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Compatriots

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On various continents, at airports,
at stadiums, everywhere I meet people
who more than twenty years ago, escaping
war like I, settled far and wide around
the world.

I feel they are there around me, who they
are and where from, but I don't notice them
right away since they are indistinguishable
in the crowd. They are as ordinary as I
until we look one another in the eye and
recognize each other by the madness that
still endures.

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