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Ever wondered what do the thousands of plants, trees, flowers and bushes do in the city at night? No-one can really see them in the dark and they become a bunch of friendly ghosts. If you approach them with a flashlight, the ghosts turn almost into two-dimensional graphic pictures. This kind of “greenery” is the friend and a welcoming environment for people that have to spend a lot of time out on the streets at night. During day time all these plants seem to have a function to make the cold built environment warmer and homelier, but in the evening you see these sometimes accidental-looking arrangements as especially absurd elements to feather your hometown. Photographer Paco Ulman took the time to acquaint himself with the absurd bushes that grow in the area of Narva street in Tallinn. All that material seems to have a special shape but it is not always clear where they have got it from. You can see the logic of form and the human element in these compositions which are at the same time quite wild and nearly unearthly. But what you cannot see anymore, is what are all the plants for. Is their hectic existence really for making the city-space greener for people to live in? Or is this humorous landscape design some kind of criticism towards the city-gardening and green area planning politics of Tallinn’s governing officials? It seems that all these plants are more than funny or sad rudiments. Maybe they are all seeds that predict a normal and complete city-greenery in Tallinn!

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