

Manfred Mann

"The City"

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Joseph tends the garden Malan's house
On friday evening, Mr. Malan smokes his pipe and hands Joseph his pay packet.
They discuss the roses.
Mrs. Malan has a parcel of nearly new clothes for him and his family.
The Malan's children play around the pool.
Joseph's wife and child are five hundred miles in Kwazulu.
Joseph makes a cup of tea in the kitchen.
He takes it out to his concrete shed at the back of the house.
He seets on his steel bed.
It is the weekend.
Tonight he will get drunk in a shebeen.
It will be many months until he sees his family.
It has been many months.

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