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I did not live for a smile or some other rendered practiced reply, preferring spontaneous floods over fixed cautious gestures. I tended our small garden – taking only on occasion a clipping or a bloom fading. At times I lingered with a chair of good posture, feet resting in front of me, hand faintly touching thick growths of forearm brush.

To say, in that moment, things are good, they are unrehearsed, healing touch on his breath his mouth his masked chest followed to its conclusion, will keep what should not be lost.