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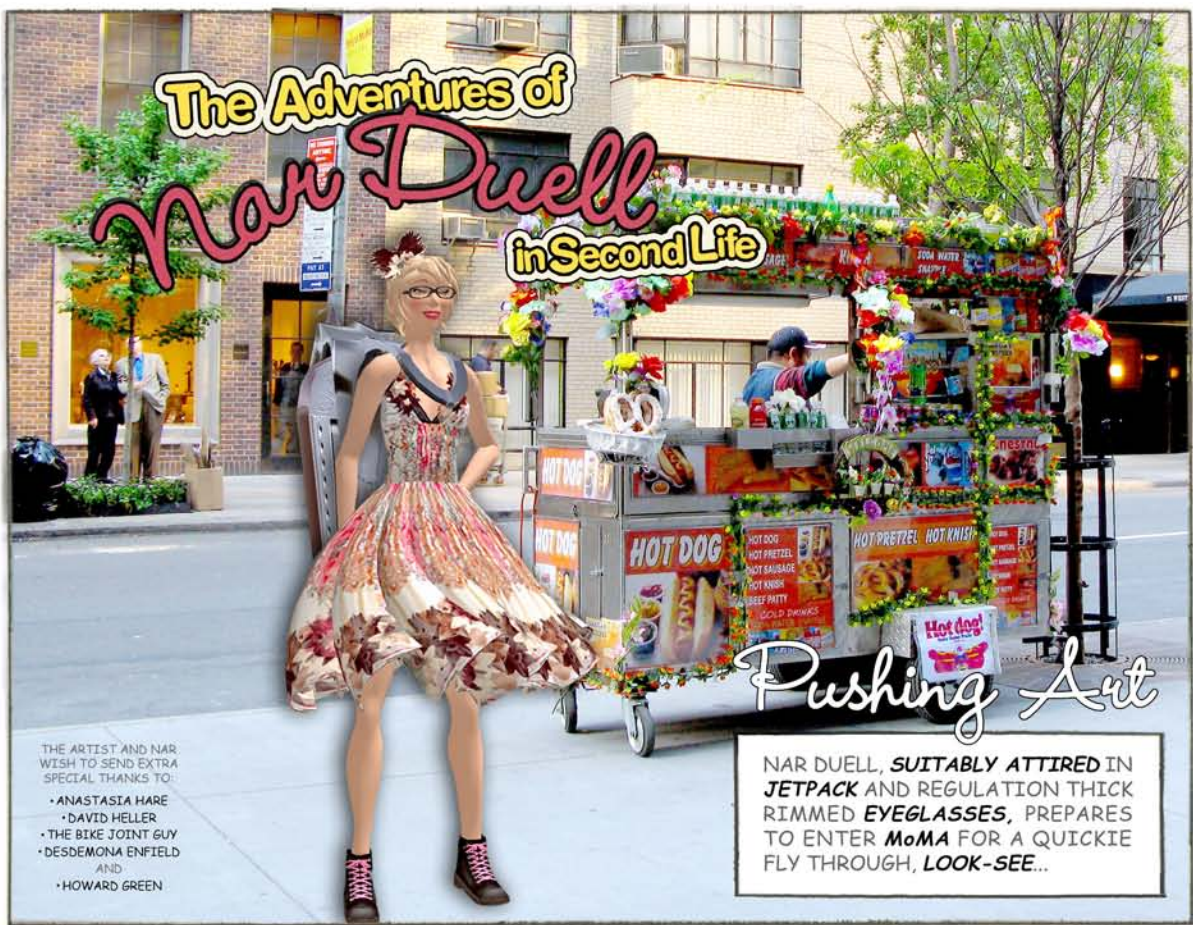
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NAR DUELL, *SUITABLY ATTIRED* IN *JETPACK* AND REGULATION THICK RIMMED *EYEGLASSES*, PREPARES TO ENTER *MoMA* FOR A QUICKIE FLY THROUGH, *LOOK-SEE*...



HEY THERE, WE ARE OFF ON ONE *SERIOUS ART COLLECTING* ADVENTURE BUT FIRST SOME *SEEERIOUS SHOPPING!*



LIKE IT *TOTALLY WORKED* FOR ME.

OMG FOR SURE THOSE *GLASSES* WILL TURN ME INTO A *SERIOUS ART COLLECTOR*. JUST HAVE TO *HAVE THEM!*



BUT, ALAS, NOT ALL IS *RIGHT* IN THE *UNIVERSE*. NAR IS *WORRIED*. HOW TO GET AROUND TO SEE ALL THE ART SHE *NEEDS TO BUY*? - NY, BELTING LONDON! SO MUCH OF IT. SO LITTLE TIME. SHE NEEDS A *21ST CENTURY SOLUTION*.



