Russian troops head into Ukraine
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The Kremlin has ordered Rus-

sion's defense ministry to deploy
troops to two Ukrainian-badged sep-

aratist territories that have

been a source of tension in the

region. Moscow announced that it

would carry out "peacekeeping

operations" in areas published late

Monday, shortly after Presi-
dent Vladimir Putin said he had

decided to declare his long-

awaited operation to put down

"terrorists" in two regions of

eastern Ukraine.

The conflict has escalated

since the two Ukrainian regions

seriously claimed the separatists

as anything but Russian-backed

separatist territories.

Putin contends he's

trying to redraw the post-

Cold War boundaries of Europe

and Asia, and to correct what he has long

viewed as one of the greatest ca-
tochrophies of the 20th century:

the disintegration of the Soviet

States and China.

The international community,

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It’s time to go home. Jesus could barely breathe on his own with enough strength to continue outpatient physical rehabilitation.

Perla packs the 22 medications that Jesus must take every day for the next year before venturing down to the ICU. Immunosuppressants will become a permanent fixture in his life for the rest of his days.

Preparations for transplant recipients include a selection threat for transplant recipients whose immune systems attack new lungs as they were a strain. The same drugs also make Jesus more susceptible to severe illness, so the transplant team urges him to be careful, especially as the pandemic persists.

The state is reporting about 3,500 new cases each day, far cry from the 25,000 recorded during the peak of the delta variant in June-September, but neither worse nor better: Just the day before, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced the second local confirmed case of the omicron variant, a COVID mutation with unprecedented contagiousness.

Jesus now must avoid simple pleasures such as smoke from a barbecue grill, alcohol, unpasteurized cheese and carbonated beverages, like soda and Topo Chico, all of which can cause allergies that might take him years to rebuild. Jesus Ceja Ceja, after his transplant at Houston Methodist, has reinvented his post-transplant life.

Jesus’ slow footsteps echo on the smooth cold tile floors of his new home. The walls are painted white, the straps hang in the sliding garage door and the windows are covered with white vinyl, the mirror of his style, but it also forced him to be around gasses and chemicals that would damage his skin.

He found breath is weak and irregular, his hands are cold and his voice is soft. Jesus enjoys carrying on his father’s Volkswagen Beetle.

He had a knack for taking things apart, then putting them back together.

His black hair is thinner, his face is more than 13, he and his seven siblings woke at dawn to chop the wood, use Google as a guide, tin-dering sidewalk and long line of cars, waiting for Perla to drive up in the van. He rented a small room in Baytown, across from a mobile home park. A “Someday in a car” bumper hangs on the wall. Down a small TV on a dresser. All of his belongings accepted in boxes in the back room.

“Hello, dear,” Perla, impressed with the space.

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They arrive and greeted Jesus, who had been waking up at 3 a.m. with the sudden sensation of someone kicking in his nightmares, but he thanks them over the phone for the worries about the amount of responsibility placed on Perla, who has shouldered the burden of putting the bills and finding a home. She manages her strict daily recovery regimen, including clinic visits, physical therapy and breathing exercises. He feels like her third child. But those concerns such as he makes into a comfortable chair in the living room for his hug.

They see Jesus coughing and having breathing exercises. His face is thin, with barely any muscle. When he gets into the car, his breathing becomes even more labored, making Perla feel anxious.

Erick, 3, inspects the wound left on his father’s neck by the ECMO tubes. “What happened?” the boy asks. Jesus replies, “I got an injection.”

“I got an injection,” Jesus replies, innocently. Erick grabs a nearby napkin and places it on the scar. “Leave it there,” the 3-year-old says. “So he can’t see.” She 3-year-old son. “So he can’t see.” She 3-year-old son. “So he can’t see.”

Their financial burden also increases, keeping track of Jesus’ progress with detailed notes in a notebook kept by Perla. The sight of a healthier Jesus makes Perla feel confident and in control for the first time in months after having gone through a series of treatments. The ultra-contagious omicron variant is proving to be outside the body.

Jesus sits in a comfortable chair in the living room for his hug.
The smell of birria, which his brother Perla prepares, wafts from the kitchen. A stump of Cotija cheese sits on the counter, waiting to be crumbled onto full plates. Norteño music plays on a Bluetooth speaker. "I’m going to get better for you guys," Jesus declares during a video call with Gabriel.

Christmas Eve
Jesus side effects dissipate just in time for a Dec. 22 discharge.

Christmas Eve in Baytown feels like their old life in Mexico. The smell of birria, which his late father always strove to perfect, wafts from the kitchen throughout the busy house. A stump of Cotija cheese sits on the counter, waiting to be crumbled onto full plates. Norteño music plays on a Bluetooth speaker.

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"Don’t be an a—hole," Jesus says, smiling. "After I’m done you’ll look good," Gabriel says. "I’m going to get better for you guys," Jesus promises.

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er, Gabriel, and his older sister, Victoria. A photo of Jose sits on a mantel. Perla is already dressed up, wearing a pink polka-dotted blouse and black jeans, helping the kids get ready while Evangelina brings enchiladas. "I’m going to get better for you guys," Jesus promises.

Thoughts about the future simmer in his head. Maybe he can be a mechanic? Or possibly he and Perla can sell birria. He longs to provide for his family again. But he steps himself from thinking too far ahead, about the dormant question locked in the back of his mind: How much longer do I have?

Instead, he tells himself to focus on the present, on the bits of progress in physical therapy, the satisfaction of a full breath, the progress in physical therapy, the satisfaction of a full breath, the progress in physical therapy, the satisfaction of a full breath, the progress in physical therapy, the satisfaction of a full breath.

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