

PHYSIOLOGY OF THE BONE

Wolff's Law: " Every change in the form and function of bone, or of their function alone, is followed by certain definite changes in their internal architecture and equally definite secondary alteration in their external conformation."

Bone is characterized by strength and rigidity, but the structures of which it is composed are also considerably elastic. The structural pattern is responsible for the great strength of bone.

Osteoblasts are bone producing cells.

Osteoclasts are cells which remove bone tissue.

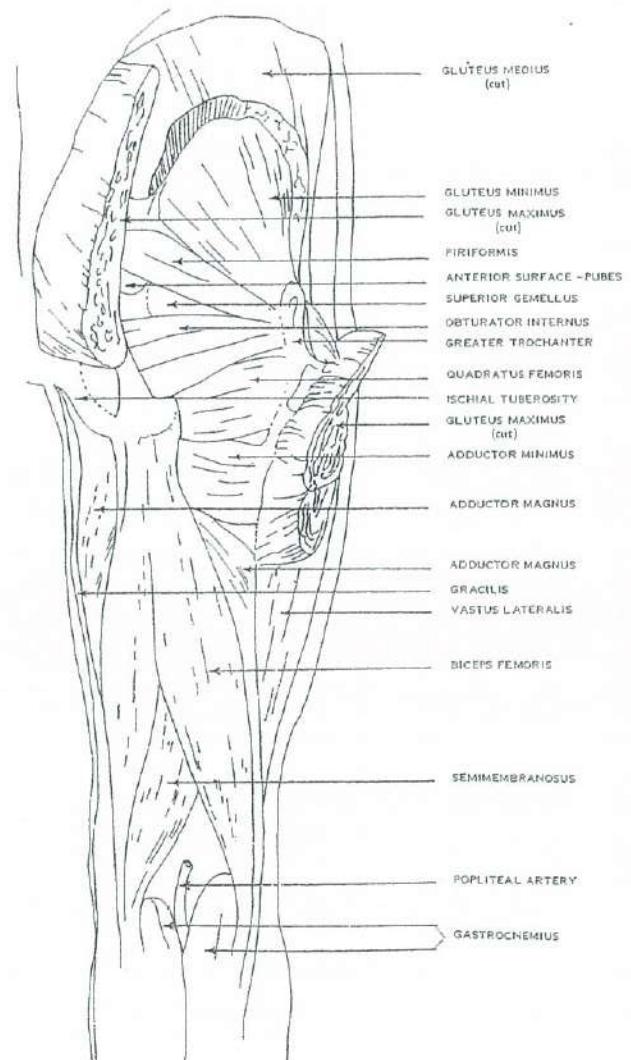
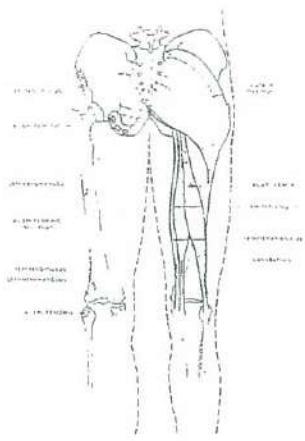
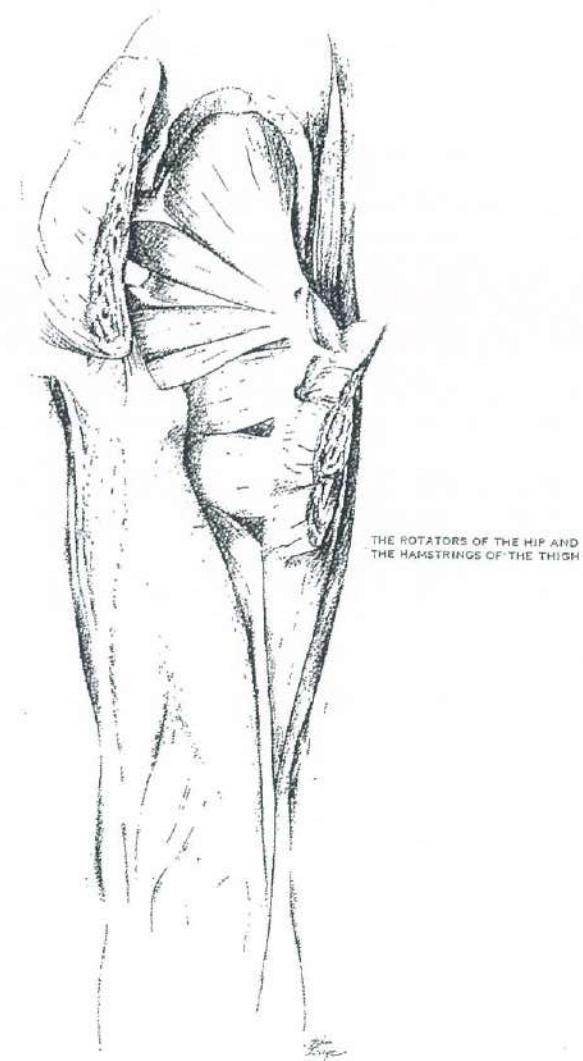
Bone is living tissue constantly being build up and sloughed off. Bone builds up on stress lines, an area which is subject to the force or stress of movement or gravity will build up, those which experience no such stress will slough off. Bone as living tissue can indeed be re-molded over time. The formation and breaking down of bone is continuous. The coordinated activity of osteoblasts and osteoclasts produce reorganization of bone structure in response to new physical forced or carry out the repair of fractures.

