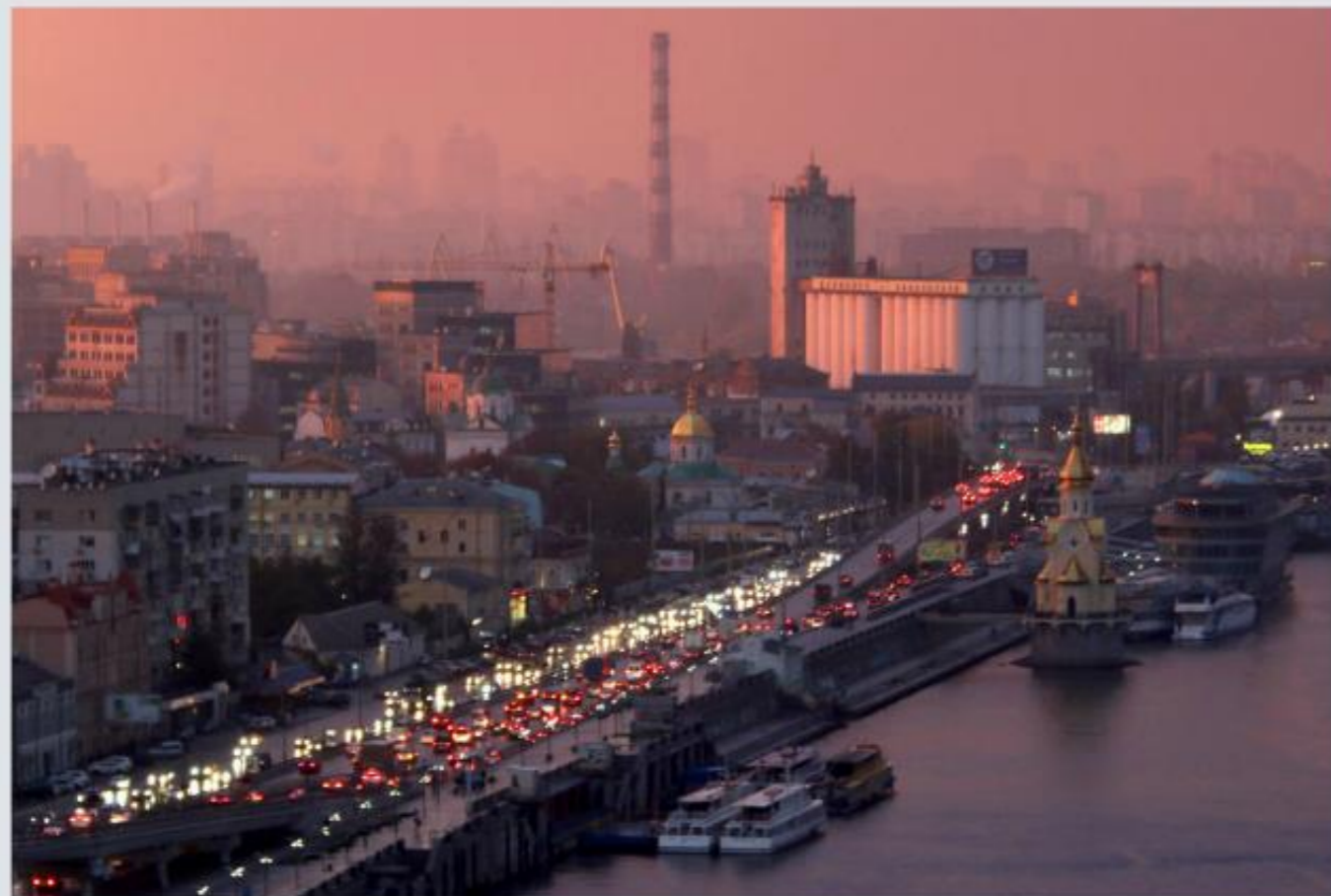


KIEV



A Revisit

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Top: Non-blue feelings
Shevchenko Park

Front:
Thunder storm
approaching Podil
at sunset, old part
of northern Kiev

Kiev - a revisit

Having visited Kiev a couple of times during the early nineties it was with great expectations I went back one week last fall. Ukraine – due much to its geographical position in Europa - has historically been subjected to numerous geopolitical occurrences, most of which have had dramatic and often tragic consequences for the nation and its people. With the collapse of the Soviet Union a window of opportunity emerged allowing Ukraine to rebuild an autonomous state. The situation I witnessed back then - in much - required a sudden and scratch built state development, implying great economic and social hardship and risk for the foreseeable future.

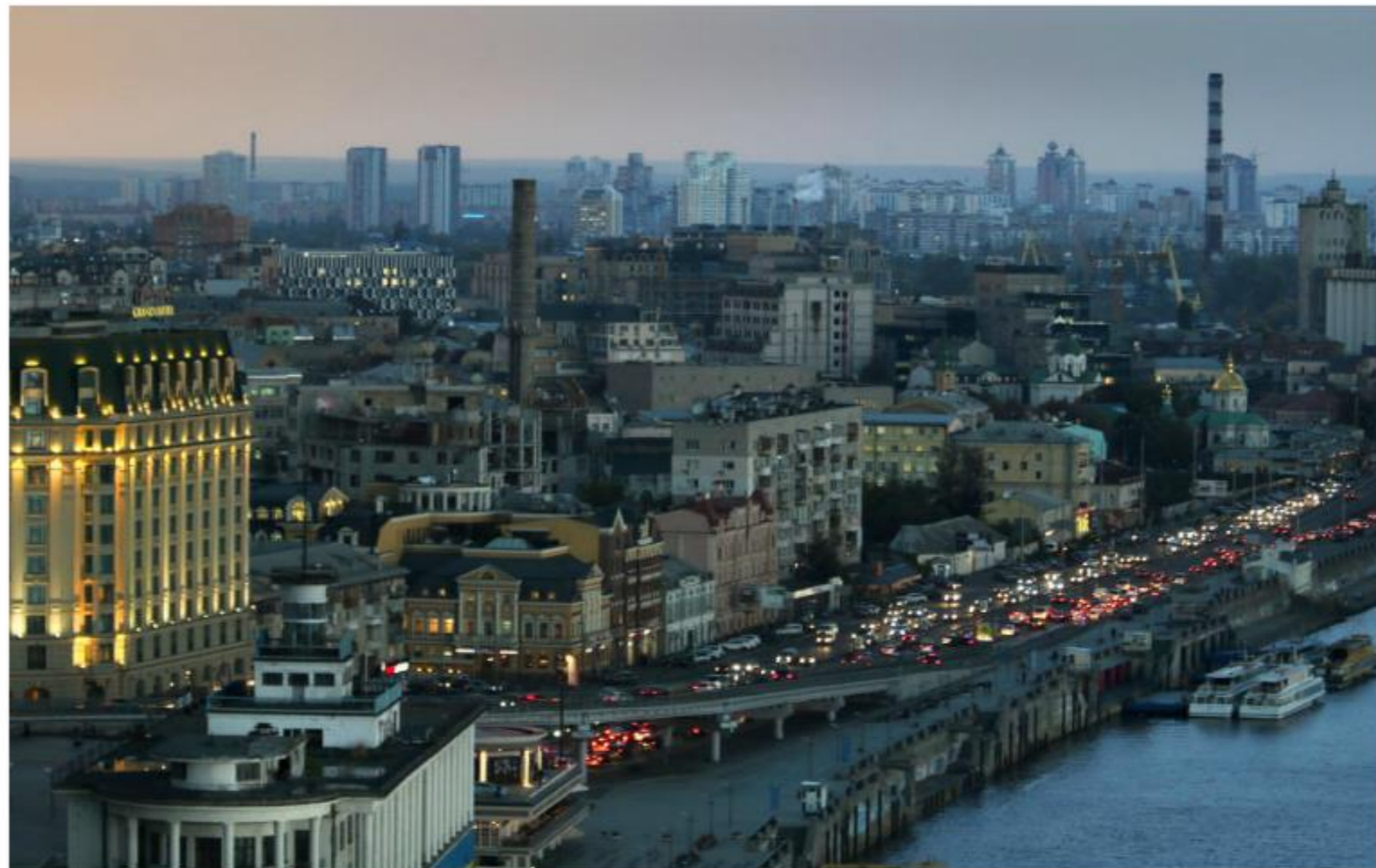
22 years on and the guns are again rumbling and rocking Ukraine's foundation. My revisit became both a retrospective and a brief observation of a European

state currently and again at war on its own soil. Just two hours flight time from Stockholm.

