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Chapter 8 The Body Shapes the Mind (So Starfish Up!)

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6. Hormone levels are typically measured in blood or saliva samples. Although the former may allow for a more conservative test, social psychologists very rarely collect blood samples, so saliva samples are standard. To accurately measure changes in salivary levels of testosterone and cortisol in response to a stimulus, such as power posing, (1) the study should be conducted and samples collected in the afternoon (because of normal diurnal changes in these hormone levels), (2) the experimenter should wait at least ten minutes after the subjects have arrived at the lab before taking the first saliva sample, thereby allowing hormones to return to baseline levels, and (3) the experimenter should wait fifteen to twenty minutes after the onset of the stimulus to take the second saliva sample.

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Very briefly, here's what happens:

- 1 Hunch-over heaps. Eventually the upper-back hinges, which allow this movement, will freeze up in that flexed position, and the tough collagen around the spine will shorten up around the immobile joints. When this gets tight enough, no one can straighten the hinges themselves — you have to use sufficient external force. It's a matter of leverage.
- 2 The muscles down the back of the neck work several times harder to hold the head up, just to look ahead or at a small screen. So these strain, then scar, adhesive fibrosis, as part of the repair of that strain, then shorten because of the scarring.
- 3 The muscles around the front of the neck work less and weaken, so the chin pokes out.
- 4 This hunched, poked-chin posture compresses every joint in the neck, and sooner or later some will lock acutely, causing neck pain, referred pain, and headache....

According to conservative estimates, right now, as you read this, around one adult in six in the computer-using world has acute pain in

the upper back or neck or headaches arising from the neck. That means sixty million Europeans, forty-five million Americans, and 3.3 million Aussies. Those figures are probably already out of date. A good single overview is found in a paper by René Fejer, Kirsten Ohm Kivik, and Jan Hartvigsen called “The prevalence of neck pain in the world population: A systematic critical review of the literature,” published in the *European Spine Journal* of June 2006 (15(6), pages 834–848).

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Chapter 9 How to Pose for Presence

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