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The pole dancer at the open-air bar is undulating her long thin body among uninterested beer drinkers. Shiny thigh-high boots spin. In her bored mind she is home sleeping. There is no moving air to clear the dank coalblack evening. Down the street a child sells Chiclets. Fried bugs are for sale in three greasedirt woks. The dancer is now topless, her skin smooth and dark from the June wetsteam sun.

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