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To bargain hopefully for dog-eared Marvels  
Come a stutterer of twenty-nine,  
A deaf mute ten. And if the flesh has evils,  
Here, in the epic sweep of sword and pen,

Are not the extra syllables subtracted  
So the silences can add a tongue?  
Ur-hero in whose image, much collected,  
These your servants are not made, among

Your Ur-er, more heroic acts, give up  
For once omnipotence, the role of prompter;  
Deign to know, yourself, the unmoved lip.  
Consider: if I promise, I your tempter,

All the world and tights that never crease,  
How will you answer dumb, get thee behind me.  
You will not? Well, if you need to ease  
Clay feet, I shoe them. You know where to find me.

Meanwhile, be that speech of last appeal  
To trade for whom the barterers must come.  
The stutterer can say “Adida deal”;  
The mute lips move, around their chewing gum.