

Studio Now



Work is on pause due to external wall painting project during the month of November.

About Forgetting – City Life Series



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When I think about the word ‘city’, I immediately think about the high buildings, busy people, and cars filling up the streets. And also, one of the most important aspect that reminds of the city seem to be the artificial light. Perhaps to the people in the city, artificial light may be more familiar than natural light. Most majority of the object around us like TV, smart phones, magazine, and computer use artificial light or have images with artificial light. Show windows in stores in the dark city area are also places where the effects of artificial light are maximized. There are artificial displays of objects and artificial lights that are installed to have a dramatic effect on them, and these show windows are well-established in the city. City filled with artificial light.....

‘Is it natural to get used to this artificial landscape? Is the city really for humans?’

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Kim's Essay

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A while ago, there used to be a trend of an online social community site called 'Cyworld'. This website provided individual mini home page and many other contents, and I used to partake in one of the community clubs. It was a club called 'Group of Kim Young IIs' and there were 300 members. The name of every club member was 'Kim Young Il', but everything else including job, age, sex, where they live was different. At first, talking amongst those who have the same name was interesting, but as time passed, I became bored and stopped.

The biggest reason was that since it is online, there was nothing else I could know about the author of each post except the name. Even when I try to empathize with a post, I felt weird not knowing with one of the 300 Kim Young IIs it is that posted the post. Name often plays an important role in relationship between me and the other. Perhaps the memories about each person's visual characteristics and behavioral habits within a name makes each person a 'unique and distinctive being'. However, as a distinct being, influence may be valid only to the extent that its name is accepted. Those 300 or so Kim Young IIs must be distinct beings in a human relationship that goes by their name. I have this thought.

'What meaning does the giving of name to someone and living with the name given by someone have to humans?'



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