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Reflections

very other minute, a child drowns in Bangladesh. Sometimes the waters rise creeping up and up until it enters homes, ready to claim small lives that cannot stay afloat. Sometimes, it pulls into its depths, the tiny body dipping a kolshi to collect water. Other times it's subtler—a small slip, a wrong step on a bit of algae hanging onto the riverbank and the water calls the child home. The daily toll of this leading global killer continues its quiet rise but efforts at preventing drowning however, receive little recognition and even fewer resources. What if it didn't have to be so? ■





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relaxants already hidden deep inside your body. Which is why it is quite the popular additive in shampoos. Just be careful when you go sniffing other people's hair while out on the street. It is downright creepy even if you look like Chris Hemsworth. Only way you may get away with it is when you ARE Chris Hemsworth. Otherwise, carry your own shampooed hair. Bald men are out of luck.

Meditate

The experts suggest the quick way is to sit upright, lay your palms on your thighs, breathe slowly in through

the mouth and out through the nose. And you will apparently feel your negative energy slip out down your back, through your tailbone which incidentally acts as a grounding cord. Don't look at me in that weird way, this is what expert meditators claim. Although, if you read through those steps again, it sounds much like sitting at the toilet. In fact, this is exactly like sitting at a toilet and nothing brings you to the land of chill faster than emptying out all that troubles you inside. Namely last night's ill-advised kabab roll form the office

Pet that stray dog

Petting furry dogs and not cats. See, dogs reciprocate when you pat them. They will say, "Thank you for the love, here is a lick and a sniff of your crotch in return." That is dog etiquette and not my fault. When they do it, it is harmless, like when a baby spits on you. Very different when a grown human does the same sniffing and spitting.

Pet the dogs, all the dogs. But cats are inherently evil. You never know when they will bite you and they always will. Unless they are sedated like those tigers in Thailand's zoos. You pet a dog, you feel good. Even when the dog kind of smells. And your Facebook status with a picture with the dog will make you appear cooler than you really are. My profile has hundreds of pictures of me patting dogs and looking immensely cool. And that recognition by my peers helps calm down the constant tumultuous feelings of doom and gloom. I bet Chill with a capital C has just been achieved.

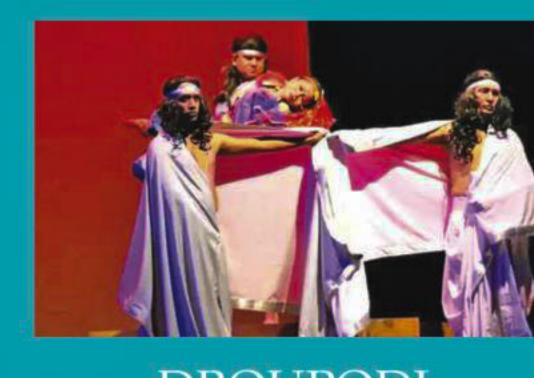
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