

The Rhinotillexicist



Miriam was a poised, professional woman who unfortunately suffered from rhinotillexis, or nose picking. Normally, this is no big deal. After all, almost everybody does it. However, Miriam's habit bordered on the pathological. For hours at a time, in went the finger, out came the dried nasal secretions. She just couldn't stop herself! So she went to a therapist, who said Miriam had to find something else to occupy her hands and recommended the South Indian classical dance known as Bharatanatyam, whose hand movements are both multifarious and complex. Miriam did so, and got quite good at it. Still, every so often, she would catch her fingers straying towards those ever so inviting nasal orifices, *aaaargh!*