



The developing of regressive and matriarchal structures in opposition to a patriarchal and authoritative society in 'The Cement Garden' by Ian McEwan

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