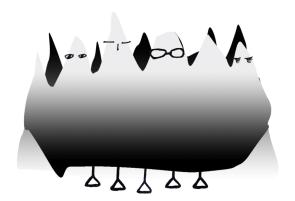
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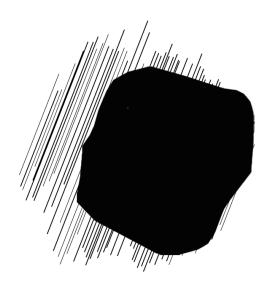
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Mr. Gu just started to work as an intern after graduating from university. He commutes to work every morning from Sindorim station to Seolleung station on Seoul Subway line 2. He departs from home, waits for the train on the platform and thinks about the life of a hellish city in a subway filled with people. Then he faces the full-blown capitalism of the train, the obsession with false beauty, advertisements for violent game, and the physical pressure... Is it possible for Mr. Gu to go to work safely this morning? After this perilous journey to work, will he survive his day as a precarious worker safely as well?

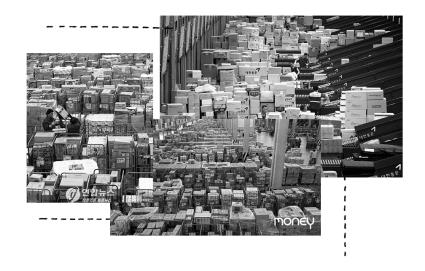


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TODAY IS ANOTHER DAY OF AN ENDLESS LOOP



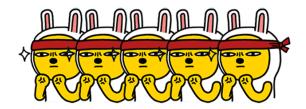


WE ARE STANDING IN LINE AND WAITING FOR THE SUBWAY LIKE CARGO



OH, IT'S COMING





WE CAN DO IT!



THE SUBWAY IS FULL OF PEOPLE AS USUAL



THESE PEOPLE, START THE DAY LIKE THIS...

HOW WILL THEY FINISH THE DAY, DOING WHAT...?









I'D RATHER NOT SEE ANYTHING

The same daily life and repetitive tasks accompany mannerism and create a man of conditioned reflex.



We need to experience our lives in a new dimension.









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