Kiev has in many respects evolved considerably since last time, yet in other respects much seems to have reached a point of stagnation: Infrastructure, industrial development and foreign investments are too rarely seen in the cityscape. The average salary is less than one tenth of that in Sweden, and corruption is allegedly widespread.

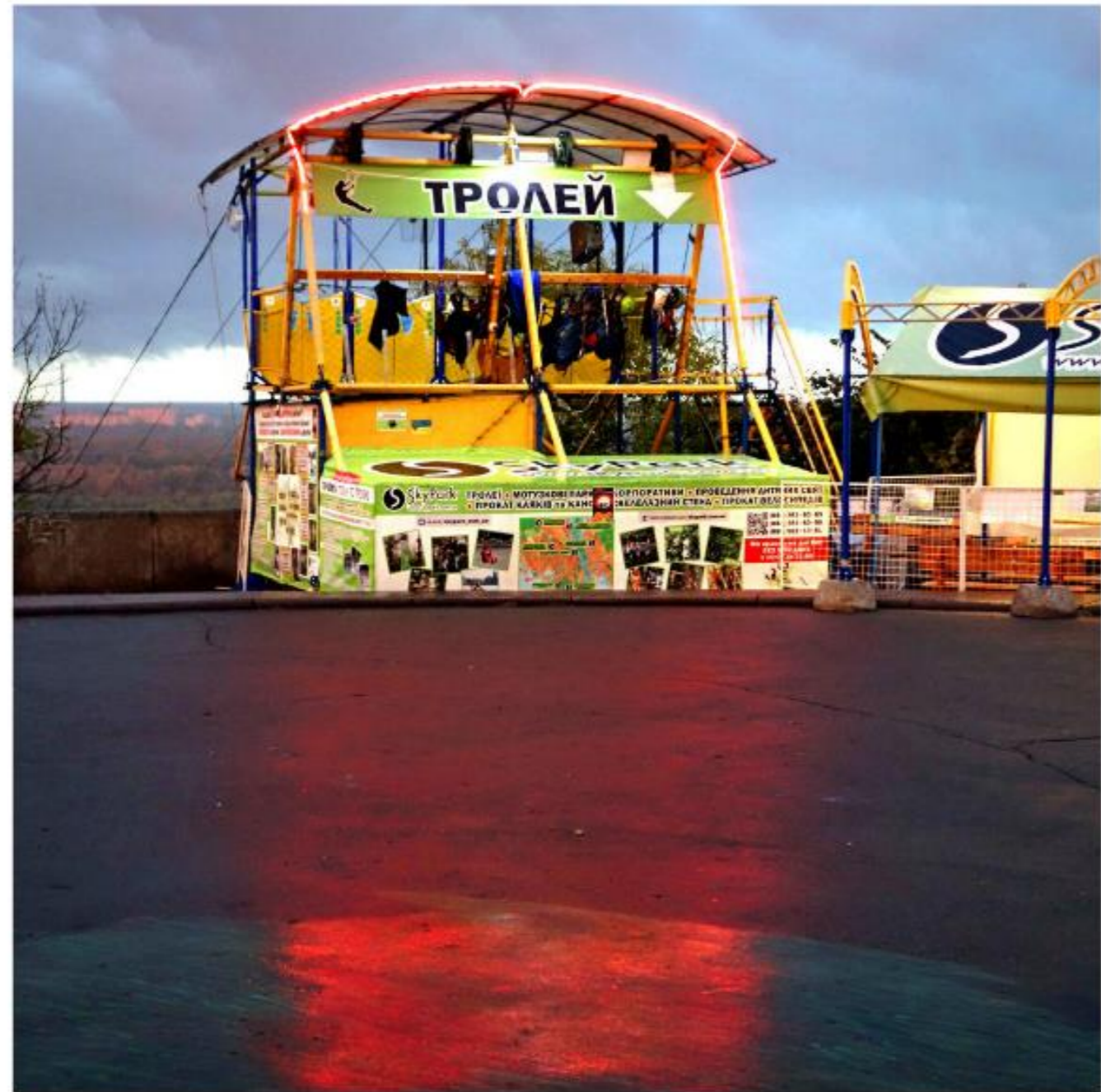
The photographs on the following pages are a swift and personal but heartfelt look at Kiev, a wonderful and fascinating city in limbo. With the gaining of strength of Russian expansionism and populism in the rest of Europe, Ukraine's future is again moving at the tunes of surrounding nations.

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Thunder storm
approaching Podil,
old part of northern
Kiev, at sunset



Fast way down
Friendship of
Nations Arch



Spares
Near Lavra



Sky high, low clouds
Kiev TV tower



Overlooking Podil



Monument of the Great Patriotic War



Nuclear bomber at Ukraine air force museum



Modern suburb - northern Kiev



From the Monument to unknown soldier, overlooking Dnepr river and eastern Kiev



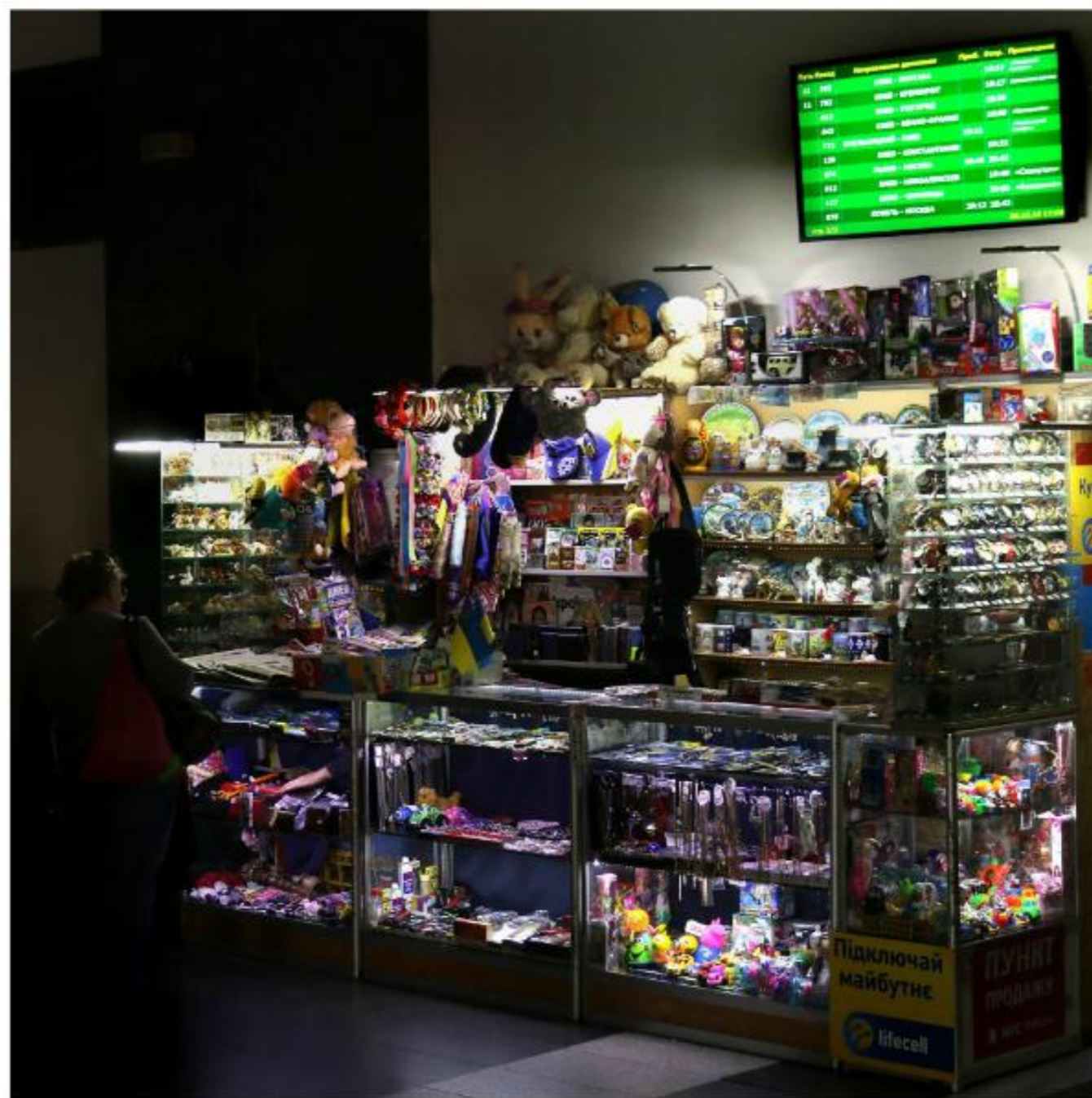
Feeder buses between central station and rural areas



