

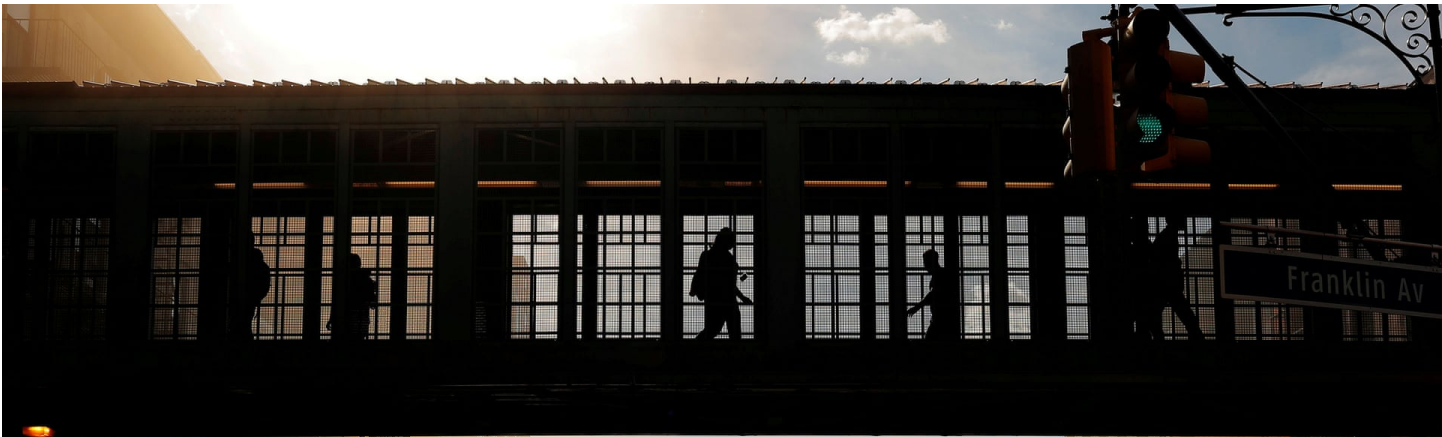
YEAH, THE PLACE IS GREAT, I JUST HAVE TO COMMUTE

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**EXT. STREET - BROOKLYN - MORNING**

Early sun and open sky over the waking borough.

Smoke rises from a manhole cover in the road.

**INT. GROUNDS & CHALK COFFEE - BROOKLYN - MORNING**

A woman in a navy skirt suit, 40s, waits at the counter.

WOMAN

I'm actually in a bit of a rush-

**EXT. STREET - BROOKLYN - NEW YORK**

The smoke thickens, soaking up all that soft morning light.

**INT. SUBWAY STATION - BROOKLYN - NEW YORK - MORNING**

A line at the ticket machine. The man in the jeans at the back, 50s, arches for a look at the hold-up.

MAN

Hey, what's the hold-

**EXT. STREET - BROOKLYN - NEW YORK - MORNING**

Flames lick through the metal grill of the manhole cover.

**EXT. CROSSING - BROOKLYN - NEW YORK - MORNING**

Firemen, with tanks on their backs and gloves on, stand in the street, the manhole flaming behind them.

MALE VOICE (O.S.)

No, no, I'll be there, I just-

A man in shirt and tie, 40s, squeezes between someone crossing in the opposite direction and one of the fireman.

MAN

I've got Mo at nine and I know-

**EXT. STREET - BROOKLYN - NEW YORK - DAY**

Not so much smoke now and not so much sun.

And not so many people in the street.