USE OF THE FIGURE 8

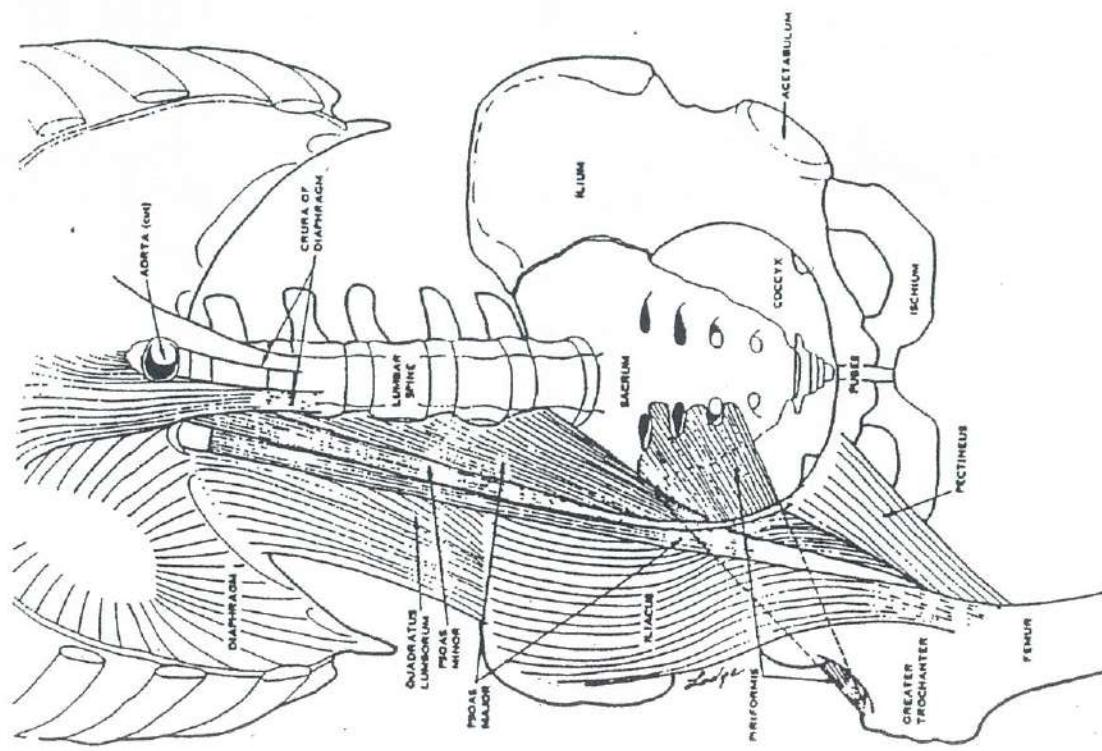
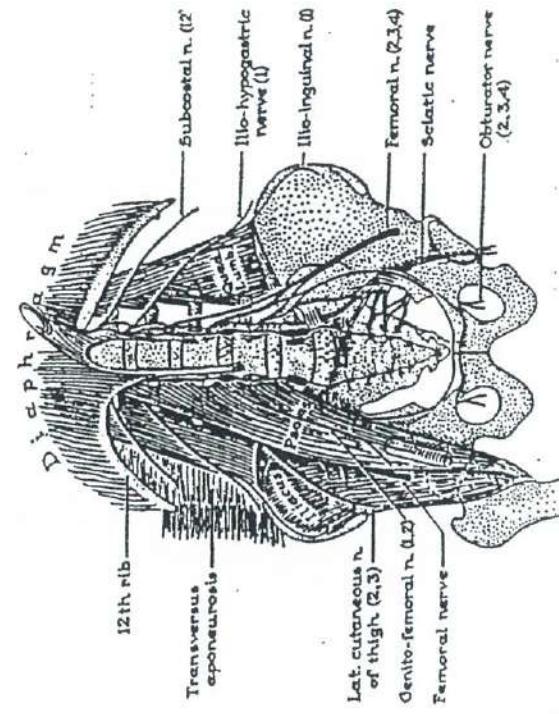
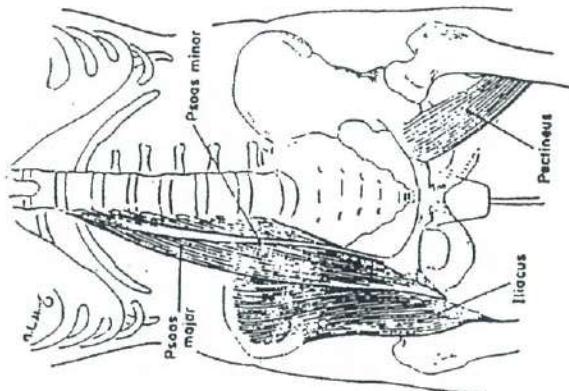
The figure 8 is used primarily in the ball and socket joints of the body, the shoulder joint and the hip joint. These joints are capable of movement in all three planes. The figure 8 is a three dimensional construct that spatially takes into account all the possible movement of these joints. All too often in dance training the 3 dimensionality of our bodies is trained out of us.

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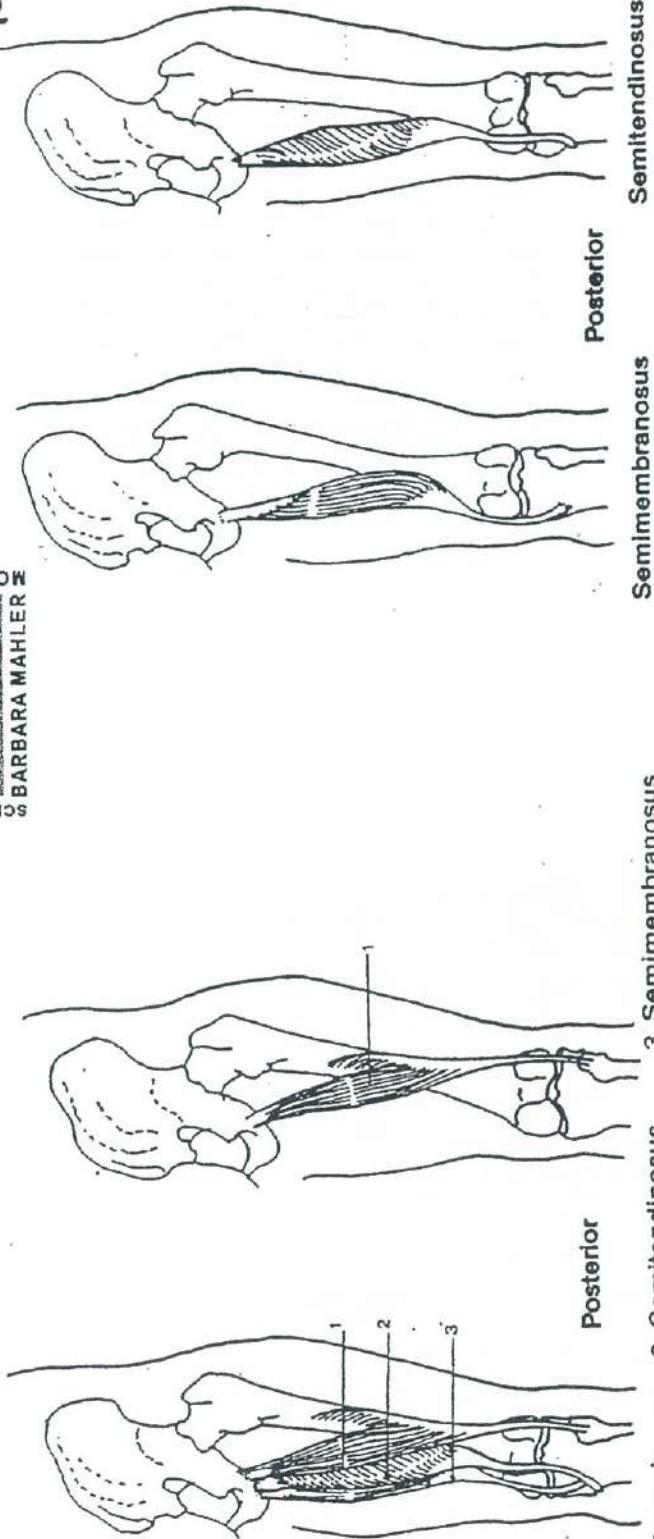


8-12 Posterior views: These schemata of the hamstrings and rotators emphasize the mechanism of "gluing." Individual muscles are encased in fascia, and groups of muscles are encased again in containing and restricting myofascial sheaths. Given the tendency of fascial sheaths to glue together when they are in trouble, the knots and thickenings that can be palpated below the skin become understandable.



Hamstrings

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Biceps Femoris

- O. Long head: ischial tuberosity
- O. Both heads: linea aspera
- I. Head of fibula

- A. Long head: extension of hip
- A. Both heads: flexion of knee
lateral rotation of flexed knee

- N. Long head: Sciatic nerve – tibial division (S1, 2, 3)
- Short head: sciatic nerve -- peroneal division (L5, S1, 2)

- P. Lateral-posterior surface of thigh
- Tendon palpated on lateral aspect of posterior knee

All three of the hamstrings cross both the hip and knee joints. In order from lateral to medial their initials, BTM, indicate their arrangement on the "bottom" of the thigh. (See next page for individual descriptions of semitendinosus and semimembranosus.) Inability to touch the toes while keeping knees extended is largely due to shortened hamstrings.

