

Saturday Morning, Voortrekker Road, Maitland

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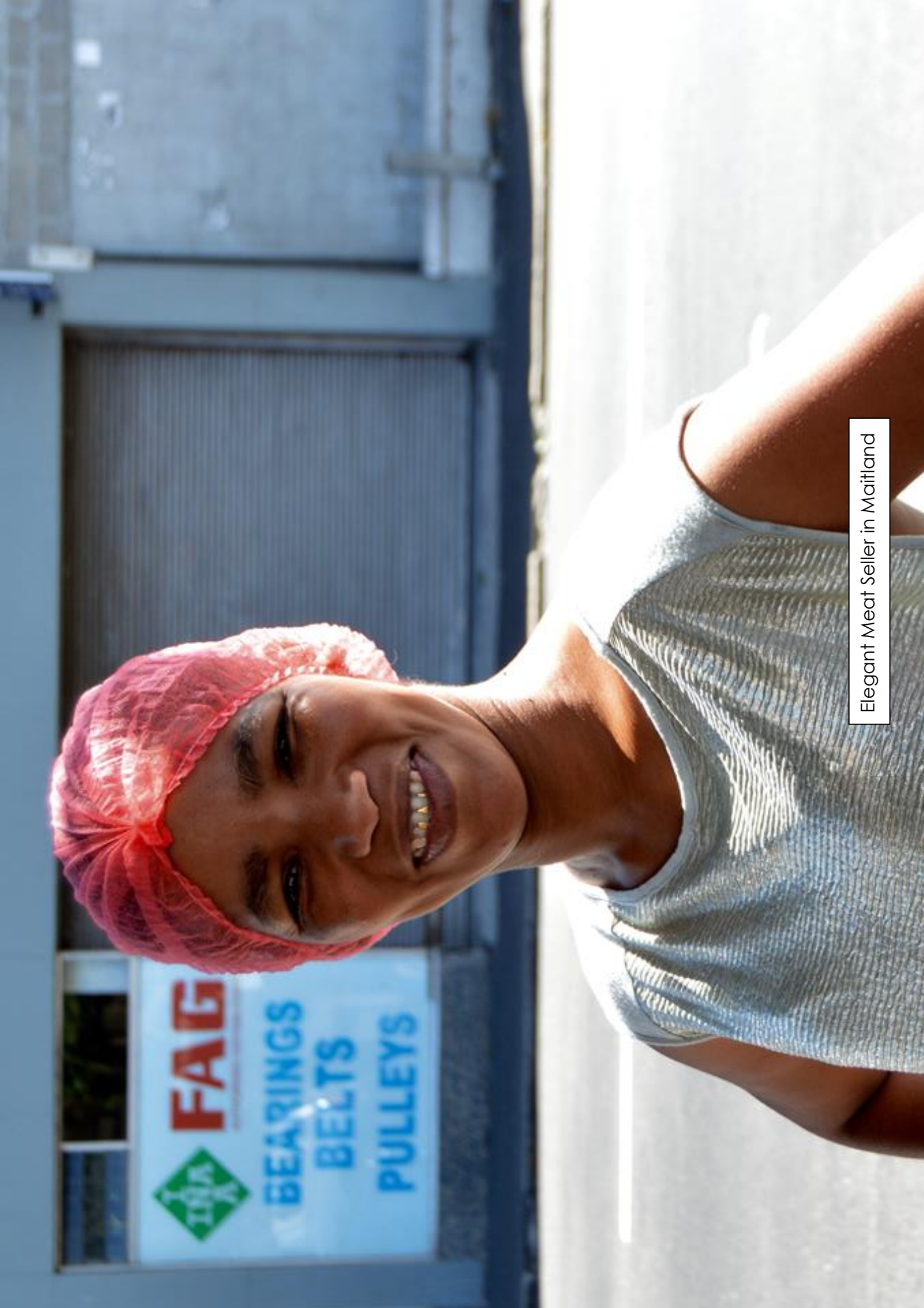
These three portraits are the results of an excursion on Voortrekker Road with one of my classmates, Clotilde, who is also from France. I have to say that it took a certain amount of bravery for us to get there, two white female foreigners in this neighbourhood that was not ours. But this special Saturday morning was bright and sunny and people were enjoying the sun outside. We were just walking on the road, hiding our cameras in their big black bags. But once they were out, people came to us, asking to be photographed.

At the meat shop, one lady even recognised us from our last excursion on another section of the road (probably in Bellville). Then, her colleague came and asked us to take a picture of her. It's the picture that I called "Elegant meat seller" in Maitland because she was very elegant! She was posing and smiling under a tree, a spot that she chose. She even took out her work jacket and she had this fancy top underneath. You could see she was happy to be photographed.

A few meters from there, there was a factory with a man sitting in front of it. He saw us passing by a few times and I guess he was really wondering about our presence there. We went to speak to him and he agreed to being photographed but he did not talk that much, he just said that his name was Ayanda and that he was living in Nyanga. The third picture was taken at Maitland Station where we were standing for a while, chatting with a Congolese woman. The taxi driver stopped a few second to drop a passenger and asked us what we were doing there. He also asked to be photographed and left right after, the whole scene lasting less than a minute. Thus, I do not know his name.



Ayanda from Nyanga in Maitland



Elegant Meat Seller in Maitland



Taxi Driver at Maitland Station