

The Hidden Places Where You Find Your People

An artist reflects on the pockets of community New Yorkers carve out in a city of millions.

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Tai chi enthusiasts beckoning
the sunrise with a graceful
sweep of an arm



Plein air
painters
attempting
to capture
all of the
motion and color
and make it
still.





Gardeners adding
a green interlude
to a stretch of
brick and concrete.

A burlesque
performance
behind a
curtained
doorway.



You'll say
to yourself,



'I wonder
what they're
doing...

and how
do I join in?'

This is why many
of us are here, isn't it?



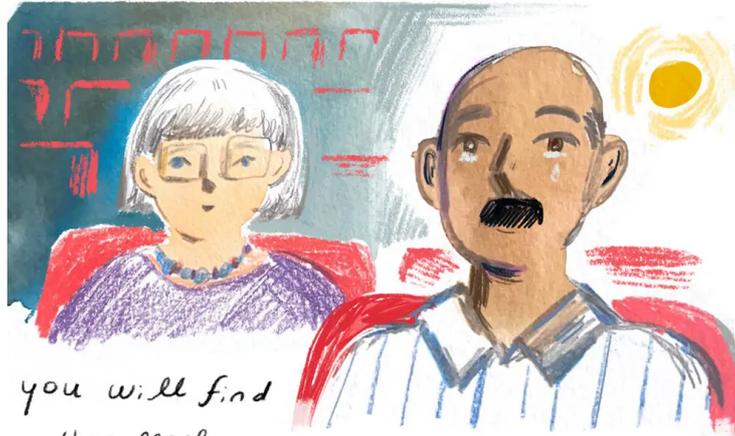
To find others who share
in the same joy,



that we talk about excitedly
with well-meaning friends.



But that's all right,
because in a city of millions



you will find
other people

whose faces light up for the same reasons.

On a moody day, the crowds can feel
overwhelming, and even worse, anonymous.



But within
them,
the alto
to your
soprano,
the knitter
to complete
your
circle,
your
scene
partner,
your
fellow
stargazer,
painter,
dancer
could
be
hiding,
waiting
to be
found.