Leaving the central station



Evening train arriving



Station shop



Kiosk



Waiting for the evening train



Thunder storm over
northern suburbs



Redevelopment
Khreschatyk



National
museum-
preserve 'Battle
for Kyiv in 1943'
War museum
Novi Petrivtsi



Leftover leaves
War museum
Novi Petrivtsi



Blending in - War museum, Novi Petrivtsi



Taking aim shooting pictures





Country road - Novi Petrivtsi



Shelter - Novi Petrivtsi



Walking by numbers



Elektrykiv Street, northern industrial area



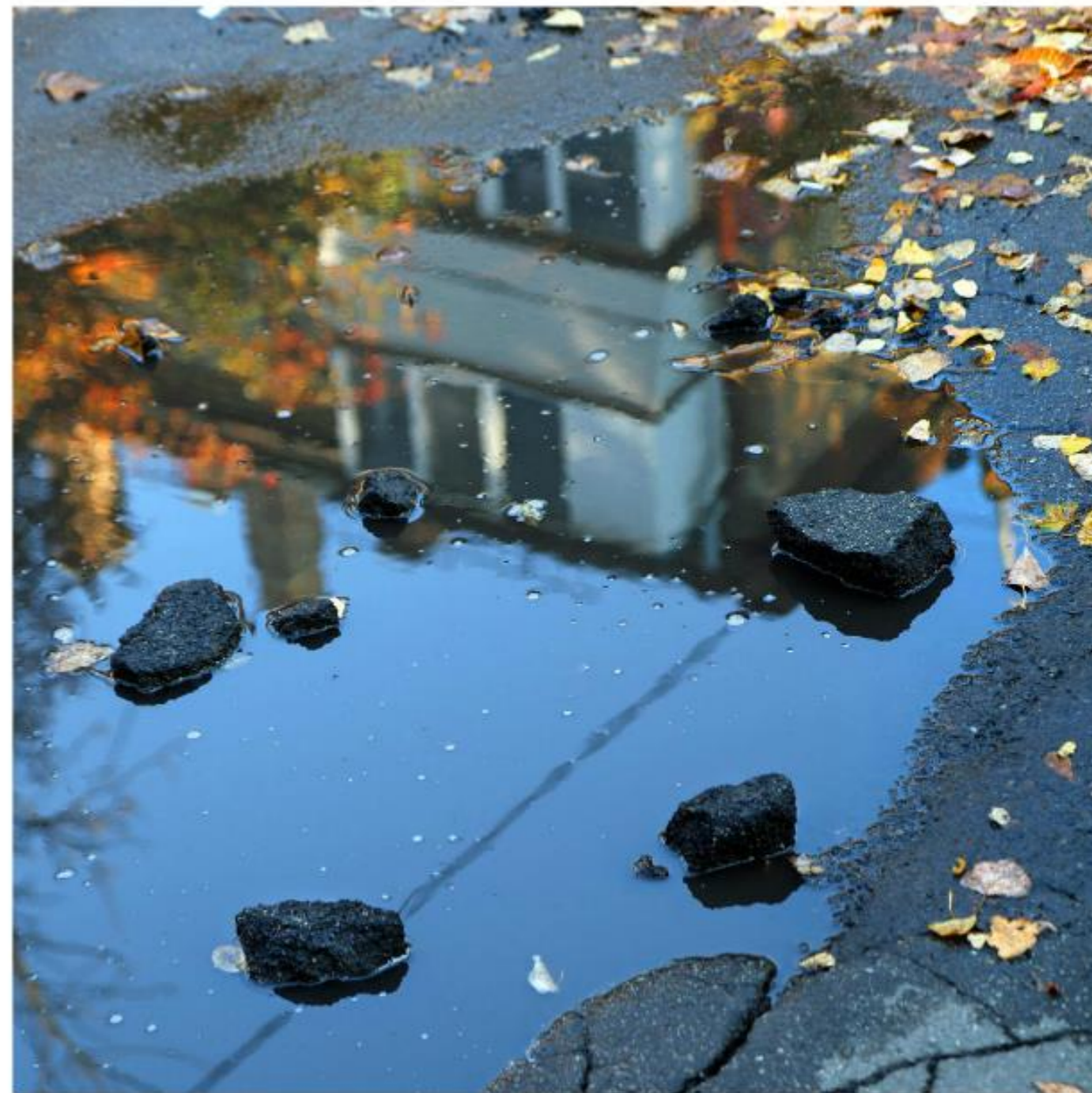
Red and white steps
to a quick stop
Ol'zhycha Street



