

Ariel Francisco**ON SEEING A PHOTO OF AN OCTOPUS
IN A PARKING GARAGE**

Again they blame the super moon,
the king tide marching out to war
with land, but this is new: the first
floor of this parking garage turned
into an atoll overnight and floating
in the strange water is an octopus,
grey as death, its eight arms spread
straight out like the points of a
compass, reaching equally in every
direction for a way back home.

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