

Women Who Live in Coffee shops

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Dedicated to the invisible city dwellers of the world. Someday, we will all be invisible.

First, a toast to all those whose lives inspired these stories, giants of their own times, Goliaths, who have now vanished from the streets of Phoenix. They lived like shadows, like clouds of vapor in the air, yet their palpitating hearts still tell stories amidst the city's bustle and grime.

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