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If, as an antidote to Happenings, you want to see something that is very real, very engrossing, and beautifully done, catch The Stranger if he comes to town. Mareello Mastroianni is the leading figure in this adaptation of the Camus novel about a French-Algerian clerk, a strangely detached, rigorously honest man who is accused and ultimately convicted of what might be called an accidental murder. life in Algiers, his relationship with his mistress, the trial itself, and the real reasons for his conviction—all these are directed by Luchino Visconti and performed by the cast with great sensitivity, simplicity, and depth. I think Albert Camus would find they had done him justice.

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