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**CEO ROURKE**

**Plato on Vacation**

I took the kids to Horne Lake and there he was spelunking with tourists in a ‘Save-the-Planet’ t-shirt intense eyes below a headlamp searching dark damp recesses between stalagmites for some long lost idea of Beauty connected to Earth not the ephemeral form but the *thing* itself buried in soil rooted and living

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**KATERINA FRETWELL**

**Effluvium**

Yet, when 19 countries agreed … to establish the Millennium Development Goal … sanitation was initially left out.


Joshed I’d eulogize the many-foliate toilets in my travels — blooming dorm-like squats at Ephesus pissoirs chez Paris, loo of Waterloo urine streams at Badaling two-seater on my honeymoon

but sanitation is a serious matter 2.5 billion, a quarter of us lack safe dumping grounds fertilizing field, forest, potable water with fecal fungi. Diarrhoea culls 800 million children every year.

We rush to invent affordable portable, waterless water closets for World Toilet Day — finally our effluent forms the agenda. On tour, hurtling by shacks flowering on a dump, I begged

*Halt!* Bus stopped for me, cresting on a hilltop, I crapped in Crete.

Fecal transplants cured Crohn’s in a wraith-like child — but the Lab growing healthy microbes was forced to shut down — microbes not sterile.

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