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#### Laws of Genetics

My life is a concoction of chromosomes, a carefully controlled mishmash of heterochromatin and

euchromatin intoxicated on a cocktail of power chased with

genius, declaring I am legally bound by laws

of genetics which I never had the right to vote on.

Society feasts on my spaghetti strands of DNA and

nicknames me Pinocchio while they independently assort

who I am and what I must be into boxes.

I settle for an equal segregation of my talents and my dreams

with no regard for any nurturing that my biological

mother could have done – but never did.

Nature is a terrible mother

but at least she tells me

exactly who I am.