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NAR DUELL, SUITABLY ATTIRE 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 serious 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!

- The “right” glasses
- Jetpack empowered
- A set of emotions (just in case)
- Appropriately cool expression on face

Nar is ready!

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, Beijing, London! So much of it... so little time... she needs a 21st century solution.
**BIG GALLERY!**

**REALLY BIG PAINTING!**

**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 - UHMM...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!**
OH MY! TALK ABOUT THE FAVE COLOUR!

THIS PURPORTS TO BE HUNGRY PURSE: THE VAGINA DENTATA IN LATE CAPITALISM BY ALLYSON MITCHELL HAMM... SAYS HERE THAT THIS IS VAGINA ART - WOW!

MORE VAGINA ART?

YEAH, I'M HUNGRY AND LOQUACIOUS - JUST GENERALLY NEEDY.

GIANT WOMEN! SUPER-DUPER, MACRO, HYPER, ÜBER, MACHA FEMINISM IMPRESSIVE!

GEH, THANKS WE TRY AND DO IT ALL, WERE ALL HEART. GLAD YOU NOTICED.

THIS HAS BEEN GREAT BUT I THINK MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY MASQUINE SIDE, YOU KNOW, LIKE THE DUDE WITHIN
Nar arrives at what appears to be an art opening. She searches in vain for the art, not wanting to appear so-god uncool. She waits anxiously hoping someone or thing will enlighten her. Are the bare walls the art? May a happening that hasn't happened yet? A performative piece that hasn't performed? Please ask. Where's the art? Don't wanna break down and have to ask!

Oh my! Is everyone okay here? No injuries or anything?

Hang on! Just a little confused, here. Shouldn't you be under the floor, not on top of it?

Oh dear, I seem to have hit a ceiling. Hmm, not glass but still pretty solid.

He good to see you are wearing the right glasses. This is a recreation of the historic accoint piece, seedbed (1971), performed by the acclaimed artists Eva and Franco Mattes. Use https://mattesarts.org

In seedbed accoint lay hidden under a gallery-wide ramp. Masturbating while vocalizing into a loudspeaker, her fantasies about the visitors walking above him on the ramp.

Will sure what event just all along. Everybody is okay.

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, uncertain, she is unfortunately unable to locate them.
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 reddish 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! I wonder how much it costs?

Whoops! I just remembered that I'm obliged to build a house big enough for Spiral Jetty, hammer, let's see. Pretty big. We might have a little problem on our hands. I wonder if we could trim a teeny smidge here or there?

Depressed by the setback in her art collecting career, Harriet 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.

Continued in this issue...
MADE INSTEAD OF ART COLLECTING I SHOULD TAKE UP ANOTHER HOBBY - I HEAR DIY IS THE ALTERNATE "PRACTICE" OF CHOICE.

YEAH I KNIT US, WHY DON'T YA?

I'M SURE I'LL GET THE HANG OF THIS!

OH DEAR, SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE GONE TERRIBLY WRONG. I THINK I'VE KNIT MYSELF INTO A PILLOW!

SAY, DO YOU MIND LETTING ME GO?

WAR DECIDES TO GO FURTHER AFIELD IN SEARCH OF A NEW MEANS OF EXPRESSION FOR HERSELF. PERHAPS SOMETHING A LITTLE ON THE EDGE SIDE WILL DO THE TRICK.

MY GOODNESS. THIS APPEARS TO BE A CORRIDOR OF PINK STUFFED SMILING PENISES. IS THIS DO IT YOURSELF ART? NEO-FEMINIST ART? DUDE ART? ALL OF THE ABOVE? THIS WHOLE ART THING IS GETTING A BIT OVERWHELMING!
Nar is fed up 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, guerilla masks are like, so-dooooo 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!

Tucked out, Nar decides to call it a night. In order to put herself to sleep, she lists the names of all the hot rokin' avatars she would like to have in her tent.
Any thoughts? Advice? Dire warnings? Anything will do at this point.

BTW, T-Bear. Do you like the hat I knit for you?

Mar finds herself once again looking into an existential void—this one apparently has a point which seems a little out of character with the voids she has come to know—so she curls up with her bear and once again recalculates. Being an art collector wasn’t working out. Production didn’t pay. Performance was a bit too tiring. What is there out there for her?

I got it! I’ll become a groupie. This fundraiser “Money Run for Art Whores” is the perfect place to start.

Well stopping far short of drinking the kool-aid, Mar does opt for a cup of coffee to help keep her enthusiasm and energy at an all-time high.

Philanthropy SURE is fun!

Hey lady, you’ve misinterpreted an ironic, biting comment on art world pretensions for a “do-gooder” event. This is institutional critique not “Run for the Fill-in-the-blank.”

Oops. Sorry!

TTFN. Later! Toodles from all of us here in the art world. It’s been real. Loved having you...

Sosh. Having adventures can make an avatar very hungry.
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