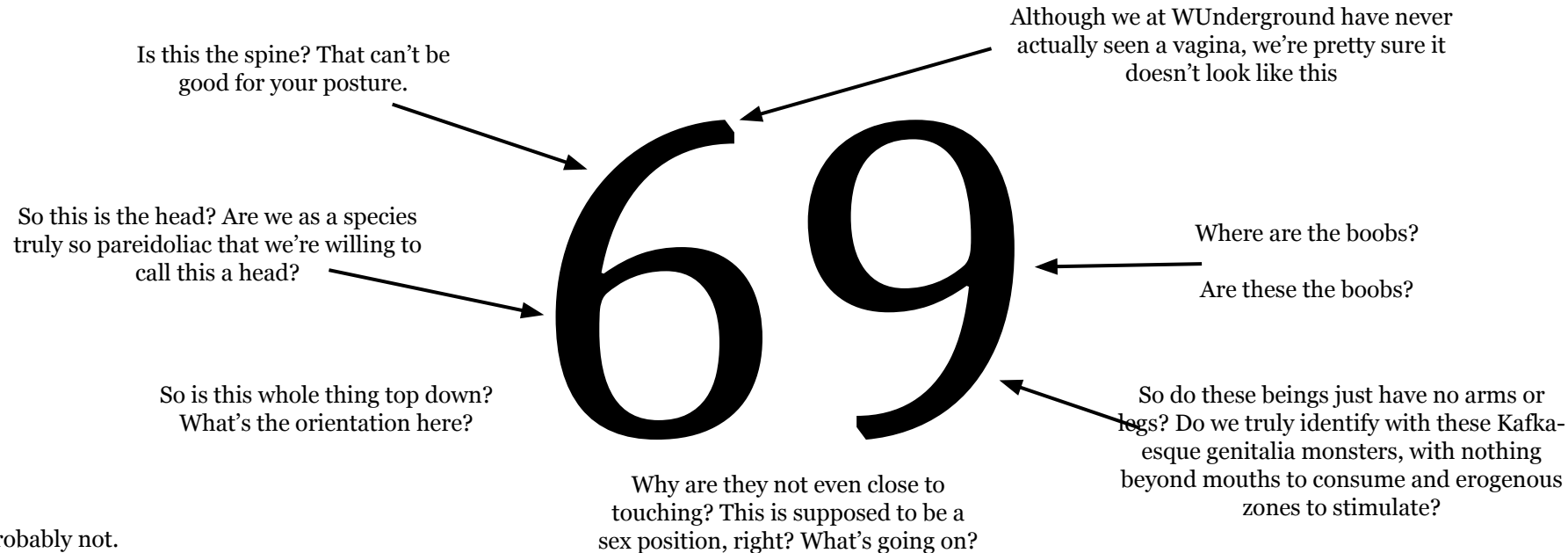


69, What the Fuck Is This Shit?

A critique of the name of everyone's favorite sex position in honor of the 69th* issue of WUnderground.

The first of the many, many problems with this binumeral nomenclature is one of the very premise of the naming convention itself. The name "69" is derived from how — supposedly — the two characters look like two people going down on each other. Even putting aside the fact that it doesn't at all, that's just a fundamentally stupid way of naming things. Humans invented language to get away from pictorial representations. It's impossible to render all the vast complexity and beauty that the written word is capable of as pictures. This is a lesson the Mesopotamians learned over 5,000 years ago when they invented writing, and it's one we as a species managed not to forget until now. Now, I'm not saying "69" is particularly hard to write, but it's pretty inconsistent to go back to such a bad naming convention for just this one concept.

Plus, "69" doesn't look like two people 69ing at all, what the fuck?



*Probably not.