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From *Voices in Captivity* by Ibrahim

(. . .)

*For throwing dusty stones
the size of American NASCAR
toys at bulky tanks with small
brown hands and jagged nails.*

(.)

We are on death row

(. - .)

*because we pick up stones
and hurl them to defend our homes with the only weapons we have—
with scrawny arms, wide eyes,
and a myriad of health issues.*

(. - - .)

*We throw bloodied stones from broken homes
because we would rather throw something to make even the smallest
of dents than throw away our lives that have been diminished in their eyes—
we throw stones knowing we will die.*

(. . -)

*We are the children
of Falasteen.
We are the traumatized, the maimed, the killed, the 'to be killed', the orphans—*

(. . .)

*We leave you this message:
We are the stone throwers
to be soon buried under stones.*