3. Semimembranosus

2. Semitendinosus

Posterior

1. Biceps Femoris

Posterior

Semitendinosus

Semimembranosus

O. Ischial tuberosity

- I. Semimembranosus: posterior medial tibial condyle
- I. Semitendinosus: anterior proximal tibial shaft

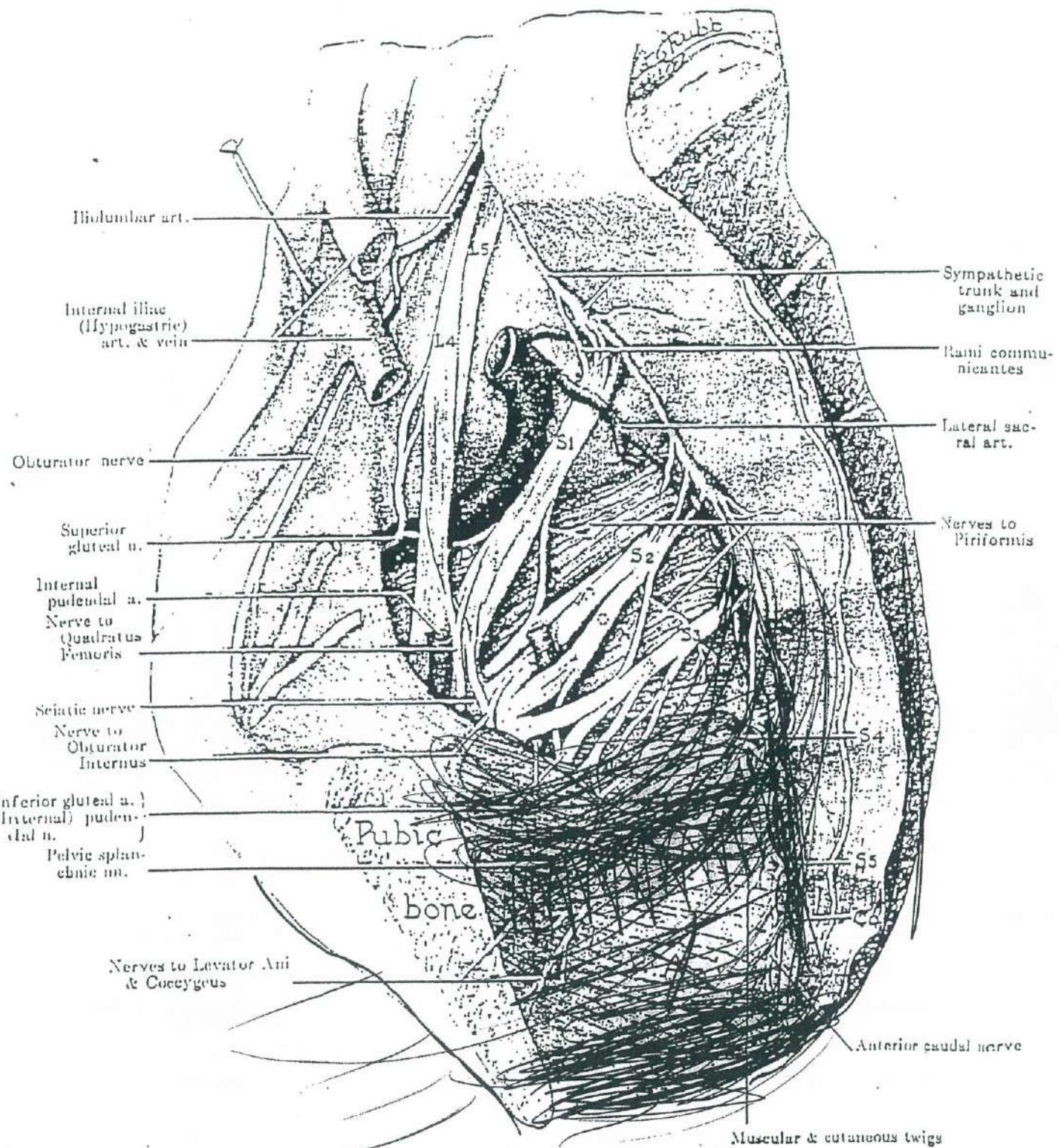
- A. Extension of hip
- A. Flexion of knee
- A. Medial rotation of flexed knee

N. Sciatic nerve – tibial division (L5, S1, 2)

- P. Semimembranosus: difficult to palpate because tendon is deep
- P. Semitendinosus: tendon palpated on medial aspect of posterior knee (adjacent to gracilis tendon but lateral to it).

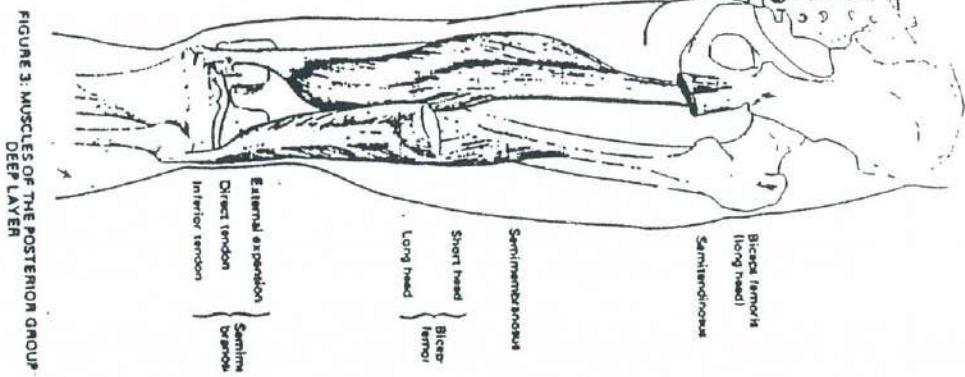
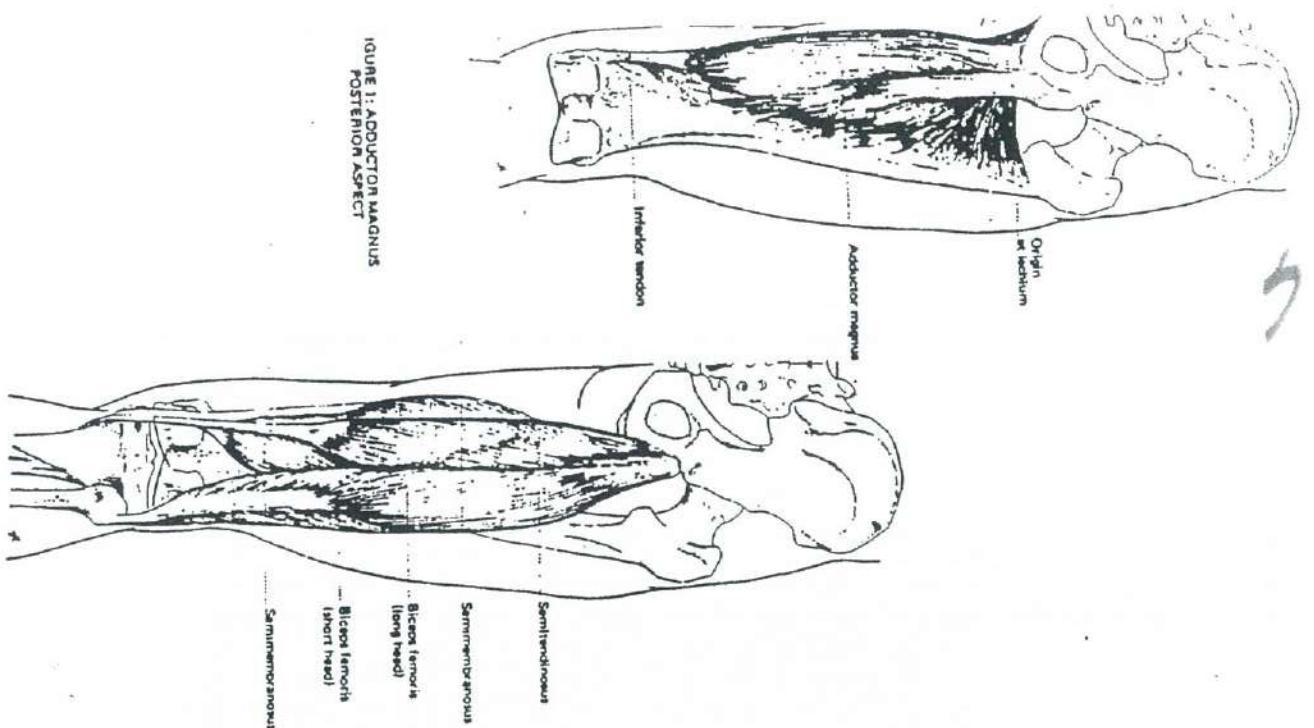
Semimembranosus and semitendinosus insert medially at the knee while the biceps femoris inserts laterally.

