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Adele Griffin. "Her eyes are bloodshot and her hair is starting to slip out of its ponytail. I notice she changed back into her cut-off jeans shorts and tank shirt. Linda is lying on Marita's bed, asleep in her now ...crumpled beige uniform. When I enter her room after knocking, Marita touches a finger to her lips and tilts her head toward Linda. "You are sunburned," Marita whispers. I bring my warm fingers to my warm face and nod. Even at night, the sun figures out a way to sneak into my skin. "Hey," I say. Rainy Season is a short horror story by Stephen King, first published in the Spring 1989 issue of Midnight Graffiti magazine, and later included in King's Nightmares & Dreamscapes collection. It ended a bout of writer's block from which King had been suffering. A young husband and wife on summer vacation rent a house in a small town called Willow, Maine, only to be warned repeatedly (if vaguely) to leave by the local inhabitants. They do not comply and, having purchased groceries, return to the house Book. A Rainy Season is a work of historical fiction and the break-out novel of author Nnaziri Ihejirika. Set during the heady days of Nigeria's transition from a martial state to one that embraces "or at least practices" western democracy, A Rainy Season tells the stories of eight fictional characters who share an address in the sprawling, fast-growing metropolis of Lagos.