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I lean slowly against the red bricks of my house, feeling
the waning heat of the day seep into my body.

My muscles purr at the warmth of the rough bricks.

As the sun creeps downward, I reach for my cigarettes,

my lighter. My eyelids give me a lazy view of the sun dominated
horizon as I reverently place a cigarette into the alter of my mouth.
My lips relax and the cigarette dips downward to receive the flame
which the lighter bestows, a willing acolyte.

The ceremony begins, I inhale the smoky calmness
musing at the toxic, carcinogen filled price of relaxation,
briefly. My eyes focus on nothing and my mind releases
its terrible grip on assignments, frustrations, house hold chores

I experience smoldering relief, while a dingy halo floats above me.