



# Exile

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*Besitos.*

Each cheek.

The visit is over.

There's a pause, a second too long.

The patient gestures

silently

that her boyfriend is hiding in the  
bedroom.

He has a

deportation order.

It was her

fear

that I had been trying

to diagnose.

I am silenced by

tears filling our eyes. I

reach out,

emptied now.

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