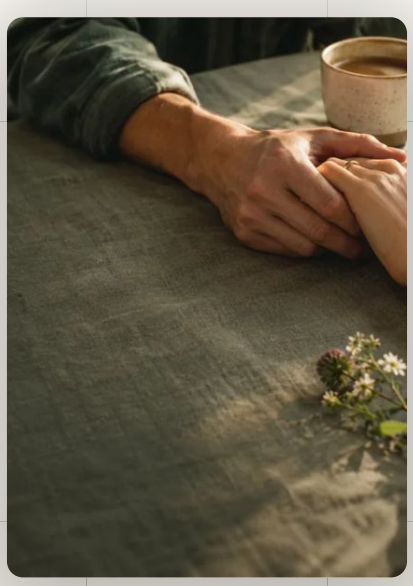

The things we carry.

Fictional sample from aiponge stories

by The Morgan family

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Before we begin

For the people who made the ordinary days feel like home.

2

The blue plates

Every Sunday, we gathered around the kitchen table. Mum brought out the blue plates. Dad put the radio on. There was always room for another chair and another story.

3

The long way home

On summer evenings, Dad took the long way home, past the river and the streets where he grew up. We asked the same questions, and he told the stories again.

4

What we kept

The blue plates are still in the cupboard. Sundays look a little different now. We kept the habit of making room for a visitor, a familiar story, or someone who needs a place to sit.