

the other side of town

is a nest of ethnicities

foreign foods

foreign music

foreign languages

foreign color arrangements

a local fabric and thrift store.

shopping for her sewing machine

with her bawling daughter in a tantrum cloud

she jerked the young arm of her girl and hissed

policia.

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deportacion...

immediate silence

immediate cultural guilt

without time for sensitive explanations.

family discipline.

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