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yo-bo-say-o Yo's at the door
kimchi kisses at the counter
certain smiles from the a-chu-ma's
their always eyeballing me
staring at my hair-left overs of a '87 Farmer Jack perm, dreaded and dyed
staring at my finger-s slicing chucks, tracing lines on a smooth surface
staring at my breasts-plump from being squeezed by dad's too tight hugs

smiling at me
Who your mother?
How old?
Where you live?
Are you in school?
Are you from Kim-hai clan?
Do you work? A boyfriend?
Where your mother?
Ahhhhhhhhhhhh, you know no-lea-bong?

inviting me
U need speak hn-gul
U need find ch-a-yo nam-ja
U need go temple
U need go back Korea
U try, U like throwing marine life with dreams into my granny basket
Where your mother?

Next week I'll hit han-mi market balance and centered
shopping for roots, tigers and blood

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