AS THE TRAPPINGS OF THE PSYCHEDELIC ERA RESURFACE IN CLOTHES AND MUSIC, THE REAL FORCE BEHIND THOSE TIMES IS LEFT UNTAPPED: THE DESIRE FOR A TRANSFORMATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS. BUT THERE IS A DRUG WHOSE ADVOCATES CLAIM WILL DO JUST THAT. IN ONE US CITY, 30,000 DOSES OF IT WERE BEING TAKEN EACH MONTH. THEN IT BECAME ILLEGAL...

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my tongue and swallowed, hoping to God the source was reliable; that this really was it and not some new amalgamation of PCP or even LSD. My friend took her capuca and we stood looking at each other. What now? She told me it would take about half an hour to come on. With suspicion mounting, we decided to walk over to a nearby park; the trees and the sunshine might help me feel more at ease.

"Some time later I looked at my watch. Forty minutes had passed. I looked at my friend. Was she any different? Could I see in her soul what had been revealed? Was I feeling more excited and loved?"

"No, in fact we were having an argument. Tired of the park, she wanted us to go home, while I preferred to stay there with the magnificent view of London. I felt to be no resolution. My heart was beating a little faster, but I put it down to anxiety."

"Another twenty minutes passed. Still nothing. Perhaps the drug was just too subtle for me. Unrealistic, I went to her room to go home. We started down the hill. But by the time we reached the bottom, I'd forgotten I was angry with her. In fact I'd forgotten how to be angry. We were having a new conversation, sharing our goals in life. What had we done to last? Had we really followed those words of_destination? Did either of us know what it was like to be close to another human being? For the first time in years I confronted my childhood memories to become a marine; the role I'd wanted to make Woody Allen."

"Defences were dropping at a rate it normally took people months to achieve. Suddenly I knew I could trust her with my closest secrets... strange because not half an hour before I wouldn't have wanted to speak."

"By the time we arrived back at the flat, I noticed my heartbeat was stronger, but now I also noticed to possess an extraordinary mental calm, as if everything were on a very deep microscope slide. I viewed life as if it were a kind of kaleidoscopic reflection, but unlike the stronger stimulants of methedrine, I still wanted to talk more around, be with people. Also it lacked the intense rush of cocaine. I was feeling good but without the desperation, without the mystic euphoria. There was no disorientation of the senses or hallucinatory urge, as with, for example, amphetamine. Rather a kind of winter's night, sage-o-horrible feeling. It reminded me of someone's description of MDMA as the "big sky.""

"MOMA, ADAM, ESSENCE, XTC or Esstain by it is also known. It has been described in other ways: "A brief, fleeting moment of beauty," according to Dr. Claude Haneja, Dr. Rick Haneja and it with "heroin". More often it is claimed the drug will break down the barrier between therapist and patient, parent and child, lover and lover, stranger and stranger, but it has helped this kind of relationship. It also has provided equally strong warning."

"The unnamed Londoner's experience continued for another two or so hours before the symptoms faded. Afterwards he said he felt slightly disoriented, experienced minor difficulty in falling asleep, but otherwise had no unfavorable side effects."

"There can be little doubt this drug is now in European use as it was in the UK: moving from London to Paris to Amsterdam every week via the Atlantic ferry. A quick trip and results are promising at the talent product of American drug mysticism. Although it has created a stir in the States, it is known here to only a few. To most its existence is largely unknown and misunderstood. 'X-aly' is a term yet to be translated into the dictionary of British coffee tables."

"But this is not the case down at The Ranch, a gay bar in Dallas, Texas. In June this year you could have walked in and bought Ecstasy, or 'EDV' over the counter, you would have paid $20 plus the $1.23 sales tax nobody would have raised an eyebrow. You could charge it
Ecstasy is a misleading name. The drug is so called more for reasons of promotion than revolution.
It's nothing like a transcendent experience. It made me feel how all of us would like to think we are anyway.

A new drug, MDMA, has been gaining attention in recent years. When used in a controlled setting, it is reported to produce a sense of well-being and self-awareness. However, the legal status of MDMA is still uncertain, and its use is subject to strict regulations.

MDMA is typically used in the form of tablets or capsules, and its effects are said to last for several hours. The drug is designed to be taken in a supervised setting, such as a therapy session or a retreat, where it can be used to help individuals process and integrate traumatic experiences.

MDMA is considered a scheduled substance in many countries, which means that its use is tightly controlled by the government. This has led to debates about whether the drug should be legalized for medical use, as some argue that it has therapeutic potential.

The use of MDMA in therapy is still under investigation, and more research is needed to fully understand its effects. Despite this, the drug has gained a reputation for its ability to facilitate deep emotional processing, which has led to its use in treating conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

In conclusion, while MDMA has the potential to offer a unique and powerful experience, its legal status and controlled use mean that it is not widely available. As more research is conducted, it is possible that MDMA will gain greater acceptance and be used to help those in need.

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The diagram illustrates the chemical structure of MDMA, which is also known as 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine. The molecule consists of two rings connected by a double bond, with an amine group attached to one of the rings. The structure is depicted in the diagram, showing the molecular formula and the bond connections.