

## TAMMY RUGGLES

*Angels Unaware, 2015*  
Silver gelatin print, 48 x 36 in



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## MARILYN CHIN

### Scary Poem

Beware the killer's on the loose  
Swinging his scythe and scrotum  
Beware he enters your dreams  
With a face mask and speculum  
Beware he crawls on fours and sixes  
Keeps time with the ancient pendulum  
He's pissed as a newt  
He chains you to his beliefs  
Beware he will make you disappear  
Your history will be rewritten  
Beware he sleeps in the same room  
His smell is oddly human  
Beware he's a territorial beast  
He'll carve you into twelve provinces  
Beware he flaunts his conquests  
Beating his snare drum of flesh  
Beware he is texting your sister  
Whilst spraying his toxic gyzym  
Beware he's ten thousand years old  
And will survive the nexus pogroms  
Beware he is the legacy of fear  
No crypt nor dungeon can hold him

**Marilyn Chin's** new collection of poems, *Hard Love Province* (W.W. Norton), won the 2015 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and was shortlisted for the California Book Award. She has published five books of poems, including *Rhapsody in Plain Yellow*; *The Phoenix Gone, the Terrace Empty*; and *Dwarf Bamboo*; and a book of fiction titled *Revenge of the Mooncake Vixen* (W.W. Norton, 2009).