- THE "RIGHT" *GLASSES*
 - *JETPACK EMPOWERED*
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- NAR IS *READY!*



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HIYA. MY NAME IS **NAR** AND I'M HERE TO BUY SOME ART. I JUST HAVE A **QUESTION** OR TWO?



WELL, YOU LOOK A **LITTLE BUSY** BUT MAYBE I COULD JUST ASK YOU - **UUMMM... WELL, LIKE**, I'VE JUST **DECIDED TO BECOME AN ART COLLECTOR** AND I WAS JUST WONDERING - WHERE DO PEOPLE PUT **SUCH BIG ART** AFTER THEY BUY IT?



OUR CLIENTS **BUY HOUSES** FOR THEIR ART.

OH, I SEE. WELL, I'LL JUST BE GOING NOW...



NAR FEELS JUST A **LITTLE TRAPPED** IN A "**WHITE BOX GALLERY**" SYNDROME AND GOES IN SEARCH OF **ALTERNATE SITES AND PRACTICES**.



NOW THIS IS A **LITTLE MORE LIKE IT** - A **PINK BOX GALLERY**. NOW I FEEL AT HOME - MY KIND OF **SITE AND PRACTICE!**



NAR ARRIVES AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN ART OPENING AND SEARCHES IN VAIN FOR THE ART. NOT WANTING TO APPEAR SO-OOO UNCOOL SHE WAITS ANXIOUSLY HOPING SOMEONE OR THING WILL ENLIGHTEN HER. ARE THE BARE WALLS THE ART? MAYBE A HAPPENING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET? A PERFORMATIVE PIECE THAT HASN'T PERFORMED? PLEEEASE. WHERE'S THE ART? DON'T WANNA BREAK DOWN AND HAVE TO ASK!



HI. GOOD TO SEE YOU ARE WEARING THE RIGHT GLASSES. THIS IS A RECREATION OF THE HISTORIC ACCONCI PIECE, SEEDBED (1971) PERFORMED BY THE ACCLAIMED ARTISTS EVA AND FRANCO MATTES AKA 0100101110-101101.ORG



OH MY! IS EVERYONE OKAY HERE? NO INJURIES OR ANYTHING?



IN SEEDBED ACCONCI LAY HIDDEN UNDERNEATH A GALLERY-WIDE RAMP MASTURBATING WHILE VOCALIZING INTO A LOUD SPEAKER HIS FANTASIES ABOUT THE VISITORS WALKING ABOVE HIM ON THE RAMP.*

WELL, SURE WHATEVER JUST AS LONG AS EVERYBODY IS OKAY...

* SOURCE - WIKIPEDIA



HANG ON - JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED HERE - SHOULDN'T YOU BE UNDER THE FLOOR NOT ON TOP OF IT?



DECIDING TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF HER NEW JETPACK ABILITIES, NAR TAKES OFF TO LOOK UNDER THE FLOOR OF THE ART GALLERY TO INVESTIGATE THE PUZZLING CONUNDRUM OF THE MISPLACED MASTURBATORS.

HOVERING THERE UNCERTAINLY, SHE IS, UNFORTUNATELY, UNABLE TO LOCATE THEM.



OH DEAR, I SEEM TO HAVE HIT A CEILING. HMMM...NOT GLASS BUT STILL PRETTY SOLID...



WHOA! HITTING A CEILING, GLASS OR NOT, HAS ITS REPRECUSIONS. I'M FALLING AT A PRECIPITOUS PACE TOWARDS THE UNKNOWN. BUT EVEN WORSE - I ALMOST LOST A DOC MARTINI!



I TAKE IT BACK, THIS ISN'T THE UNKNOWN. IT IS THE SLIGHTLY KNOWN. IT APPEARS TO BE ROBERT SMITHSON'S SPIRAL JETTY! A PERFECT PLACE FOR AN ART COLLECTOR TO TOUCH DOWN. HOPE I HIT A RIDGE RATHER THAN THE WATER.

