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Glucometer flashes
HIGH
I touch Mary's arm
But her eyes
stare blankly at
her phone

I wait

Finally whispers emerge
A Haitian Creole interpreter
translates her
fear
It is 2025
threats of immigration raids hang
everywhere
Her house feels safer
than clinic
I hand her free insulin
Plan a telehealth follow-up

A hug without victory

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