Locked out - Podil industrial area



Nostalgia in pink and orange
Air force museum



Bits and water
Ak. Hrekova Street



Railway workers cabin



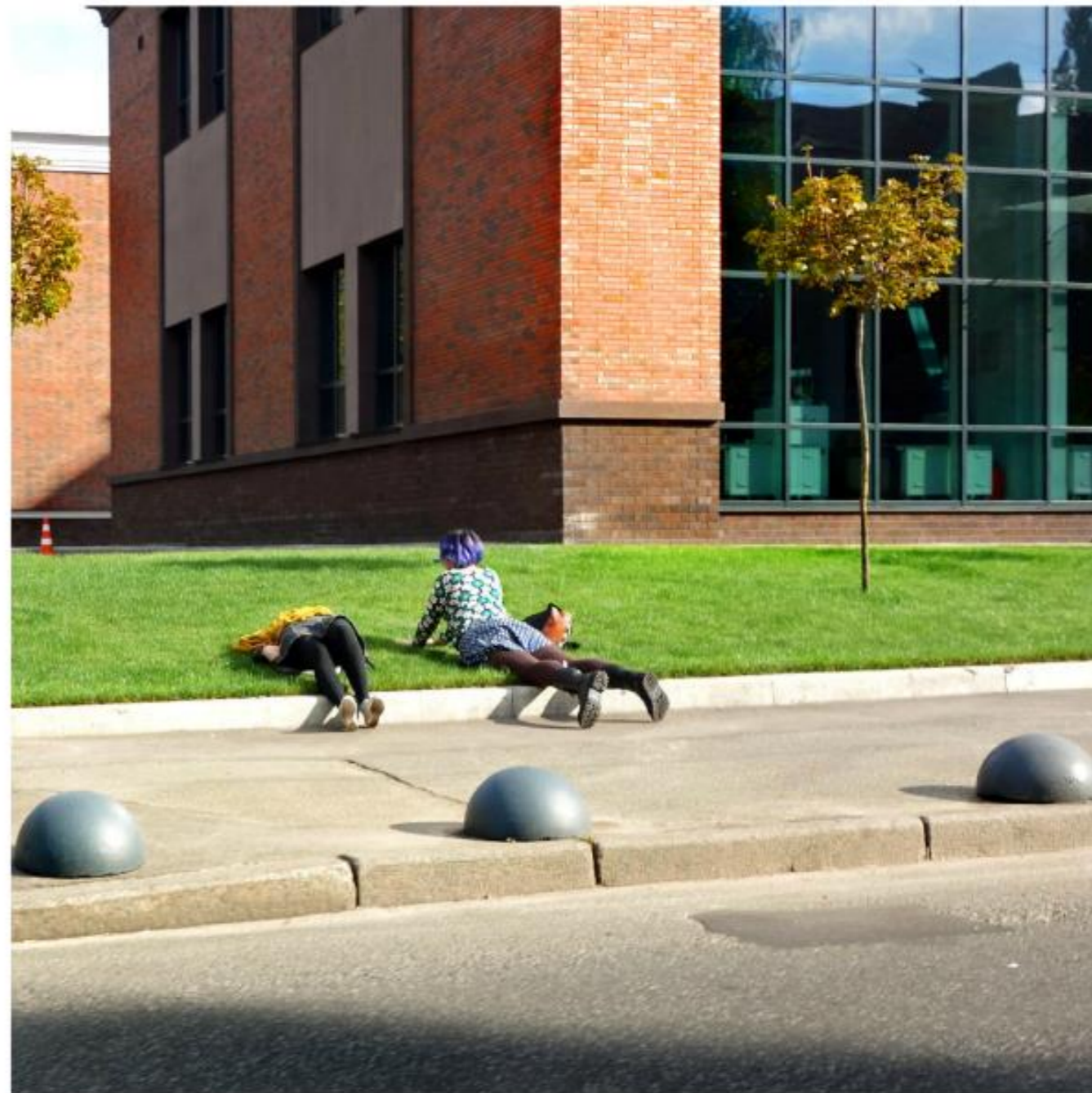
Hnata Khotkevycha Street, east Kiev

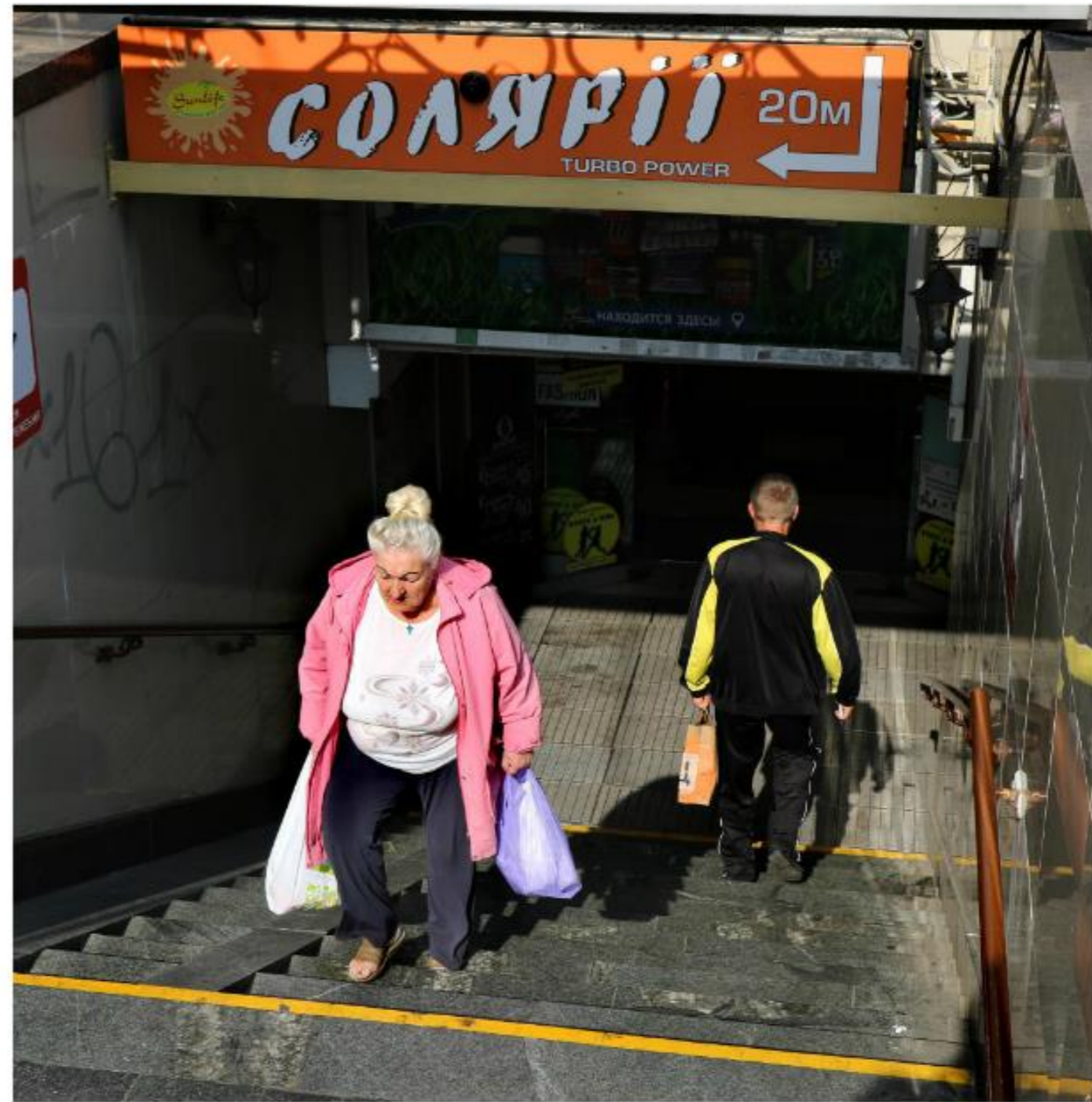


Gated housing blocks
Comfort Town



Coffee break and a chat - Kaunaska Street







