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BIO

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“Good day to you”.

You say you are new to these parts, I offer you my hand as a gesture of my hospitality.

Meet my family, my friends and spend a short while with us to get to know you.

We then bid you farewell and safe travels.

Acquaintance, ordinary, with nothing amiss.

Quite an impression, with the bosom of safety now far into the horizon with miles of distance we slowly crawl to reach.

I now remember the day so many stopped to greet you when you visited schools, workplaces, and airplanes on your nomadic global travels.

The gentle silent peck of betrayal as you greeted so many in your midst, some with long lasting impressions breathless, succumbed, a whiff accompanied impaired odor and taste, while others carry you unknowingly.

Hours turn into days, weeks, months, and soon it will be a year. A metamorphosis over 100 days with no end, our Arcady existence we can barely recall.

Partitioning days into small endurable hours, within the same daily confines, not sustainable to the human condition.

The vital force of inhalation and exhalation forever compromised.

A solemn request for the day when we can barely recall you came.