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(xxxviii) **Juanita Care, VIOLENCE STARTS IN THE MOUTH**

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I believe that jewellery and accessories are not ornaments, but tools for changing the codes linked to the alienation of bodies in society.

Juanita Care's foundation began with the manufacture of dental jewellery (Grillz). Thus, its point of entry into the body is the mouth. A place of tenderness, anger, sacred hygiene, and disease. This is where language is formed, where locution becomes expression. Like all our orifices, the mouth is a gateway to the body's interior. Unlike the others, it is visible and public, for all to see, at all times. And yet, it is a place of vulnerability – is it any wonder that some cultures regard the mouth as the ideal access to our soul for demons?

More incisively, the mouth shelters the teeth, so particular, so different from the rest of our body. Teeth are the hardest material our body makes. They enable us to eat and to bite. They reflect our health and our social class. Teeth are unique and recognizable, and allow us to identify the dead.

Teeth are already a work of art.

Juanita Care is a Franco-Peruvian, Mexico-based project, founded by artist Adrien Flores in France in 2017. Standing at the intersection between fear and desire, revolt and seduction, it creates poetic works reflecting on the evolution of bodies.

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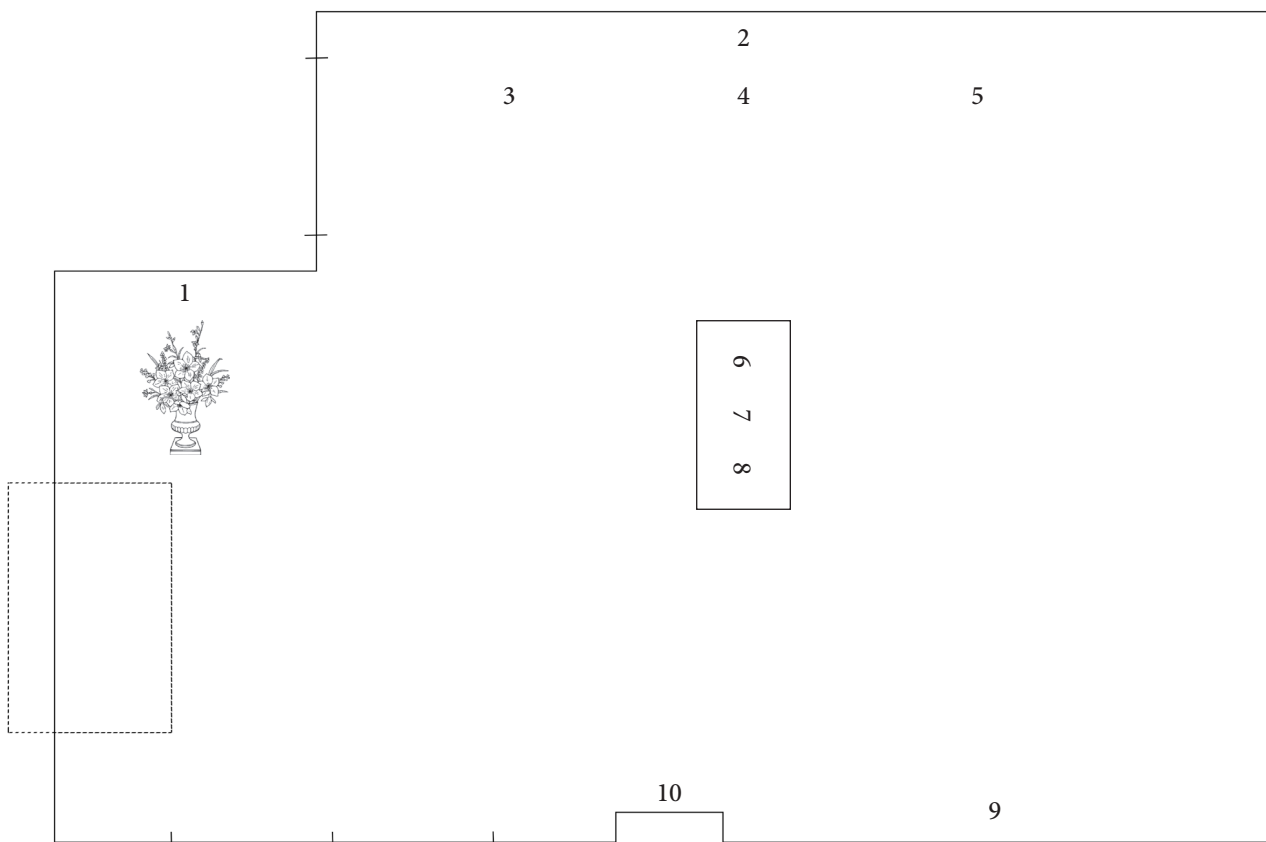


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1 Juanita Care, *Filaments*, Cobalt Chrome, 2020
(Direct to dibond print, 2024)

2 Juanita Care, *FEED ME*, Cobalt Chrome, 2020
(Wallpaper print, 2024)

3 Juanita Care, *Virus (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022
(Direct to dibond print, 2024)

4 Juanita Care, *Private Speech (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022
(Direct to dibond print, 2024)

5 Juanita Care, *Voûte Palatine (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022
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6 Juanita Care, *Virus (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022

7 Juanita Care, *Private Speech (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022

8 Juanita Care, *Voûte Palatine (Inside series)*, Cobalt Chrome, 2022

9 Juanita Care, *Duck Tape*, 2020, Sterling Silver, 2024

10 Juanita Care, *Medicine mouthpiece*, Cobalt Chrome, 2020
(for Stephanie Quirola, THE FUTURE WAS DARK)
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