THE PELVIC FLOOR SHOWING THE LEVATOR ANI & COCCYGEUS

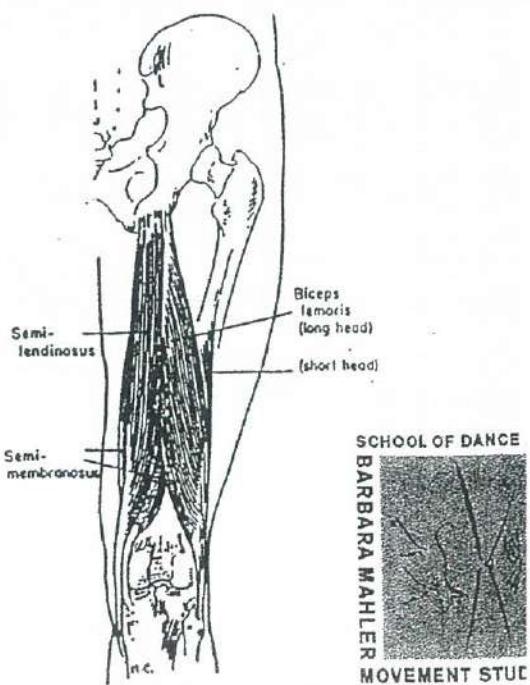
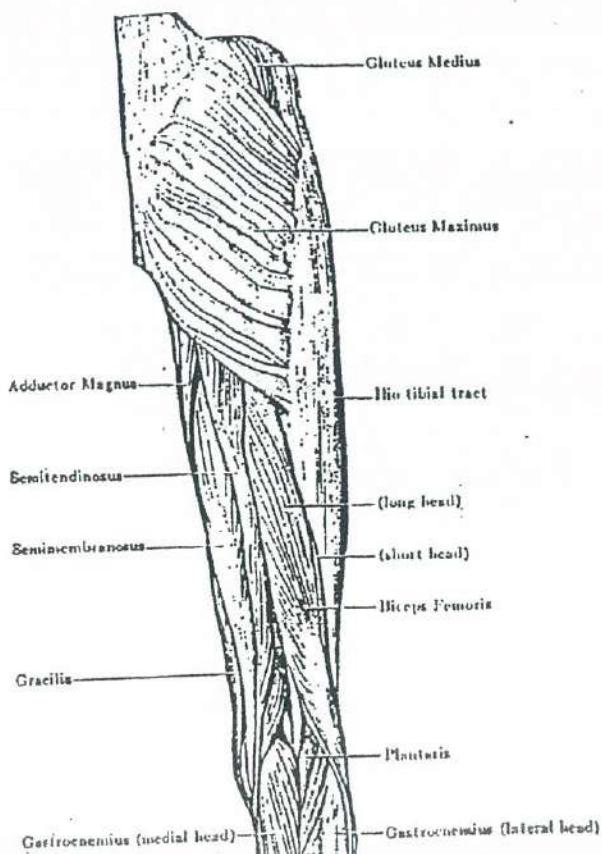


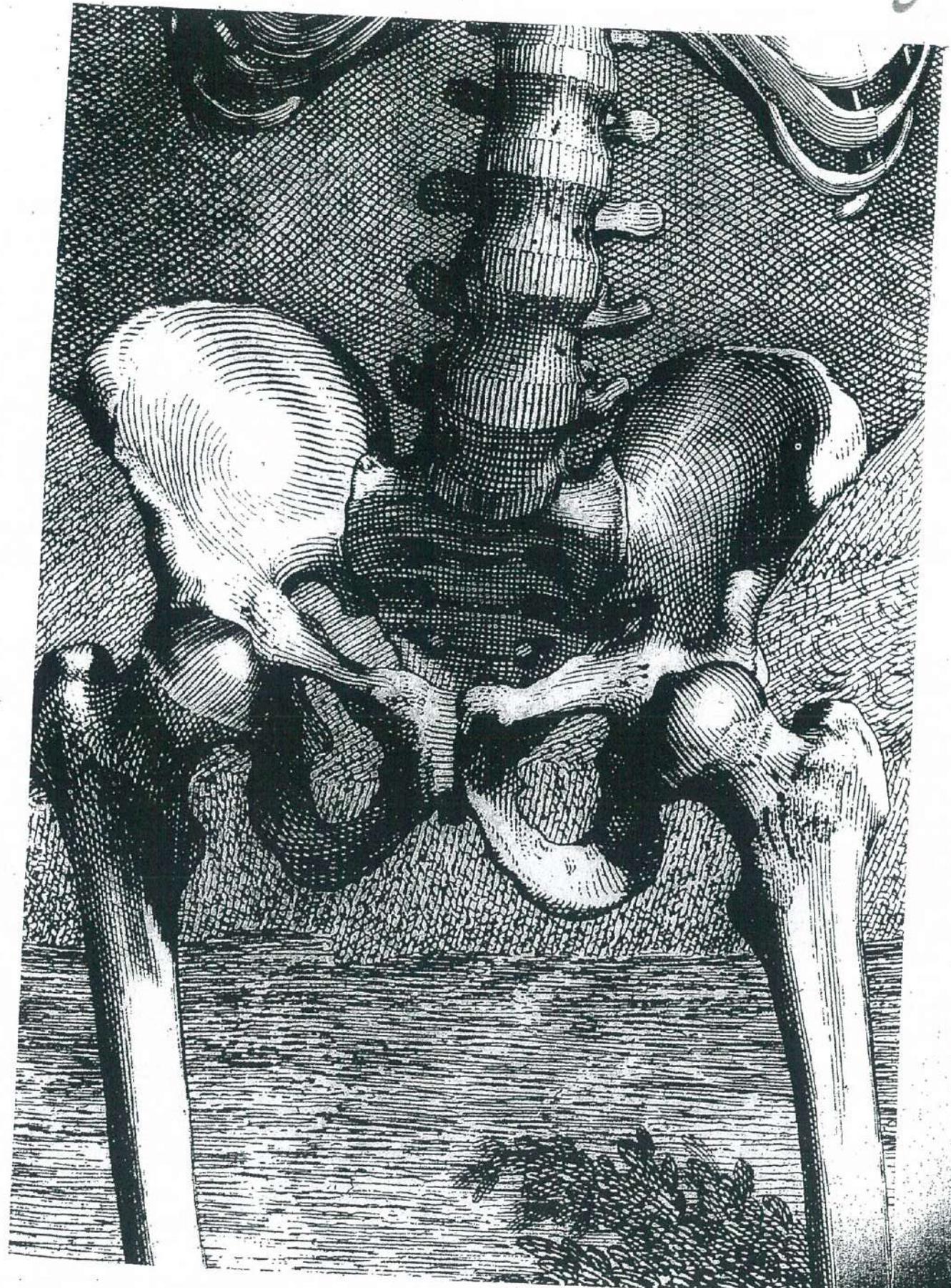
192. The Sacral & Coccygeal Nerve Plexuses, antero-median view.

