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The water buffalo walks away
into the dark trees to the left, fly-papers
on red and yellow stick
emerge from enormous termite nests . . .

like stupas seemingly milkless . . .
but with eyes of honey
and red lips,
with the list
of two meats and two vegetables
and that green pack of cigarettes,

please just forget us.