The idea that flew
Taras Shevchenko Park



Taras Shevchenko
National University



Fence pole
Novi Petrivtsi



Bus
camouflage



Rural high rise in a field - Novi Petrivtsi



Water tanks



Sunset in rain - Podil area



Mastodont
Lesi Ukrainky Boulevard



TV tower overlooking Babyn Jar



Generations apart Mariinskij park



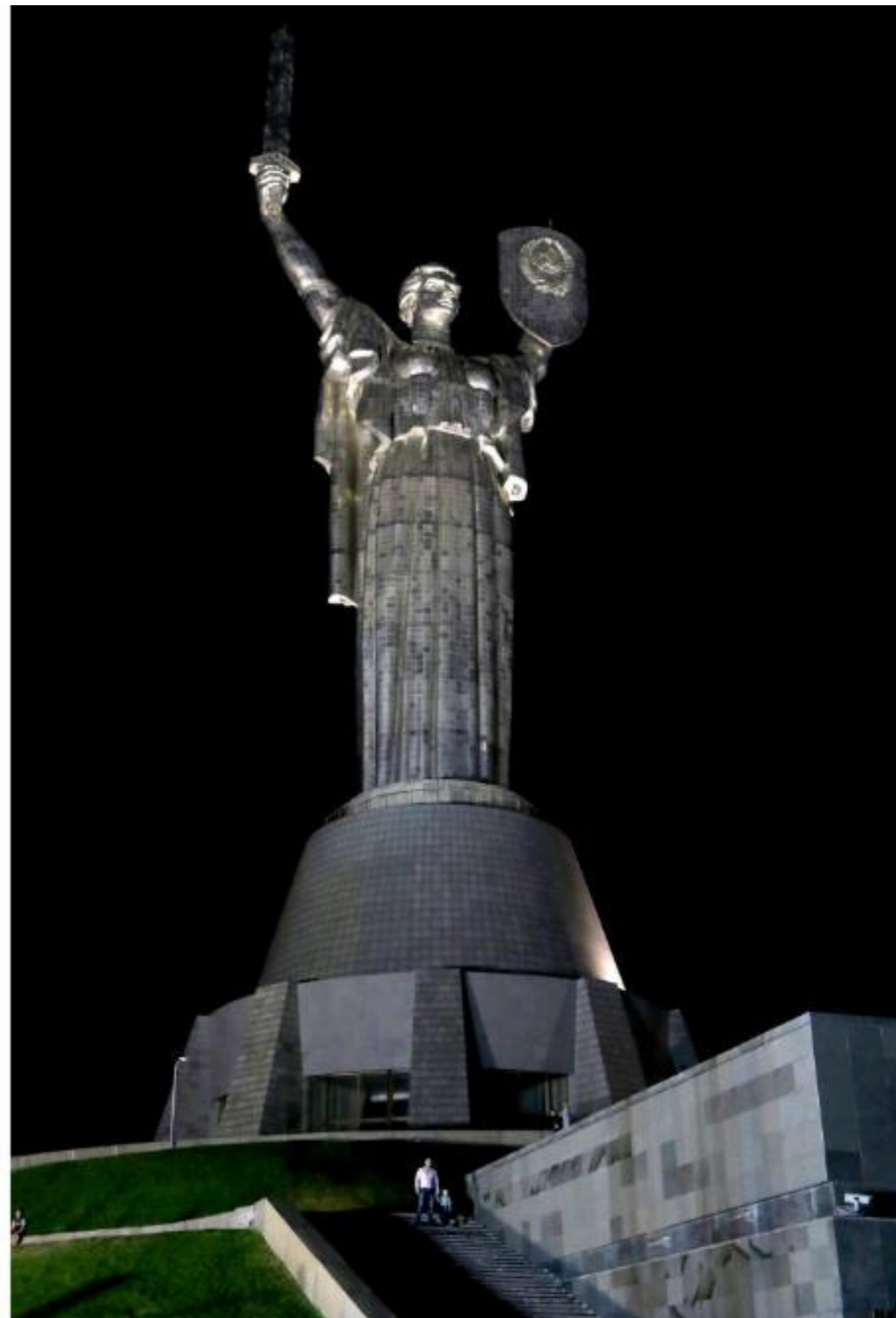
Babyn Jar
memorial statue



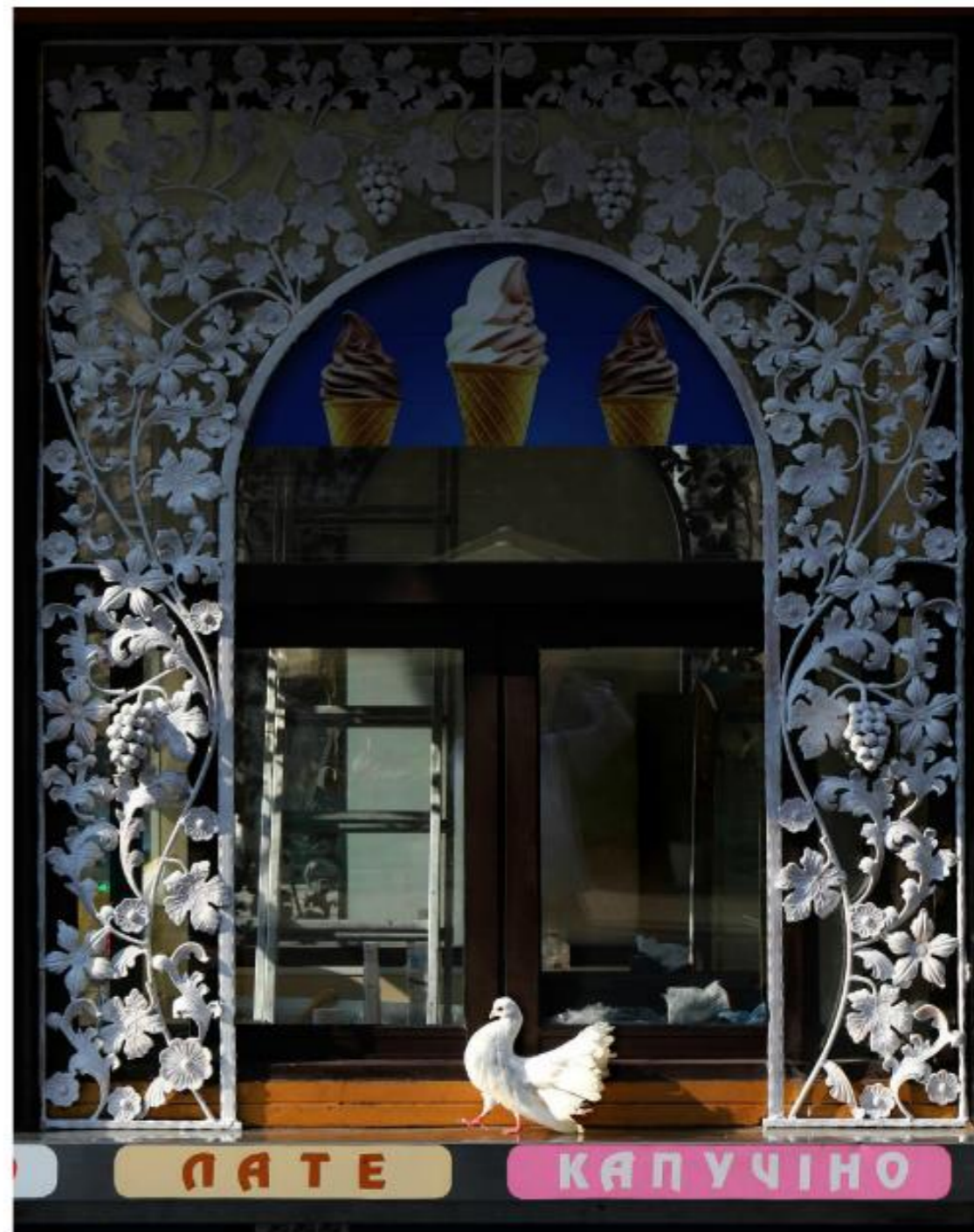
Babyn Jar



Silent steel - Museum of the Great Patriotic War



Higher power
The Motherland
Monument



Left and right:
Khreshchatyk coffee
stalls



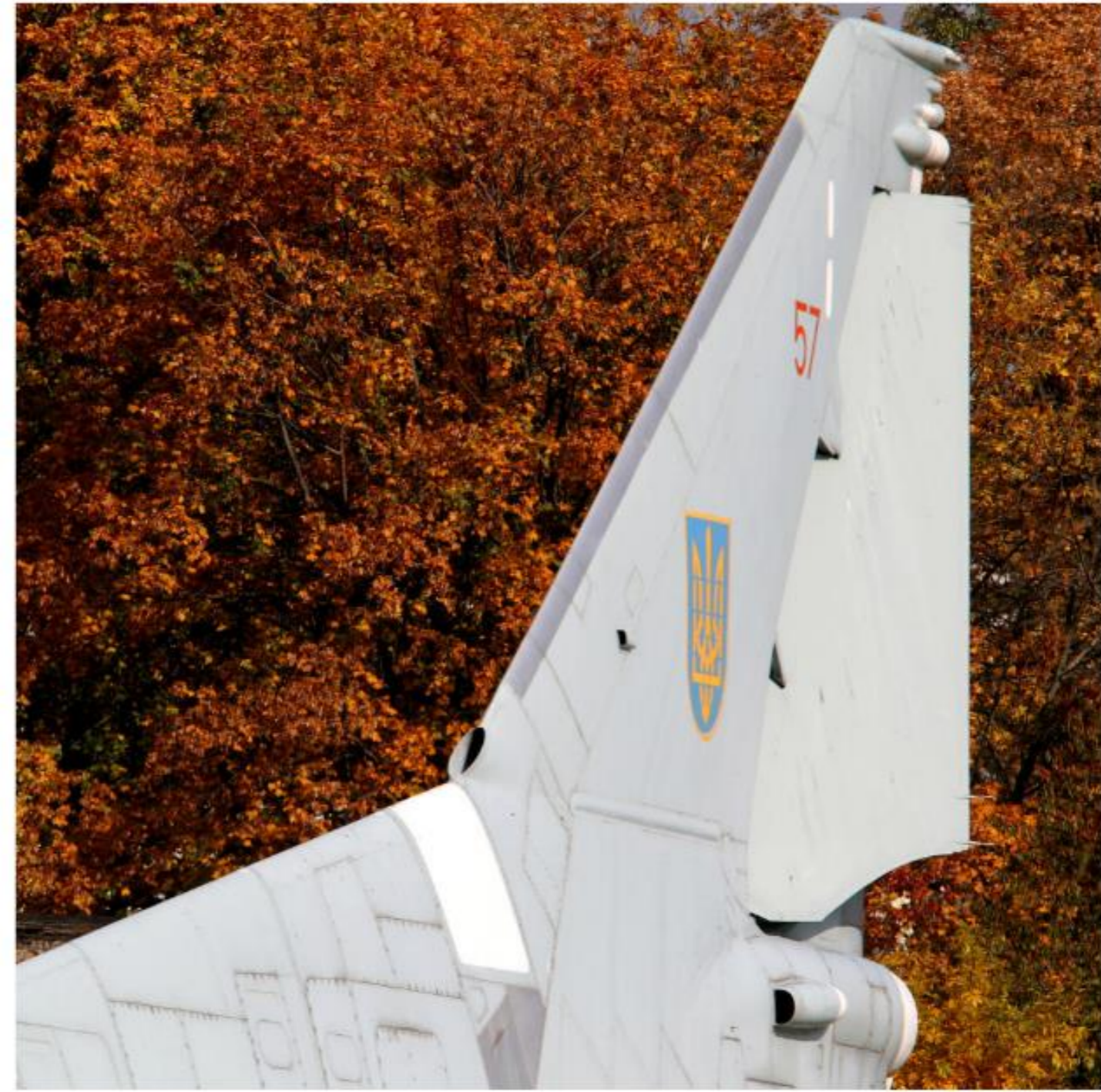
Mosaics
Eastern Kiev