FIGURE 2: MUSCLES OF THE POSTERIOR GROUP
SUPERFICIAL LAYER



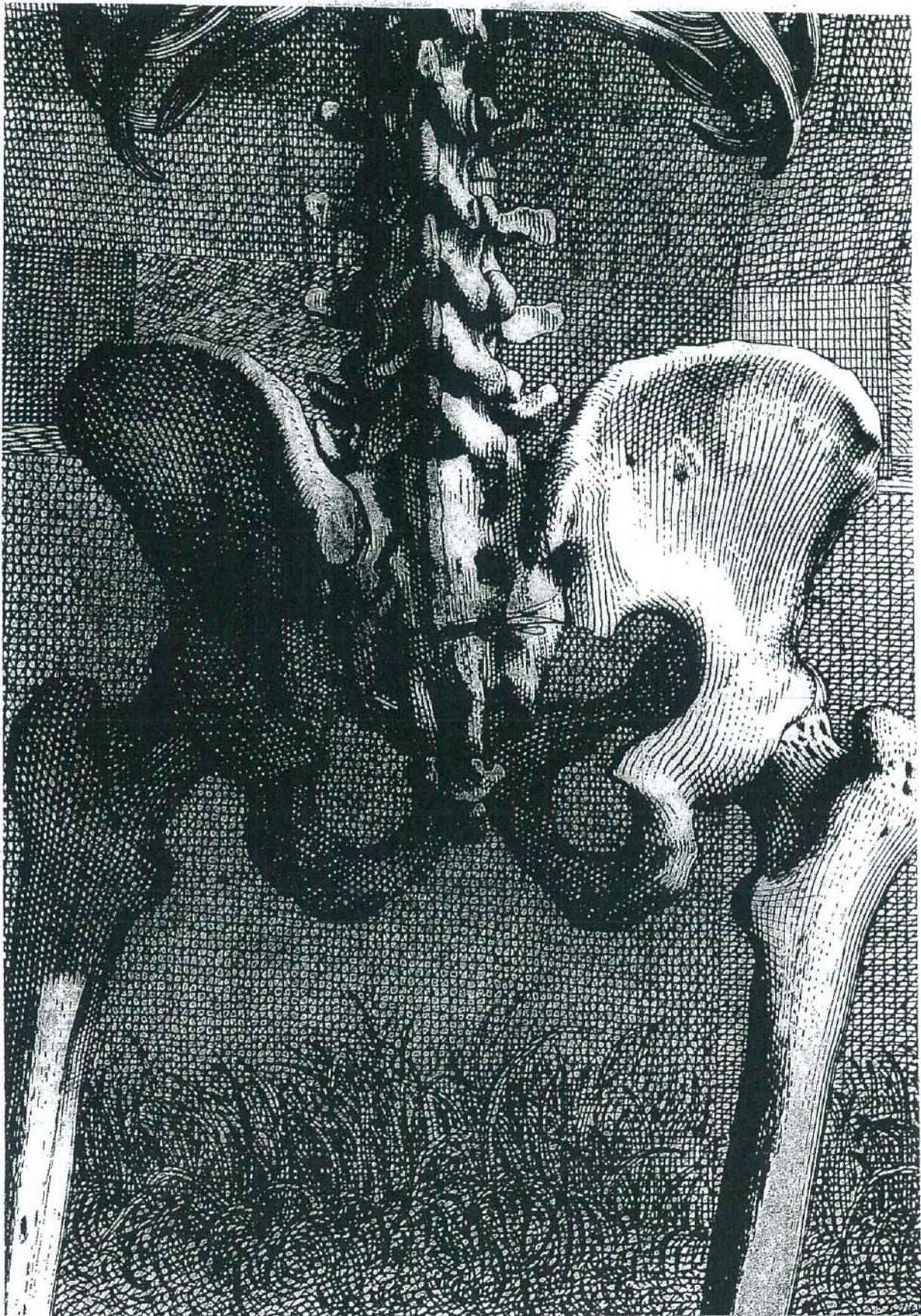
MUSCLES OF THE BACK OF THE THIGH, THE HAMSTRINGS



