

Is This Really Supposed to be Sanctuary?

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This city is supposed to be one of the greatest in the world

It's been called a sanctuary state

And while I love it a lot what does that say about the state of things

As it feels like an epicenter for a world that feels like it's slowly coming apart more each day

It feels like there's a need to be more vigilant and on edge

And I don't think that feeling is going away with violence seeming to be on the upswing

Then there's also being the hotbed of several pandemics to make things worse and more on edge

It's hard to know what to do when you're not sure how to make yourself feel safe anymore

Outdoors and typical public spaces can get bad and have you staying on guard

The trains and buses are where things feel like they've gotten especially worse

When there's an active shooter threat that empties out half the train as many flee in expected fear

While others stay and nervously watch and wait

Wondering if they'll actually be leaving the station

The shooter is chased off though with no casualties to be had

And in five minutes the train starts moving again as many are left to just continue on with their days

Having to accept this scary delay as just a part of their morning routine as they continue on their way

To work, to home or to wherever they were going and hope that there it's a little less hectic, safer

I'm sure if you asked any of them they'd tell you more stories of terrible things

That happened on the train that they brushed off just like this

Like I said there's an upswing in violence and fear that feels like it's becoming the norm

On top of many other problems here and yet I can think of a dozen other places that might be worse

After all other places deal with plenty of the problems your city does and usually less than well

Which is surprising given how you can't remember much of the leadership here being liked

But I guess that's just another sign of how much things have gone to hell

So you'll stick to this "sanctuary city" trying to just survive knowing there's few places less bad

And continue to navigate a world that seems to be driving more and more people mad