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The independent illusion rushes to make the grade
To buy the car, to make more money, to live the American dream
The flowers in the front lawn are crushed under black shoes rushing to the office
Yet, the invincible clock keeps ticking, and the hour comes when his legs are
exhausted
A momentary pause allows a realization
From this chair, the trees on the new TV don't look as attractive as the ones seen
through the window
The actual reality of the outdoors provides an inexplicable comfort
Another chime and back to the earth the previous "individual" falls
Absorbed into the mysterious eternal cycle that his living self never recognized
A red flower decorates the gravesite
And is crushed by his son's black leather shoes, rushing to the office after paying
his last respects