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Abstract

V.S. Naipaul in *The Mystic Masseur* satirizes cultural, social, political and economic aspects of Trinidad, a society that has encountered with the aftermath of colonialism. People there seem neither totally following the ways of colonizers nor do they remain consistent in the original culture of their own. Satire aims at picking up human or individual vices, follies, abuses, or shortcomings improving them by means of ridicule, derision, burlesque, irony, or other methods. People in Trinidad are detached from their original ways in different aspects of their life. They are aggravated by the colonizers' life tendency and system. They are the victims of mimicry and do imitate the way European people verbalize. Thus their entanglement with sophistication and replication obliges them to stay suspended in the domain of nuisance and isolation. He trickily presents them that they seem much serious about colonial situation and contentious but they fail to carry on themselves within it.

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