

In the Wet

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Synopsis

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It is the wet season in the Australian outback. Drunk and delirious, an old ex-pilot known as "Pisspot Stevie" lies dying in a remote cabin in the Queensland bush. When a priest named Roger Hargreaves comes upon him, Stevie is smoking opium to relieve the pain of his last moments. The priest listens as Stevie, in an opium-fueled haze, begins to describe a very different life he once lived - not in the past, but decades in the future, as a mixed-race aviator who finds love and glory in service to the Queen.

After Stevie's death, as Hargreaves tries to sort dream from reality, he makes discoveries that cause him to wonder if he has been granted a glimpse beyond the veil.

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