

POETRY

(Plastics)

Seen from the side, a woman stands covering her chest and abdomen with her folded arms; she looks down, the curve of one breast rises from under her forearm

First:
cut/poison/ (some choose burn)

Then:
reposition/expand/implant/graft

"a physically and emotionally rewarding procedure" "can dramatically improve a woman's self image, self-confidence and quality of life" "relatively natural in appearance and feel; however ... never look or feel exactly the same as the breast that was removed" "it takes some time for a woman to accept the results" "symmetry between the breasts will not be perfect" "multiple procedures over several months" "lengthy recovery" "visible incision lines will always be present at donor and reconstruction sites"

TRAM (transverse rectus abdominus musculocutaneous) or latissimus dorsi flap?

Saline or silicone?

Or the silent shake of the head, *No?*

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