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Enthralled by the Night: An Anthropology of the dark city.

When night draws in, the city changes, and so does our mood. At night, we re-invent ourselves, become more receptive for the unexpected. But night-time also offers the opportunity to rest and retreat. Even though we can rely on the effect it has on us, the night is not simply a given entity. The night is what we make it to be. Its presence depends on how we make it come alive or sleep through it, make it subject it to our plans and aims, our love and fears, the way we describe and praise it. In this paper, Michel Massmünster relates how the perception and image of the night and the city have informed one another since the onset of industrial urbanization, and he discusses how this connection is currently playing itself out.