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Biographical note:

Jen Crawford's poetry publications include 3 (Five Islands Press, 2000), *Bad Appendix* (Titus Books, 2008), *Pop Riveter* (Pania Press, 2011) and *Koel* (Cordite Books, 2016). She is an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Canberra.

the social work intern is surprised that the youths must squat to greet visitors to the centre. the shock puts him in a sombre mood.

the social work intern has an immediate sense of the loss of dignity among the youths when he sees them squatting at toilets in full view of the staff.

the social work intern arranges a game of crab soccer. he want to slow the youths' dynamics so he can observe them more closely. he's here to learn. everyone on their hands and knees.

(from *Seam* 2015)