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Left Behind at a Bus Stop, but Not for Long

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Dear Diary,

My wife and I were at a bus stop at 79th Street and East End Avenue. One of those long, accordionlike buses was there, too. Its doors were closed and it was empty, save for the driver, who was visible in the back, taking what we were sure was a well-deserved break.

We turned to gaze at the sunlight dancing along the East River. Suddenly, the bus coughed to life and rumbled away. I gave it an annoyed slap on a rear window while saying words too choice to repeat.

Still grumbling, we were looking at the route schedule when what should round the corner behind us but the same bus. The driver had gone around the block and returned for us.

“I’m so sorry,” he said as we climbed the stairs. “I couldn’t hear you with all this” — pointing to the plexiglass cabin — “I only saw you after I’d pulled away. Please don’t tell anyone. We’re not supposed to do this.”

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We thanked him profusely. Now, though, I fear we have broken our promise to keep quiet.

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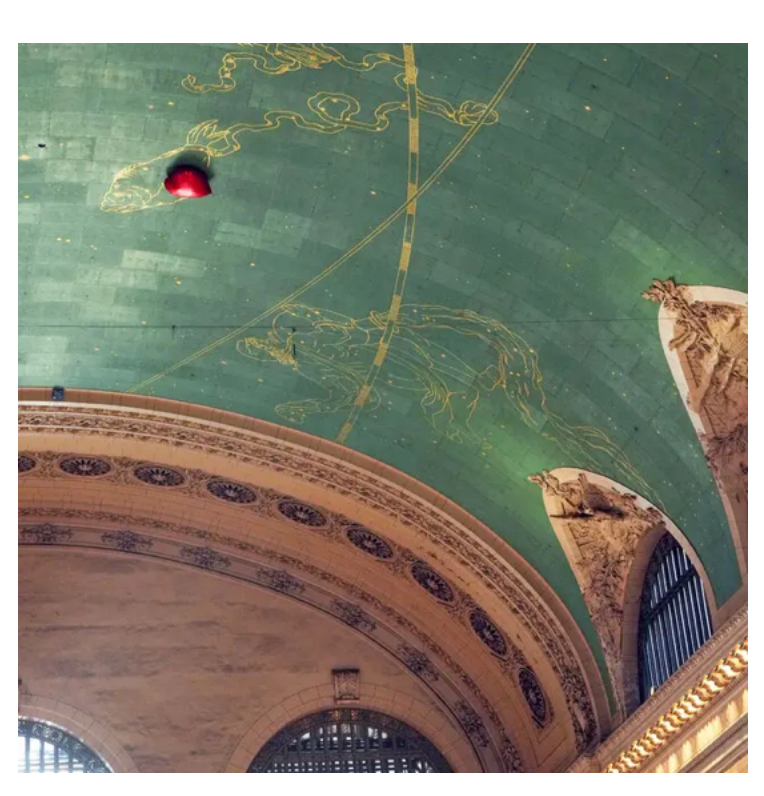


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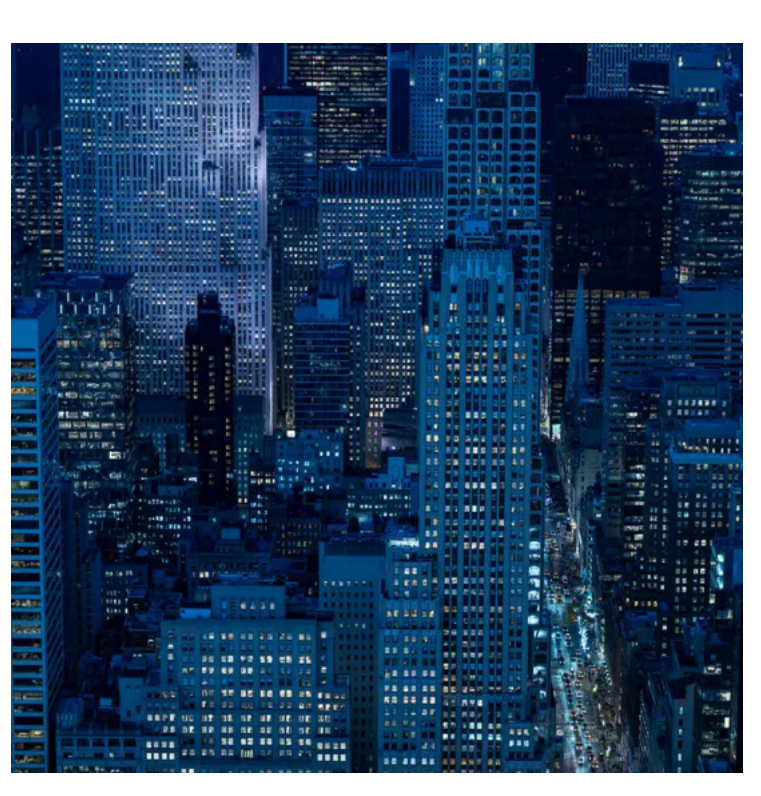