Clear
message



Flying colours
Air force museum



Tail top and tree top





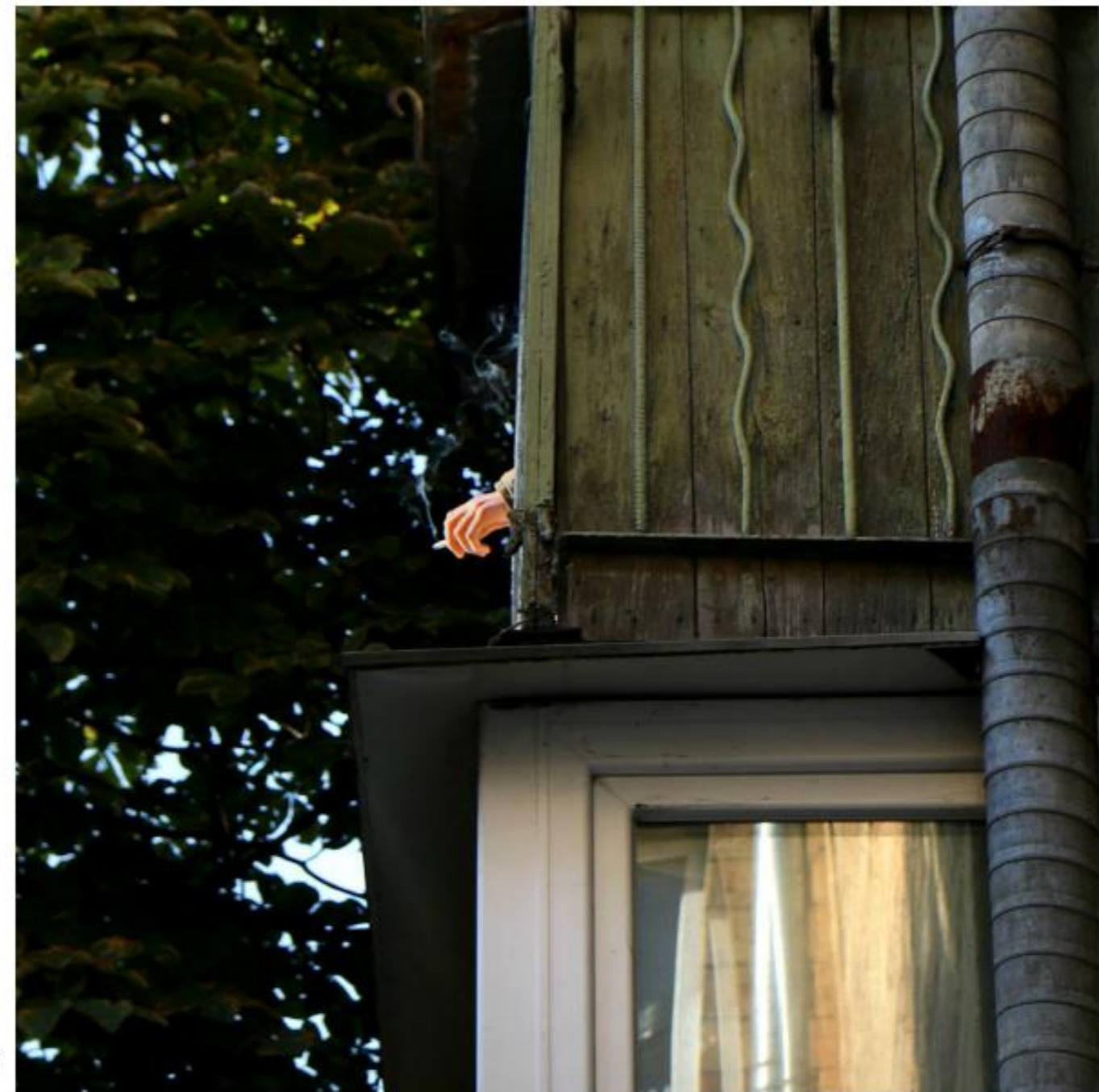
Nuclear missile
launcher



Storage and
restoration area
Air force museum



Orange before the revolution



Ventilation



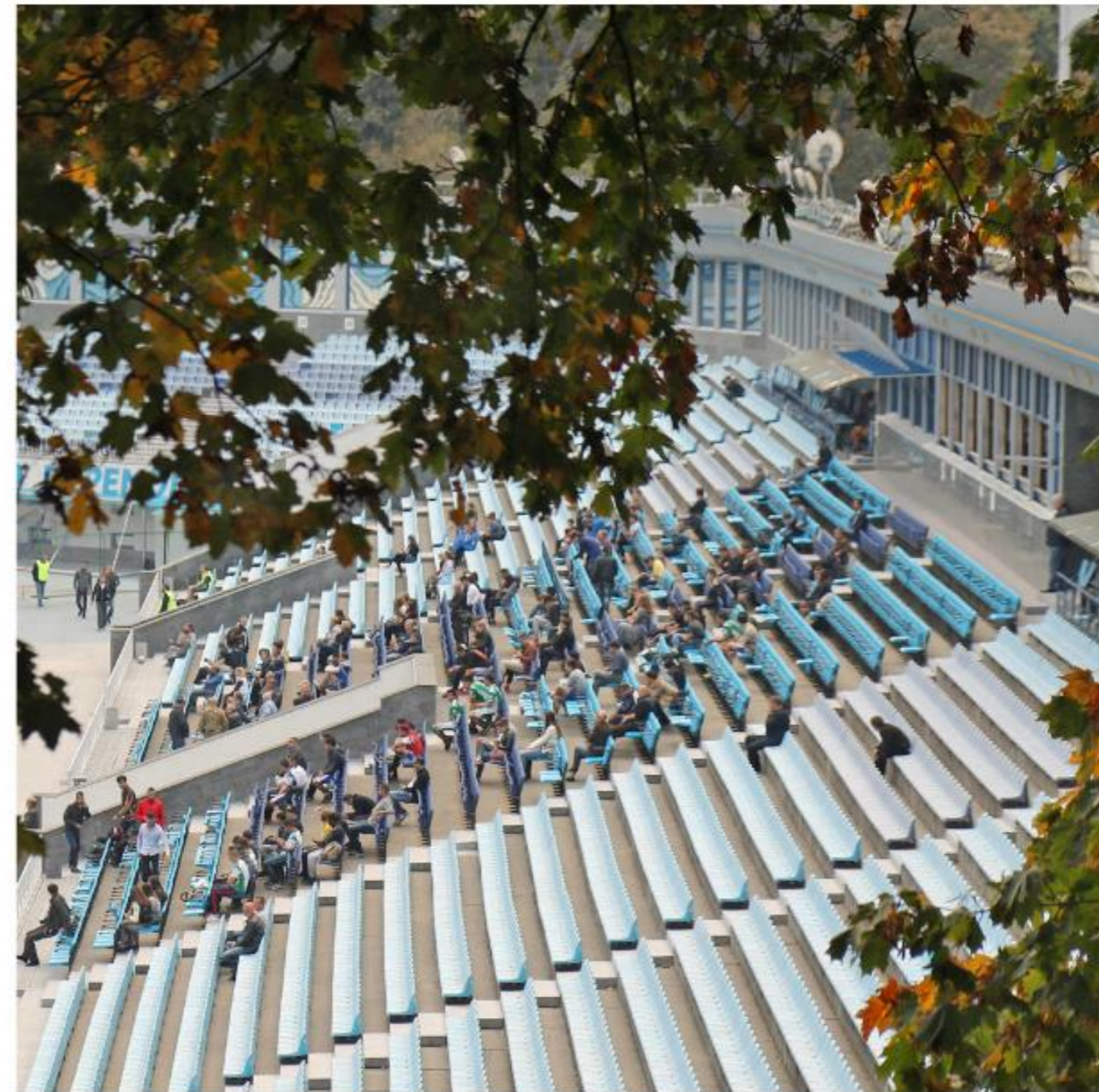
Nothing more to say
Museum of the Great
Patriotic War



