

The Deseret Milk Company

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Mary B. ran
the Deseret
Milk Company,

dispatching her
squadron of
stainless steel

carriers between
farm and
plant like a queen.

When four
fat drivers
droned on

about overwork
and low pay,
she simply

turned them
out, started
driving herself.

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A gray government
semi ran the
stop sign

at Ute and
Van Buren, plowed
her broadside,

rupturing the
tank, spilling
Mary as well.

A sea of
pure white
lapped around

her lifeless
form
as though

it could
float her to
some promised land.