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Is the future Queer? The future can never be queer because queer is fundamentally related to now, right up to this moment. Queer is now, that which is happening right now. To lay claim to now is to directly oppose heteronormativity. Since Aristotle, what we call now cannot be comprehended without presupposing concepts such as past and future, just as past and future cannot be constructed without presupposing a “now.” As any intelligent person would know, here the real problem is that, although the past and the future cannot be constructed without “now,” the latter is a concept which always flees from us. It is either too early or too late, or that which is always just about to happen. In contrast, the past is always in the past, and the future in the future.

Now there is a woman, and another woman, and the event is ciphered by masochism from the beginning. Roles are determined and everything works on the basis of a contract. Over and over again, this is a cipher with which the now is constructed on the basis of a contract. And later on the cipher stops being a cipher; it turns into something contained in the practice of those who think they are political, appropriating a Realpolitik. As the contract is obliterated, the now turns into past and future. Then we assume our roles, calculate our positions in politics.

Queer is the now of the past’s unfulfilled promises of the future.
Fig. 2. “Last Vestiges of the Subject,”
watercolor, acrylic, pen, pencil, 15 × 20 cm, 2016.