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Dear readers,

**SUBJECT: My struggle with boredom in an uninteresting city**

This post resembles a rant more than an actual blog post; thus, I doubt that you will gain anything from reading this. However, I feel like I must share these thoughts in the hope of exorcising these sensations and, possibly, elicit a solution.

I live in the periphery of a relatively small town. Therefore, the overall landscape is not as vivid and full of life as it is in the bigger cities. While this is somewhat of a blessing most of the time (e.g., less traffic, less crowds, less overzealous businesses that raise their prices as it happens in more touristy areas), it easily gets boring.

Perhaps my brain is just used to the constant stimulation provided by social media, and perhaps my expectations are too high, as I am used to seeing a lot of people going around in bigger cities with a ton of things to do and see. However, I cannot help but feel bored when I am trying to spend some time here, and I cannot help but feel so unmotivated to do anything that I often end up doing nothing at all.

I genuinely *love* photography. It is one of my passions, alongside stationery and writing. So, one may ask, “Why don’t you spend some time practicing photography by going around in your city and shooting some street or architectural photos?”

Well... This clashes with another issue of being in the same city in which you were born and spent most of your life: you take *everything* for granted. And as much as one can tell themselves “I must overcome this,” it is always easier said than done, as it is quite difficult to combat something subconscious on which you have little to no control.

And this is the reason for this post: *I am bored*. As such, I turn to something I like that allows me to deal with my boredom and helps in the search for a solution, while also exorcising these bad feelings: *writing*.

However, this blog post also serves another purpose: to justify a little bit of additional exploration in the way this blog is organized. I would like to leverage this platform to explore new interests, to try and see the same city under a new light, and to explore new genres of photography—different from those I am used to.

I hope that you, as a reader, will appreciate these new efforts that will inevitably create new kinds of content. I also hope that you choose to chime in by suggesting the ways *you* deal with boredom and with an uninteresting and uninspiring environment.

So... How do *you* deal with boredom in an uninteresting city?

Until next time!

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