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Under the tables
stray dogs silently pester.

A girl brings food.
The dogs lick titbits
rhythmically from our fingers.
As we eat, something stirs
in the dark of the highway’s edge - shadows, unshod.

A hand lifts the lid of a bin
peers in, lifts another.

Like fireflies eyes flit.
The guard by our coach
does not flinch,
his hand on his holster.