the plastic walkways
As the water colored
Indian prints
fall straight along
The sharp white blinds

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