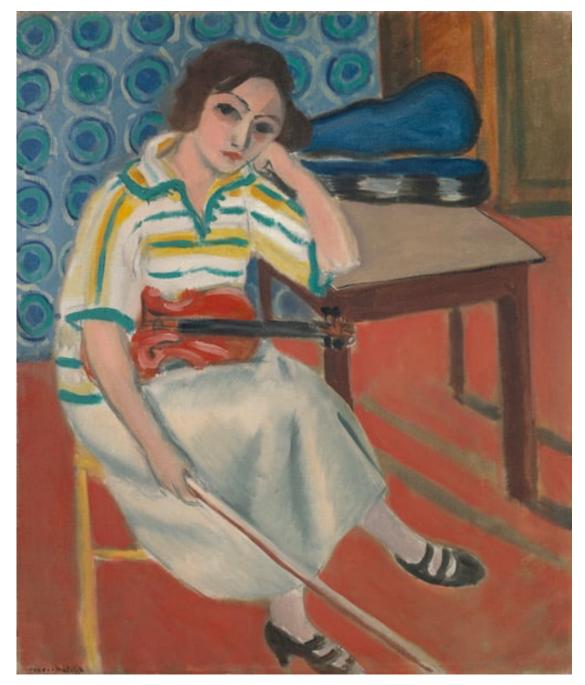
Gregor Samsa's Sister

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Woman with Violin (Henri Matisse, 1921)

[&]quot;I am not hungry for the food That you have," says Gregor

To his sister, says she To the men at her door.

If ever she thought Love was just the livery Of desire, the silver One puts around a meal

To dignify one's greed, Now she knows different. The plates tower With sweetmeats but

The girl has no appetite. How gaunt is the angel Of passion, how spartan; She'd rather starve,

This dreaming waif, Than defile her Fierce hunger With *snacking*.

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