

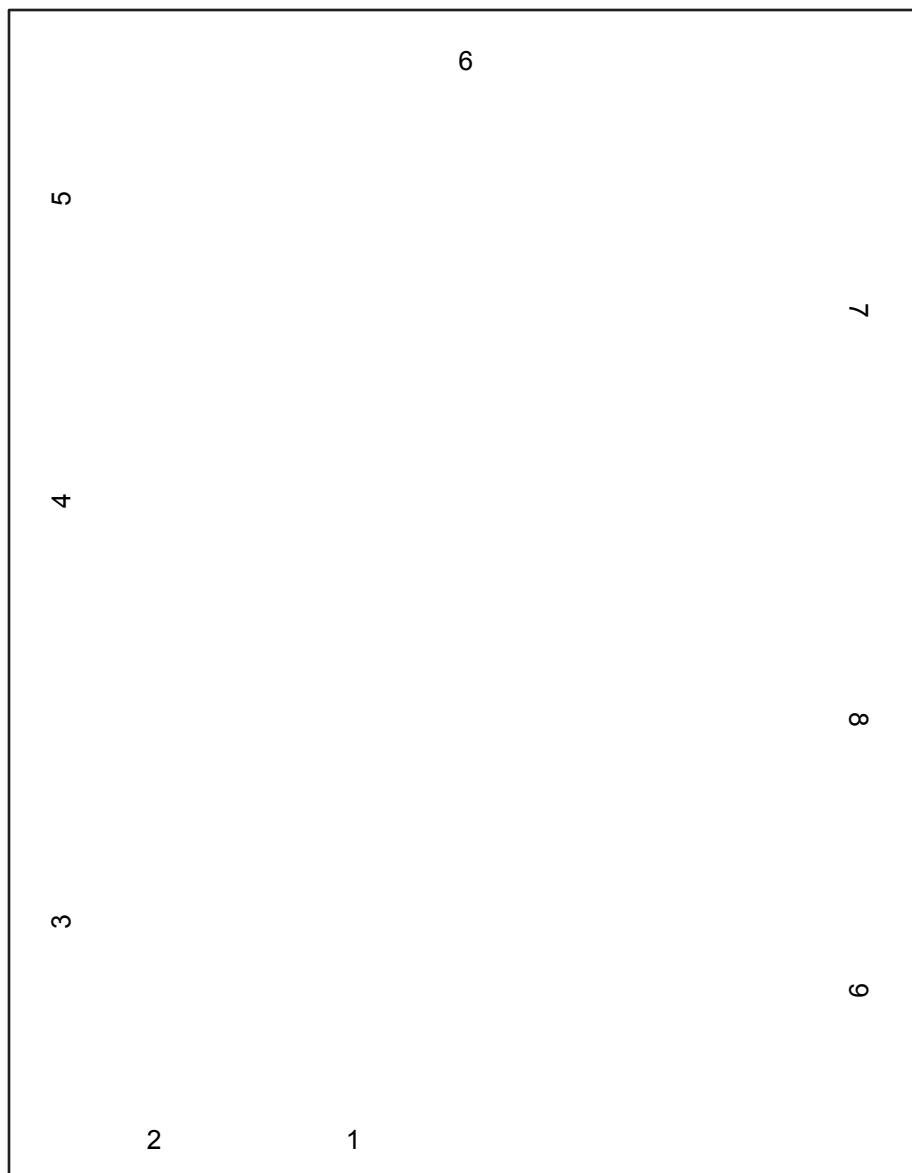
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Augmented Dysfunctionality
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Augmented dysfunctionality is a state of affairs characterised by a growing lack of service, care and support on the level of the everyday. Simultaneously, the value of functionality is skyrocketing, turning a convention into a luxury commodity. Since my practice is concerned with ageing, devaluation, dying, disruption as well as repair, I wonder what is the future of campy practices in the face of a commercialisation of the dysfunctional. Art institutions have picked up notions of „not working“, „dropping out“ or „failing“ which should serve as a warning sign. This pillow isn't (serving as) a pillow to you. This shelf is a „shelf-shelf“. Get it? Conservatism is the power of framing.

Whenever I get too paranoid, I pick up Eve Sedgwick to remind myself with Melanie Klein, that the depressive position is one of hope. I quote: „the depressive position is one from which it is possible in turn to use one's own resources to assemble or „repair“ the murderous part objects into something like a whole. Once assembled to one's own specifications, the more satisfying object is available both to be identified with and to offer one nourishment and comfort in turn.“



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1. *a gilder's pillow*, 2025, paper, cardboard, nails, glue, wood, 27,6 x 15 x 1,5 cm
2. *remains of a pictured central and peripheral nervous system*, 2025, image transfer on primed board, bone glue, champagne chalk, 30 x 40 cm
3. *Not working (storing)*, 2025, wood, bone glue, champagne chalk, 30 x 62 x 15 cm
4. *Not working (restoring)*, 2025, wood, cardboard, glue, screws, bone glue, stone chalk, champagne chalk, 62 x 165 x 10 cm
5. *Untitled*, ca. 1992, drawing on paper, 21 x 29,4 cm
6. *Untitled (self-storage)*, 2025, bone glue, champagne chalk, silver leaf, 60 x 40 x 3 cm
7. *Not working (storing)'*, 2025, wood, bone glue, champagne chalk, 30 x 62 x 15 cm
8. *Not working (restoring)'*, 2025, wood, cardboard, glue, screws, bone glue, stone chalk, champagne chalk, 62 x 165 x 10 cm
9. *a gilder's pillow*, 2025, bone glue, champagne chalk, yellow poliment, gold leaf, wood, 27,4 x 15 x 1,3 cm