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Tidy, pale men, in pressed suits, on Sundays successive as sunsets, delivered small square pieces of bread, white and dry as aspirin, and juice, dyed purple, sweetened with sugar, in single serving glasses lined up in rows like sparkling clean utensils on a dentist's tray.

The too clean odor of antibiotic pervaded their perfect pleats and anesthetized intellects. I had that too hard bench, notes from my sister, and forgiveness.

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