

## Carry a Pencil with You

“Women and fiction remain, so far as I am concerned, unsolved problems.”

— Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*

(1)

In case of drinking, do not.

But people might try to mess up your lemonade.

Still, definitely no alcohol.

No pepper sprays.

He might have wanted to just rape you, now,

now he is gonna *kill* you.

Females just can pick up non-verbal cues better.

Don't kick him in the groin either,

if I get kicked in a groin, anything that is five mile radius around me

is going to

die.

Yell fire,

if no one is around you,

well, don't be alone.

You are a college student, carry around a pen,

and stab the hell out of him.

## (2) Labor

I heard that it's like  
trying to push an apple up your nose,  
or being that dirty rug when two people are holding in and twisting  
it.

But how would I know?

## (3) Groin kicking

I heard that it's like trying to shove both of your breasts  
back in to rib cage,  
or sticking a long stick right through the middle of you.

It's like having a pain organ.

There are two little eggs that are hard-boiled,  
and you can feel the  
tubes that connect them to the  
other parts. There's a little tube called the  
vas deferens -that's the  
one they can cut- that runs up quite high into the midriff and you  
become aware of all this internal structure.

But really, how would *I* know?