When The Poor Woman 'Leans In'...

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In 2013, Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg published Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead. This poem is written from a critical, Global South Marxist feminist perspective, in response to Sheryl Sandberg's corporate feminism brand of 'Lean In' and its approach to feminism and work. [Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: http://www.transformativestudies.org ©2016 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]

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Where does the poor woman 'lean in'
When she is living
In a 12ft x 12ft shack
Built with mud walls
In an over crowded
'Illegal' dwelling colony
Where in order for her to
Step outside her home
She has to leap across the
Stagnant water that has been
Sitting there for months
Contaminated with
Industrial waste

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