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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This is a truly lovely essay about a family doc's encounter with a deaf couple expecting their first child. The main point is how the stories we construct about others get in the way of their own stories. The writing style is informal but assured, and the concluding paragraph, while brief, hits exactly the right notes, and incorporates a wonderful metaphor of a travel guide (the husband's profession). I recommend minor revision only.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for this well-observed and heartwarming essay about how much turns on a simple patient encounter. The essay is well-written and its details and conversations add to the verisimilitude. The title is lovely, and the way the travel guide metaphor at the end ties back to the husband's profession is really nice. We request a few minor edits based on reviewer and assistant editor feedback, "just polishing the stone." The humility, goodwill, and attentiveness modeled in this essay have much to offer our readership.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: The reviewer has made the minor revisions requested on a touching essay which both reviewers and the asst editor very much enjoyed. Her response letter has a grammatical query, which I have answered below. I don't know whether she needs to resubmit the ms with the proper comma placements, or whether we have a copy editor who makes such minor corrections. Otherwise, my recommendation is accept.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for the very small revisions. In terms of your grammatical inquiry, American English convention places commas inside the ending quotation mark ("It's going to rain," she said), while British English places them outside. We follow the American way :-). Also, after a question mark, no comment is needed ("Will it rain today?" she asked).

Thank you for such a lovely, humble, and uplifting essay.