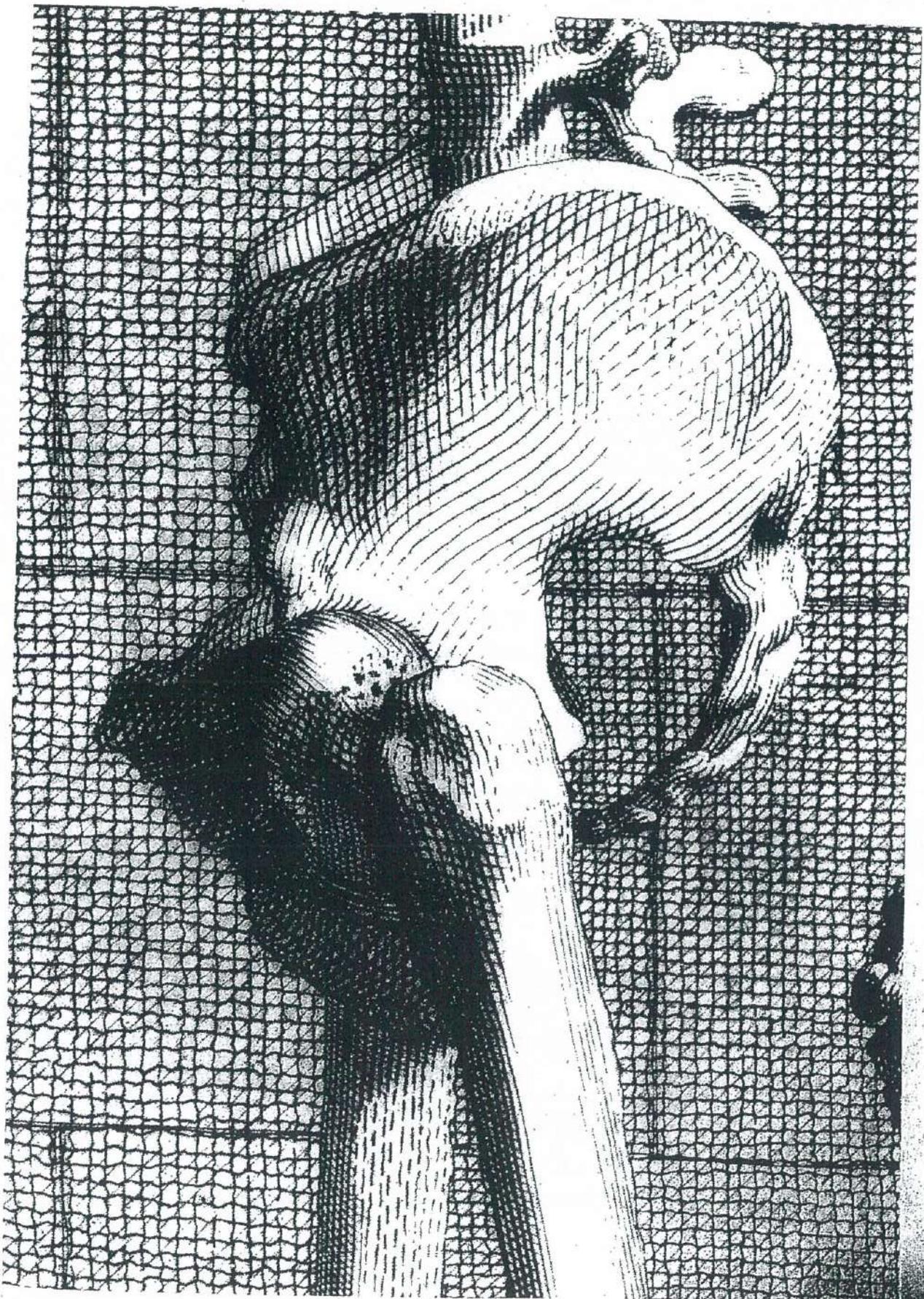


THE PELVIS AND FEMUR

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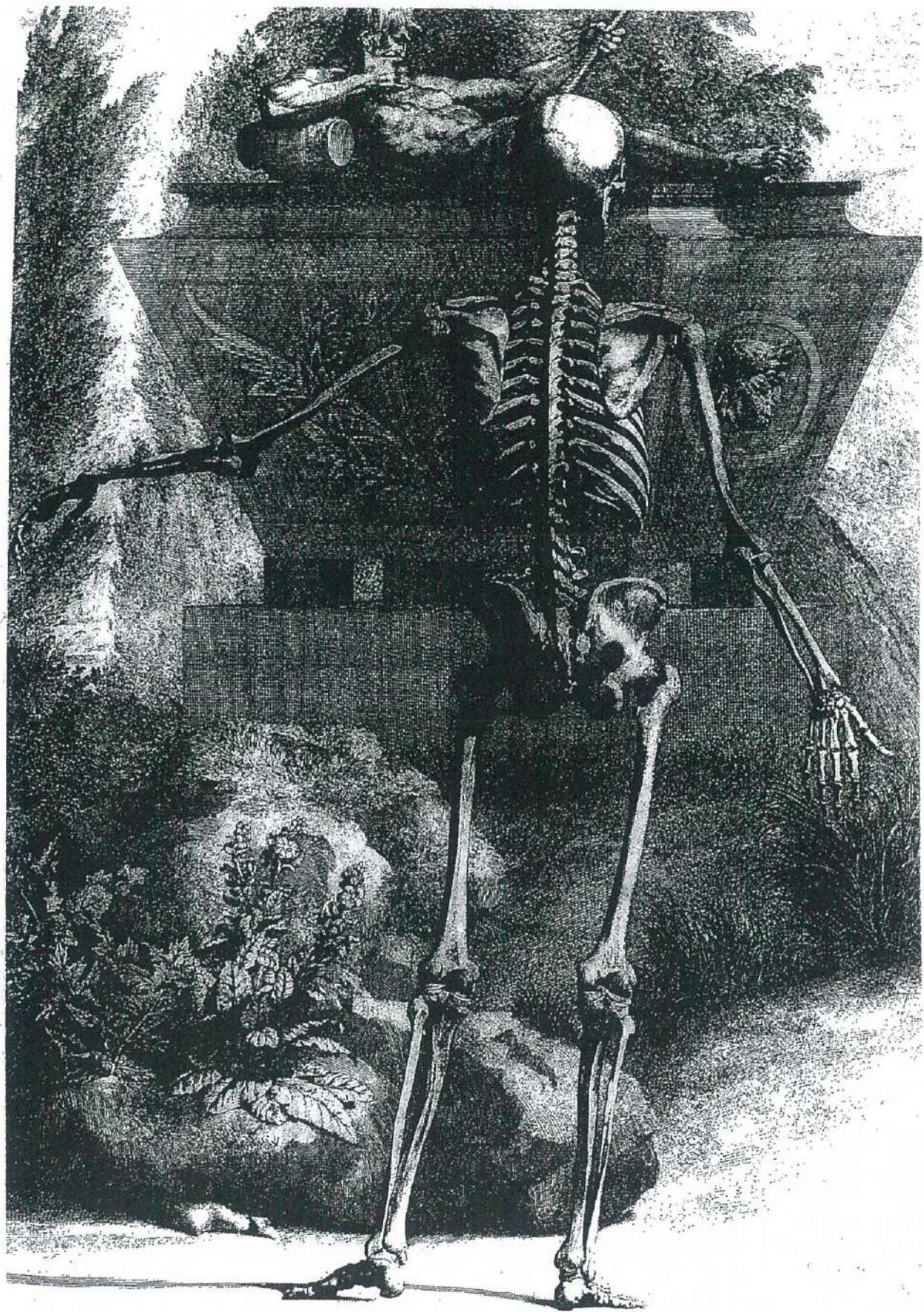
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