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here is the setting:

the world is ending, but you don't have time to worry about that. you're still worried about food, and price gouging, and power outages. the local deli charges you 8 dollars for a mayonnaise and bologna sandwich. there is only one slice of bologna. you haven't eaten in two days

the faucet trickles brown water, but you drink it anyway. two nights ago you watched the power lines crackle and shed sparks across the street. 80 degrees is the coldest you've ever felt.

everything is just as you remember it: