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Fecundity—fertility—productivity. F-e-c-u-n-d-i-t-y. The hard *f* begins the word, to be followed by the stop of *c* and two quick dental articulations, *d*—*t*. The word itself evokes something grotesque, far from the romantic and feminine-coded sense that has been associated with its synonym *fertility* and distant too from the progressive insistence of *productivity*. No—fecundity is neither simply beautiful nor forward-moving. It is directed toward life, but equally toward excess and death. (Excerpt)

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