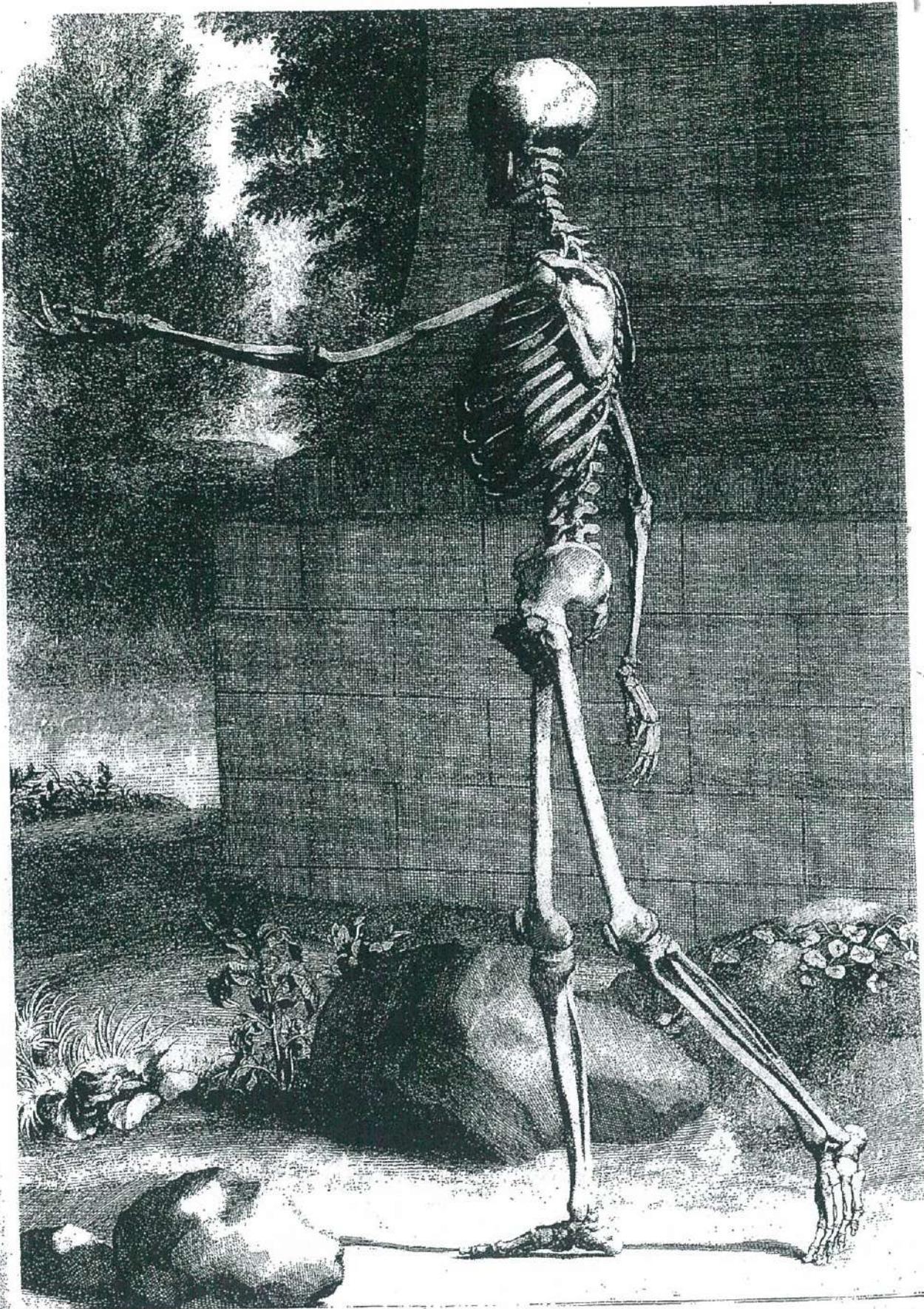
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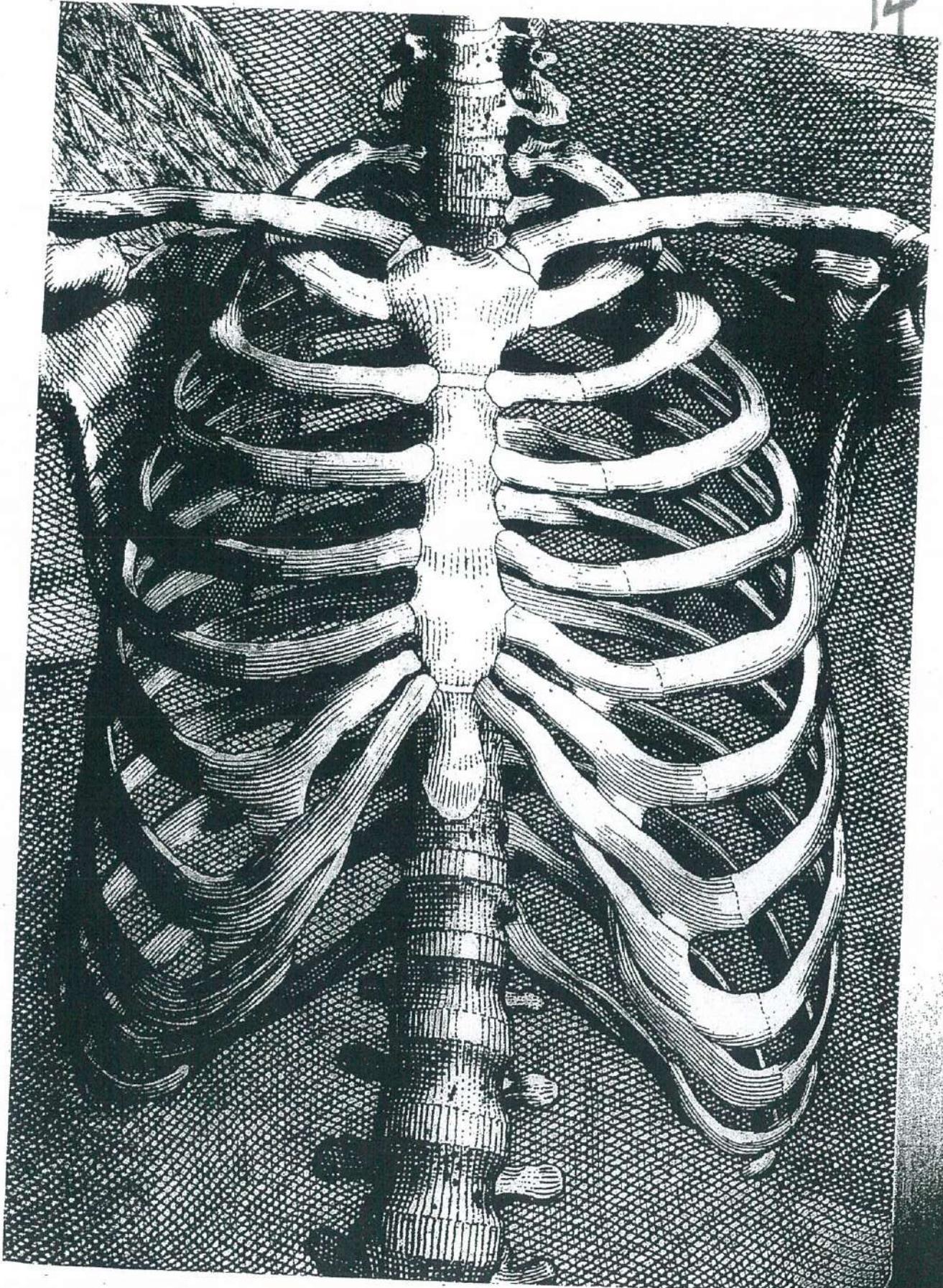
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