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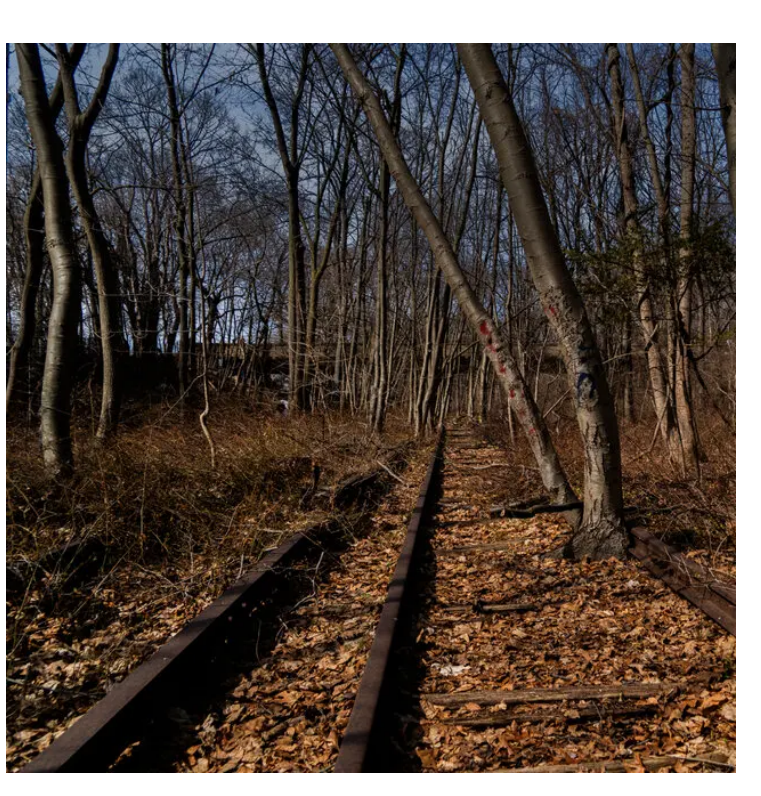
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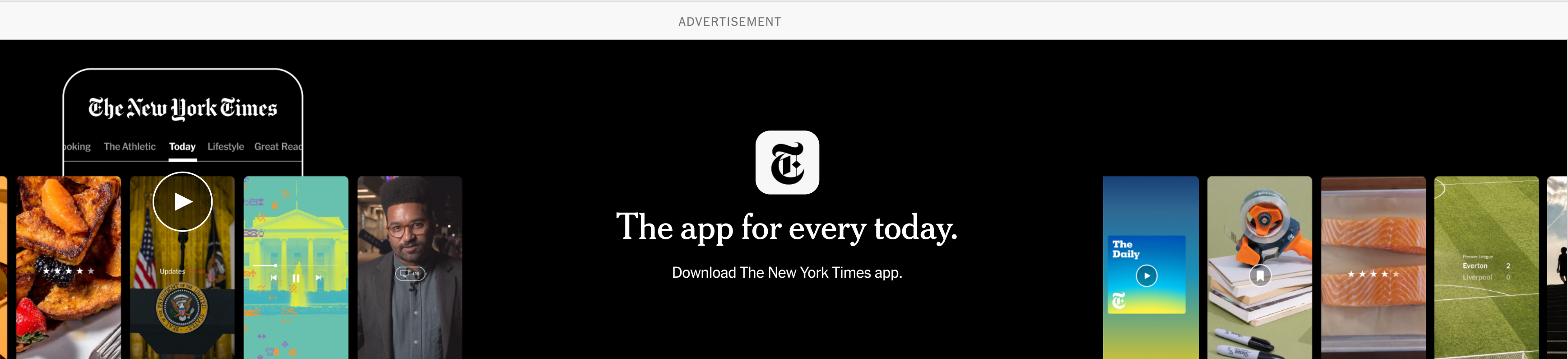
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