

ABSTRACT

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This final project is about satire of man's dream of using technology and its limitation in *August 2026: There Will Come Soft Rains*. The aims of the study are to prove that satire toward the usage of technology and its limitation really occurs in the story, to discuss the types of satire of man's dream of using technology and its limitation, and to find out the impacts of technology to the life of people in the story.

This research is descriptive qualitative. The source of the data in this study is the text of the above story. The data taken were in the forms of sentences, and hidden meanings. The data were collected by means of preparing a table, reading, identifying, inventorizing the data, classifying, reducing, selecting, and reporting them into appendices. In analyzing question number one, firstly, the data in Appendix E1 were exposed. After that, some descriptions were provided and compared to derive a conclusion. Question number two was answered by exposing the data in Appendix E2, explaining them, providing some descriptions, and taking inference. To answer question number three, the data in Appendix E3 were exposed, explained, and compared with the existing facts in the theory and background of the study.

From the data analysis, this research concludes that 1) satire of man's dream of using technology and its limitation really exists in *August 2026: There Will Come Soft Rains*; 2) there is only one type of satire appearing in the story that is Horatian Satire; 3) technology has some impacts toward the life of people such as making life easier in doing their daily tasks and in

giving entertainment. Nevertheless, there are also some bad impacts such as pollutions, and the devastation of life.

From the conclusions, it is suggested that we have to learn something from the advance of technology around us, and wisely consider its purpose and advantages or disadvantages for us and for the earth.