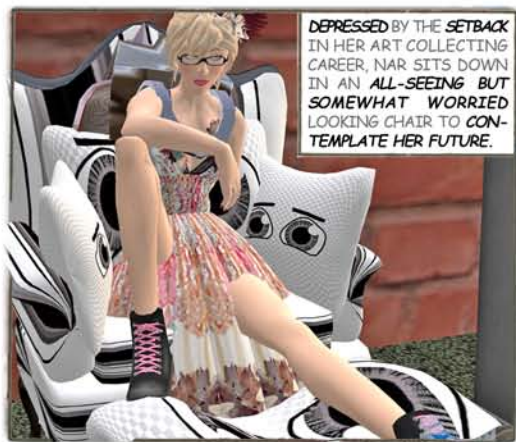


THE SPIRAL JETTY, CONSIDERED TO BE THE CENTRAL WORK OF AMERICAN SCULPTOR ROBERT SMITHSON, IS AN EARTHWORK SCULPTURE CONSTRUCTED IN 1970. ORIGINALLY BLACK BASALT ROCK AGAINST RUDDY WATER, IT IS NOW LARGELY WHITE AGAINST PINK DUE TO SALT ENCRUSTATION AND LOWER WATER LEVELS. *

PINK! WHITE! MY FAVE COLOURS. JUST HAVE TO HAVE THIS FOR THE COLLECTION! WONDER HOW MUCH IT COSTS?



WHOOOPS I JUST REMEMBERED THAT I'M OBLIGED TO BUILD A HOUSE BIG ENOUGH FOR SPIRAL JETTY. HMMMM... LET'S SEE... PRETTY BIG... WE MIGHT HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS. I WONDER IF WE COULD TRIM A TEEENY SMIDGE HERE OR THERE?



DEPRESSED BY THE SETBACK IN HER ART COLLECTING CAREER, NAR SITS DOWN IN AN ALL-SEEING BUT SOMEWHAT WORRIED LOOKING CHAIR TO CONTEMPLATE HER FUTURE.



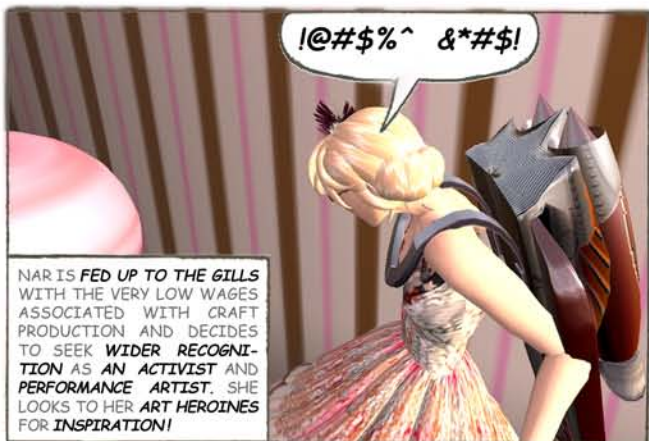
SIGH. I THINK MAYBE IT'S TIME TO RESIGN AS AN ART COLLECTOR! JUST NOT DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB. BESIDES, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE IN MY PLACE.



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NAR IS FED UP TO THE GILLS WITH THE VERY LOW WAGES ASSOCIATED WITH CRAFT PRODUCTION AND DECIDES TO SEEK WIDER RECOGNITION AS AN ACTIVIST AND PERFORMANCE ARTIST. SHE LOOKS TO HER ART HEROINES FOR INSPIRATION!



MINOR INTENSITY!



MODERATE INTENSITY!



MAJOR INTENSITY!



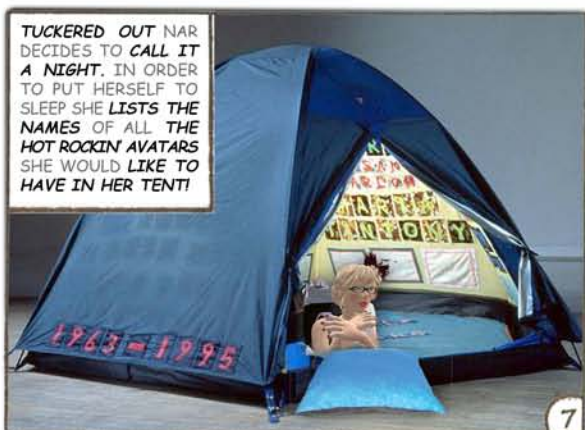
NAR SHOULD CHANNEL HER ANGER INTO POLITICAL ACTIVISM. BESIDES GUERRILLA MASKS ARE, LIKE, SO-0000 RANDOM.



...OR MAYBE LOVE IS THE ANSWER, ALONG WITH MY NEWEST BFFS.



GOSH, THIS FEELS ABOUT RIGHT - YA' KNOW - GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!



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