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I imagine a city where names,
like taxis, are interchangeable,
a place where Jorge, Juan, and Javier,
and every other man I am
pass each other on the street
and smile, aware that they are one.
I see it for myself: Jorge
in a café crying, Juan handing him
a tissue, Javier slamming his book,
asking them to keep it down.
Tomorrow, you can be Jorge. Tomorrow,
you can be Juan, Javier—whoever
you think I am. Tonight, I am you
blindly in love with what's in a name.