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Soldiers are on the frontlines, ready for battle
Their weapons are ready to fire
They head into combat knowing that casualties are inevitable
They try not to look around because everyone's faces are laced with fear
People are scared to leave their homes, fearful of the battle taking place outside
their doors
Soon, the ammunition starts to run out
People fear they will be unable to protect their loved ones
Food runs low, shelves are empty
The battle rages on and the soldiers try their best to save everyone around them

Except...

There are no soldiers; only doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and essential staff
There are no weapons; only N95 masks, gowns, and gloves
There are no winners; just mitigation of the damage
Doctors struggle to decide who gets placed on a ventilator
They are forced to decide who lives and who will not take another breath
They entered a field with vows to do no harm, and they are torn and worn out
But they keep fighting.
Grocery workers, delivery workers, janitorial housekeeping staff, no one catches a
break
They leave their homes knowing they face danger the second they walk out the
door
But they are fearless and they are heroes

The world is at war with an invisible enemy