



*Serpere* (detail) by John Elkerr  
30" x 22"  
Ink on paper

## **PHORMIA REGINA**

my blowfly lover waits for me  
on a slanted meadow of glass.  
in spiked corsets and gunmetal  
pinks, the Queen of Rot sings  
my name. she warms her belly  
with my steam. she angles her  
feeding tube down my favorite  
passage. home, she tunes her  
palps to the silent town where  
morning dead hatched her  
clean with seven horns for the  
Great Unveiling.

Text by Stephen Eric Berry