Date in the City

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The city has apartments where a man with a new haircut brings a bottle of cheap champagne to a woman who cooks Chinese food and wears clothes that he knows how to compliment. They sit in chairs and discuss why they aren't young or likely to fall romantically in love. They explain, scientifically, that planting moons are as orange as harvest moons. The necessary questions and answers are photocopied and exchanged. Their fingers move expertly to correct positions. He notices her slim wrist. She likes the way his mouth curves up.
Tomorrow they'll be two people in different parts of the city. She'll look at her undressed face in her bathroom mirror and will laugh again at the blatant newness of his underwear.

At work he'll try to recall the color of her dress, or her hair, or her voice. He'll still be able to hear the confident sound his car shot through the early morning quiet of her parking lot.