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Is Earning 20 Shillings Worth the Struggle?

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Is Life Really that Luxurious?

Those who live in the city sometimes brag about their lives there: how they can meet their friends just by walking 4 steps from their houses, and how their wage per day is more than enough money to last their family a day. But there has also been the same number of complaints. The Daily Watt, in this issue, will recover all the secrets

of the life in the city.

The team that had been dispatched to discover the city was shocked as they neared it. "I could smell the rancid smell of something rotting before we could even see the city." They described, "I suddenly wished I had thought twice before agreeing to go there."

They were shocked even more when they went into the city. Even though it was obvious many people would go there for better work, the number of people surprised them. The area was not even a big space to begin with and the number of people made it feel more claustrophobic, and suffocated. It was difficult to see how people lived here.

Emily Dickinson, a resident in the nearby house, invited them in her house. The house was unlike any other they have seen. The smell of mildew and human waste

struck their nose as soon as they went inside. 8 other people were also living in the small space of what she called 'home' that only consisted of one room, with a small, cramped toilet outside that Dickinson had to share with many people. When she was asked how she could stand living in such a small space with poor hygiene, she explained that she didn't have much choice, and that the workers did not get any say in their living space. "Our living space is up to the factory man-

ager to decide," She said, with a small frown in her voice, "We're lucky if we get to keep our jobs for a month." When asked about it, she said: "Oh it's not that unusual losing your job, especially if you're female. My friend, Emma Carstairs lost her job last week at the fabric factory nearby, and she was pregnant. They don't care what state you're in. All that matters to them is whether you're strong enough for the job or not. We literally have to fight for our position in the factory every single day."



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