Nip and Tuck

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It had generally been a difficult start of the year. She's nearing that age when picking your nose is no longer justifiable, and had tried to stop doing it for a couple of weeks now. The disappearance of that small but comforting habit had rendered her anxious and jittery.

She was getting ready to leave; cappuccino, oat bran, lipstick and no other make up.

The New Year had brought about some changes. For the whole of last year, she had been preparing to become a more radical version of herself. Improvement was upon her.

Dutifully, she had noted that feminism was now a lifestyle choice, and joined the protest group:

SWAV

(Sensible Women Against Vaginoplasty).

For months, she had been following the group's actions and the day had finally arrived to prove her commitment.

Today, they were protesting against the enhancement of the labia.

Beautiful labia, symmetrical labia, small, clean and tight labia.

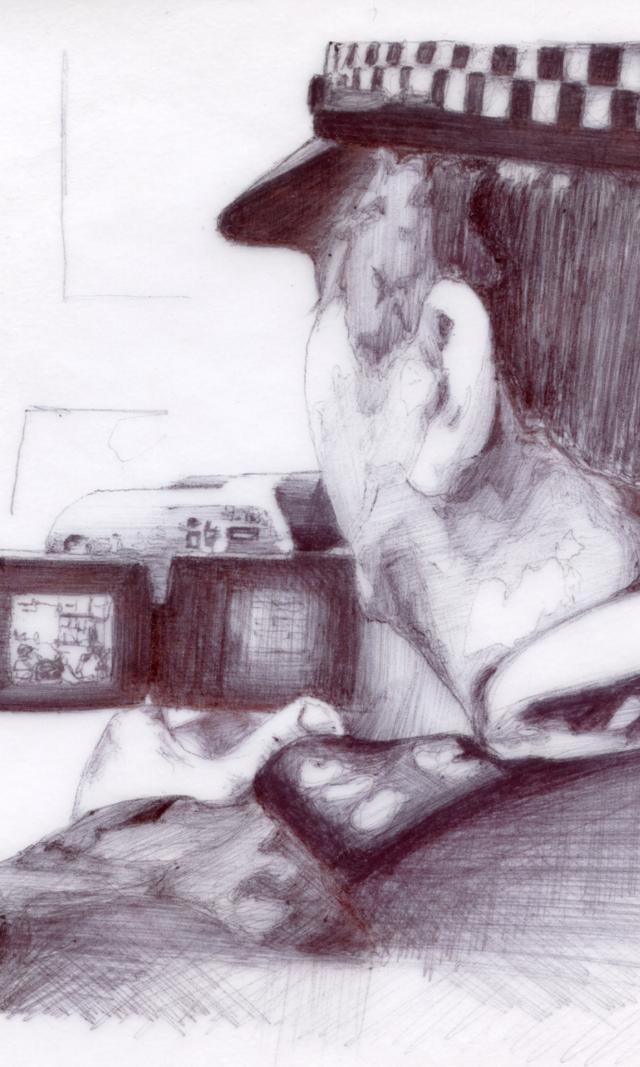
Flower-looking labia, unlike hers, nipped, tucked and rejuvenated by a medical performer, convinced of the triumph of medicine expressed through the recreation of mimetic labia.

Ironically, she could barely conceal her excitement.

As part of the instructions, she received an email that read:

WE SHALL PROTEST AGAINST THIS ABERRATION. AFTER THE MARCH, WE WILL DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN A PAIR OF KILLER HEELS. She almost vomited on her laptop,

before recalling the logistics of assassinating someone with a shoe. Shivering, she had to sit down on the bed to recover her breath. Looking under her legs, she took out a box from which she produced an old newspaper clipping.



Man Killed With Shoe; Girlfriend Charged

A woman whose exboyfriend died after she beat him with her size-10 high-heel shoe was charged with manslaughter on Sunday, police said.

Rossevelt Brands, 41, died early Saturday after the brawl outside a nightclub, police said. Anne Whinehart, 30, apparently knocked him down and beat him repeatedly with the shoe, police said.

The two had been together for 7 years but their relationship had recently become strained, police said.

A spokeswoman for the city medical examiner said Brands died of blunt trauma to the head, neck, torso and genital area.

Whinehartwas awaiting arraignment at the time of writing.



Tentatively at first but then with more and more aplomb, she unreadied herself.

She then withdrew her subscription from the SWAV newsletter,

forgot about her imperfect labia

and comfortingly stuck her index finger in her nose.