Coffee break



Pole position

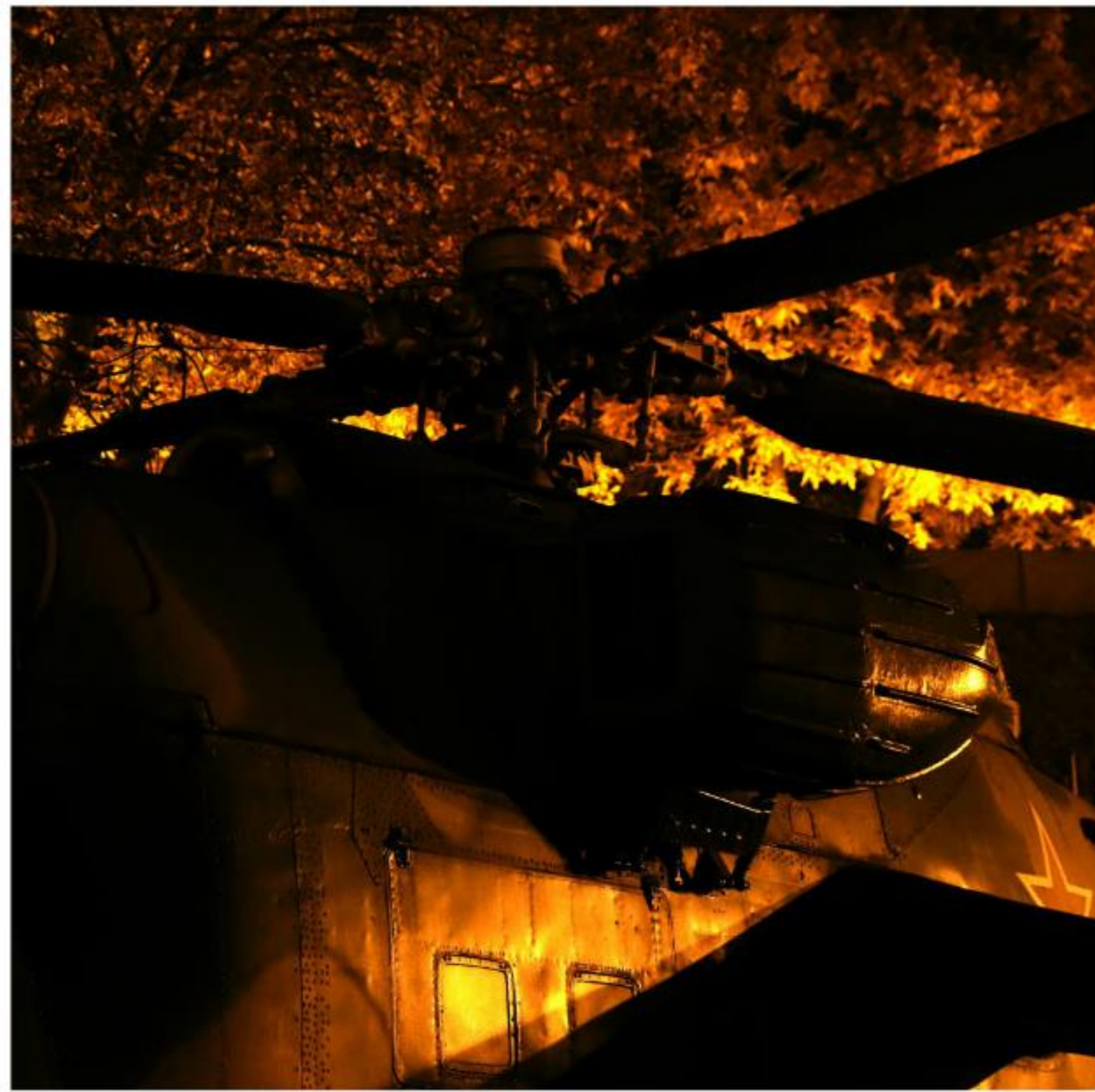


Sitting on
blue benches



Drawn to the
light
Mariiinskij park

Night guard
Museum of the
Great Patriotic War





Maidan Square



Three pipes - Eastern Kiev







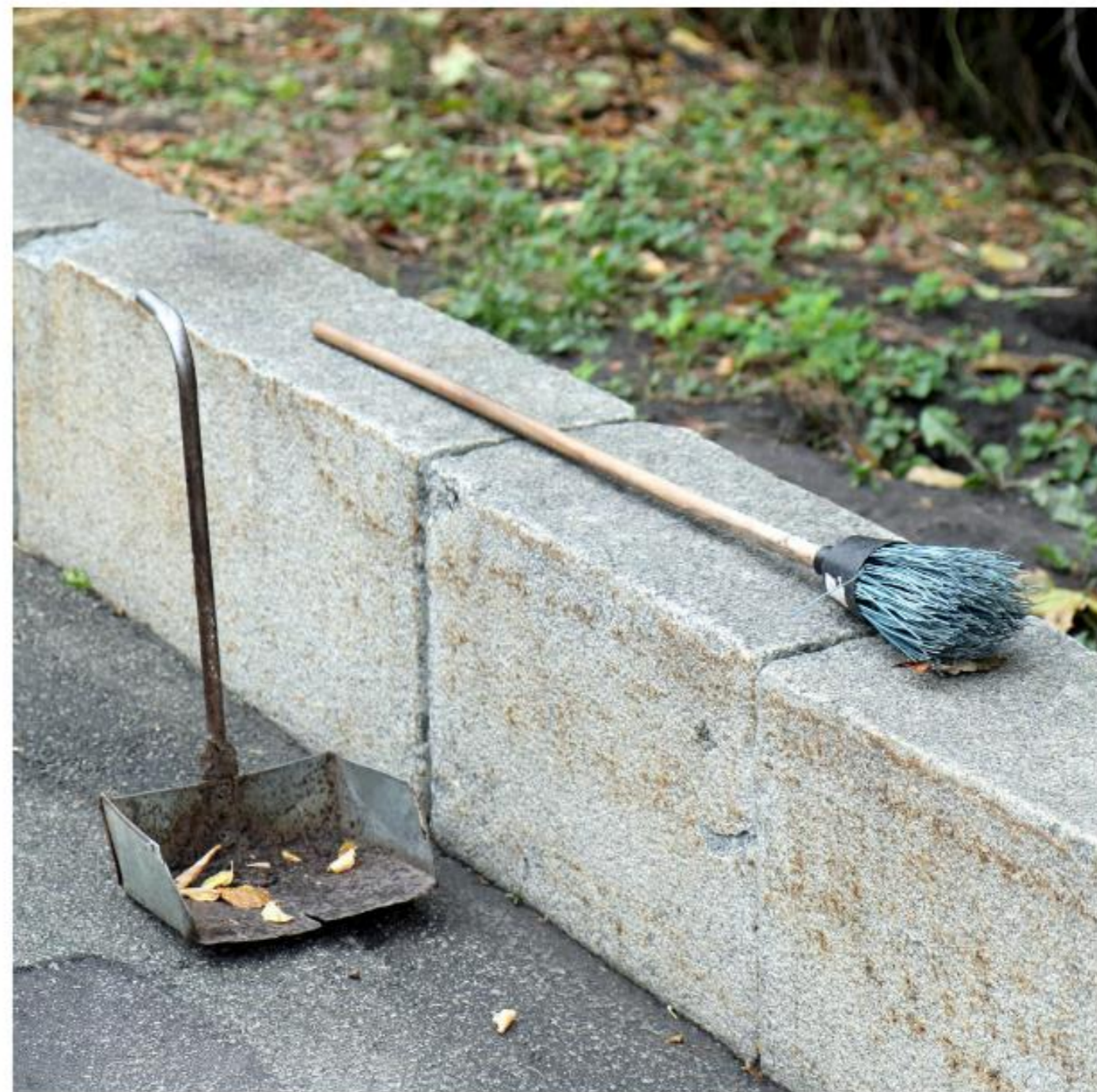
Fenced off - Novi Petrivtsi



High wired
Novi Petrivtsi



Shelters - Northern suburb



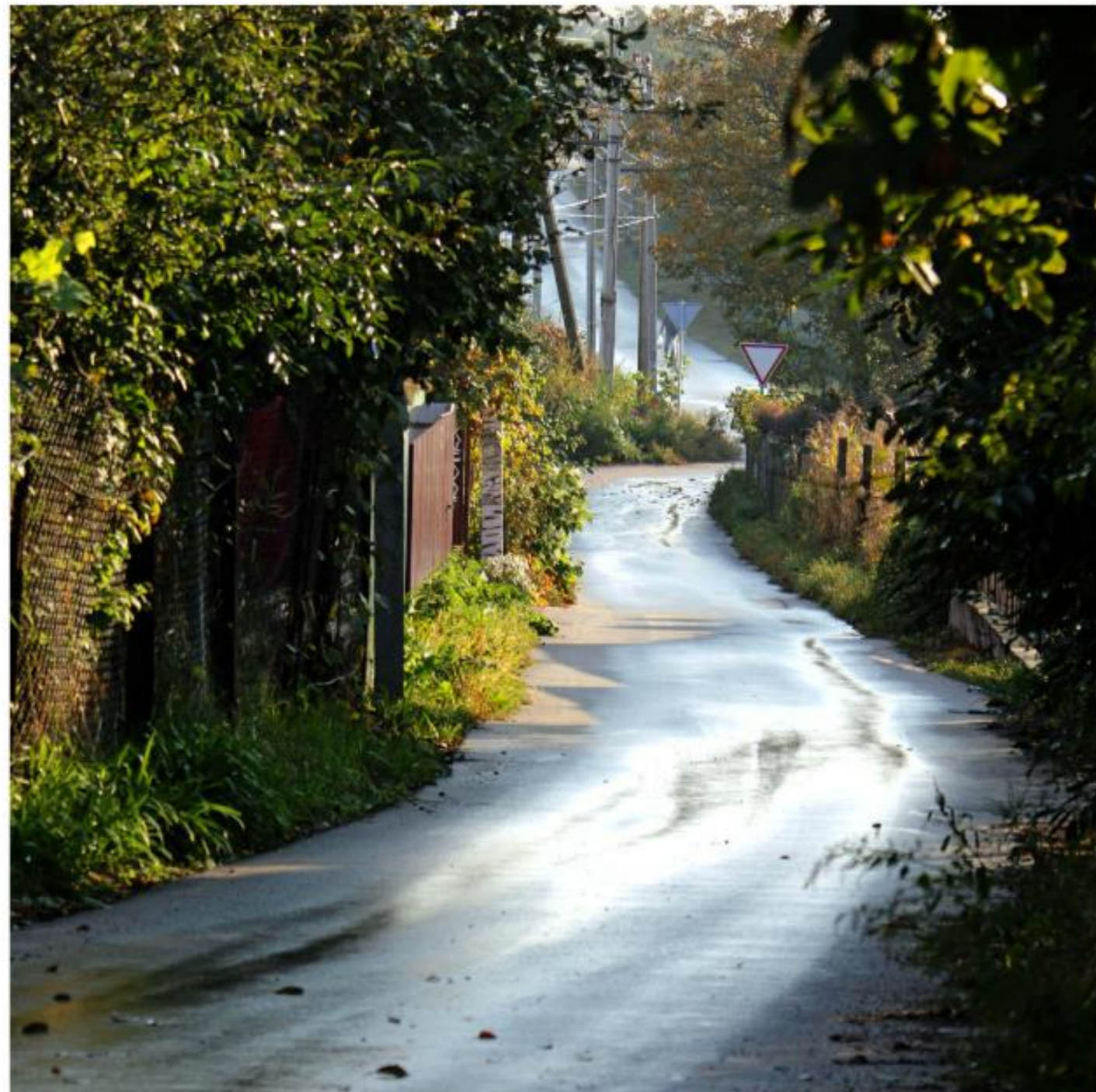
Job done



Dashing
Novi Petrivtsi



No surrender to grey
Novi Petrivtsi



Down and then out
Novi Petrivtsi



Materials
Novi Petrivtsi



Joy of colours
Novi Petrivtsi



The business end
Viskozna Street
Eastern Kiev



End of the day
Novi Petrivtsi



Industrial area northern Kiev





Early flight - Salut Hotel



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