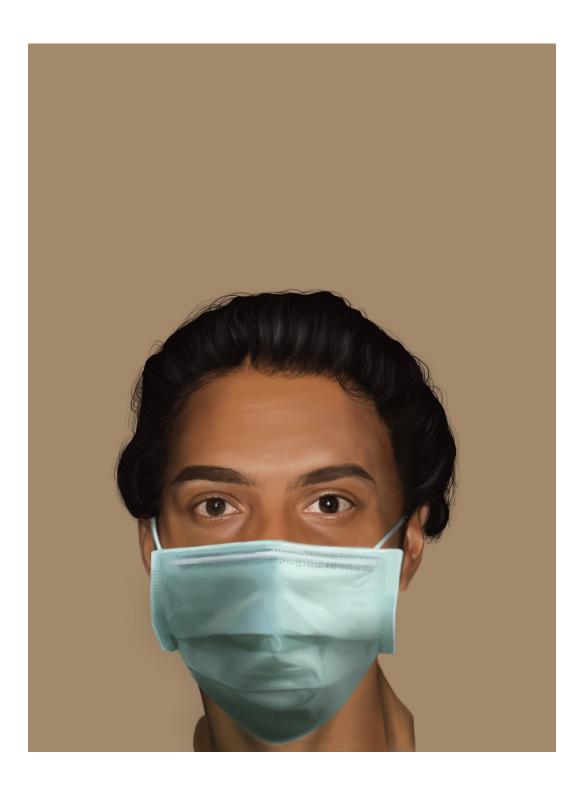


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During the COVID-19 pandemic, countless immigrants lost their jobs and ability to provide for their families. Fear often colored their voices after discovering they did not qualify for a stimulus check. Despite contributing tirelessly to our shared country, they were abandoned. In his eyes, there is hope that connects him to me, my parents, and the rest of our immigrant community. embodies He an uncomfortable truth and inspirational core of the human spirit.

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