

swimming

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A misty white veil of light covers the frame.

TITLE; SWIMMING

It's a bright autumn day and the sun is BEAMING.

VALERIE, a young worker in an orange safety vest, is handing out surgical masks and hand sanitizer to the people on the street. She also has an airpod in her ear. (we can faintly hear the music)

VALERIE

Hi, how are you today have you been vaccinated yet? We're giving free vaccines today; for free... Do you need a mask?...

The people walk past her.

VALERIE (cont'd)

Hello do you need a mask today?... Or the vaccine?... Hi miss are you vaccinated? You are, okay great have a nice day...

CAMERA dollies past her; AMAYA, another worker in similar attire, is holding a yellow bag filled with the masks and sanitizer. She passes the supplies to Valerie as she needs them.

VALERIE (cont'd)

Hi mister are you vaccinated? No?, you want the vaccine today we're offering them right there for free... Alright that's okay...

Amaya watches as Valerie tries to talk to people into taking the vaccine. She peers upwards and gazes at the sun beaming back at her.

Valerie turns to Amaya.

VALERIE (cont'd)

Are you tired?

AMAYA

Yeah.

Valerie takes out her airpod case from her pocket and plucks out an airpod. She passes it to Amaya.

VALERIE

Here; Listen to this. It'll make the day go by faster.

Amaya puts the airpod in her ear and listens to the song. The music now plays at full volume.

Valerie goes back to doing her job. Until;

VALERIE (cont'd)

Hey ,you wanna try doing this? I have to go to the bathroom.

Amaya steps up and removes her airpod.

VALERIE (cont'd)

Wait, leave it in, I want you to hear this song.

Valerie restarts the song.

VALERIE (cont'd)

Okay, I'll be back.

Valerie leaves and Amaya is left to her own.

AMAYA

Hi are you vaccin-...

Amaya struggles to talk to the people passing by her.

AMAYA (cont'd)

Hi, do you have the vaccine yet?...
You can get vaccinated today?...

For a while no one comes by. Amaya checks her phone and sees it is ten o'clock. The airpod in her ear dies out. (du du duuu) So she takes it off and puts it in her pocket.

She hands out a couple masks and cards.

She checks her phone again and sees it is ten oh-one. A frustration develops. She looks around and sees people still pass her by regardless if she's doing her job or not.

Amaya grabs her bag and leaves.

2 **EXT. KNICKERBOCKER PARK - AFTERNOON**

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Amaya strolls through the park being witness to people enjoying their Sunday. People playing volleyball, children playing in the playground, and friends having a picnic.

Amaya keeps walking forward.

3 **EXT. KNICKERBOCKER/MYRTLE AV - AFTERNOON** 3

Amaya takes a walk down the street. She then walks up the steps to the elevated train station.

4 **INT. M TRAIN - AFTERNOON** 4

Amaya looks out the window and sees the streets passing by; sees the people walking about.

5 **EXT. N 7TH STREET - EVENING** 5

Amaya walks down the street.

6 **EXT. EAST RIVER PARK - EVENING** 6

Amaya is attracted to the city skyline. She sits on a picnic table and gazes at the sunset. Cut to;

Amaya stumbles onto the little beach beside the river. She admires the water and peers down into it. She looks to the left and right her, trying to see how far her eyes can take her.

Amaya walks down the shore.

Then Amaya sits down relaxed and at peace. And then,

7 **EXT. EAST RIVER PARK - NIGHT** 7

Amaya takes one last look at the river; and then walks away.

8 **INT. L TRAIN - NIGHT** 8

Amaya sits on the train weary; then closes her eyes.

FADE TO:

9 **EXT. KNICKERBOCKER AV - DAY** 9

Amaya comes back to her work spot and sees everything is just like she left it. She checks her phone and sees it is ten oh-two. She goes back to work.

AMAYA

Hi, are you vaccinated?...

Hi, do you need a mask?...

As usual people walk by. Amaya takes out the airpod from her pocket and puts it in her ear. Nothing plays. But then, music on the airpod plays again; the song however is ending. Amaya looks up and sees Valerie has returned

VALERIE

Hey; what did you think of the song?

AMAYA

I didn't get to hear it; your phone was too far away and it disconnected.

VALERIE

Oh. No worries.

Valerie plays the song again. Amaya looks up at the sky and into the sun. The sun BEAMS back at her. She takes a drink of water.

CAMERA dollies; from Amaya back to Valerie.

FADE OUT

the end