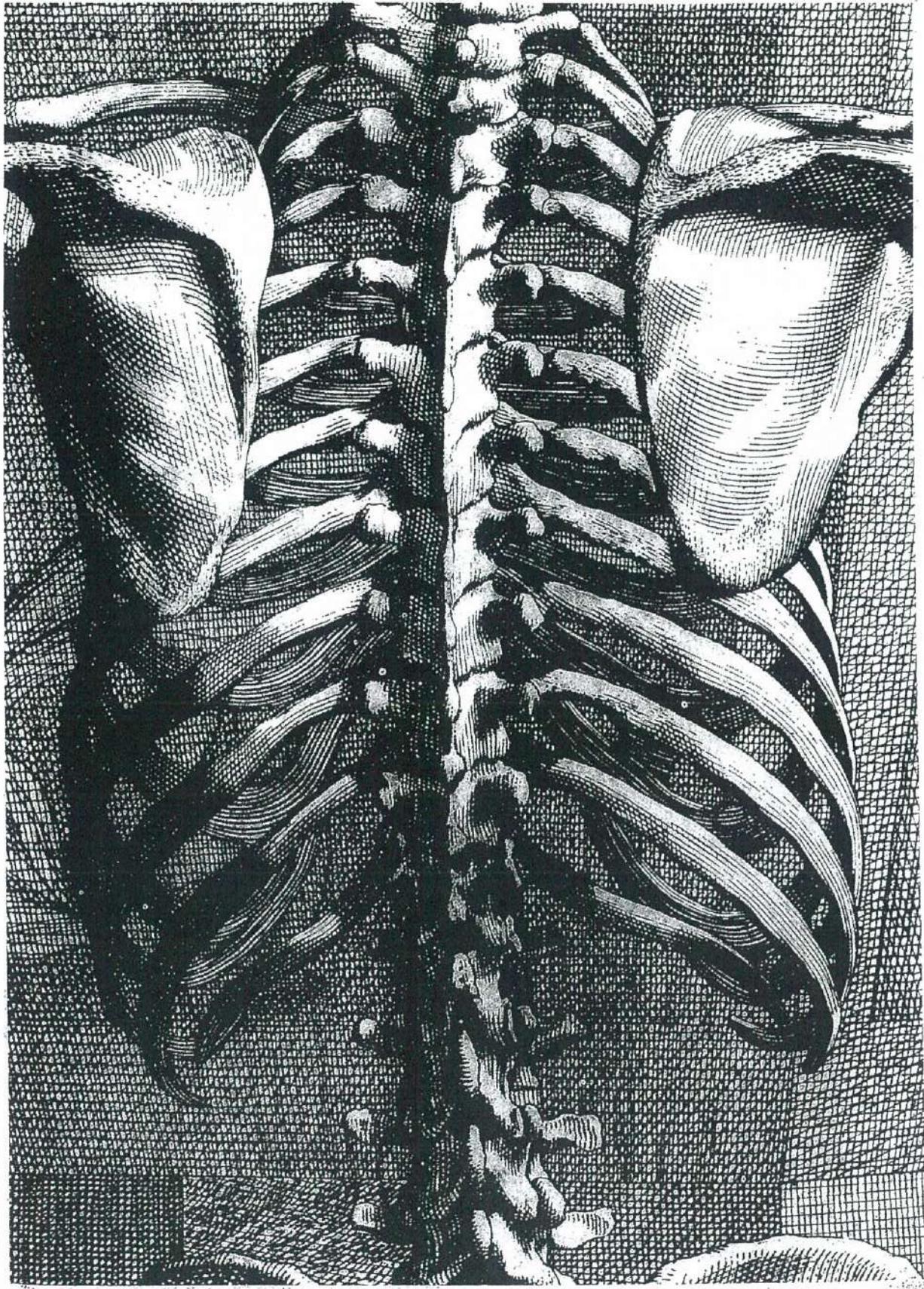
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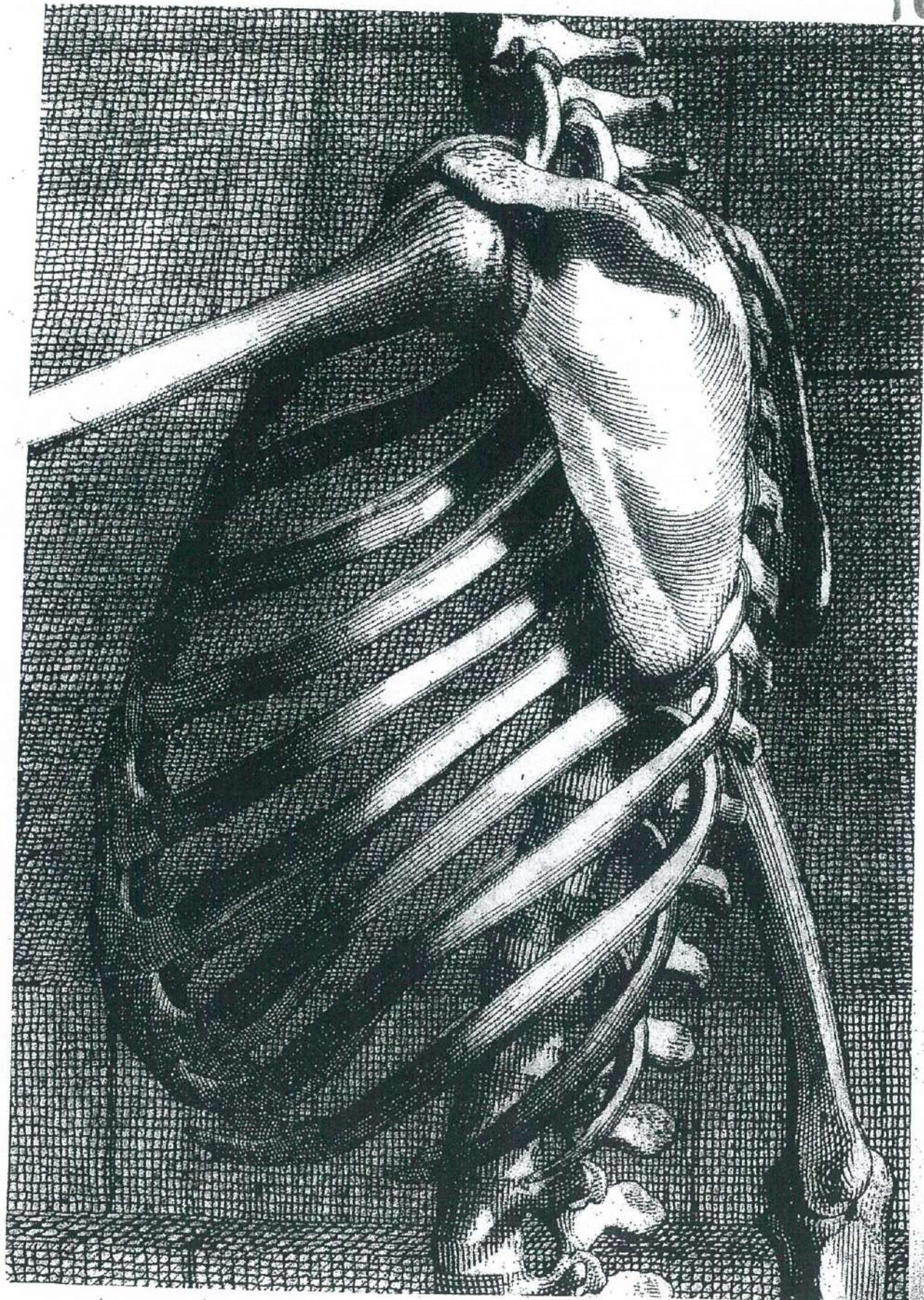
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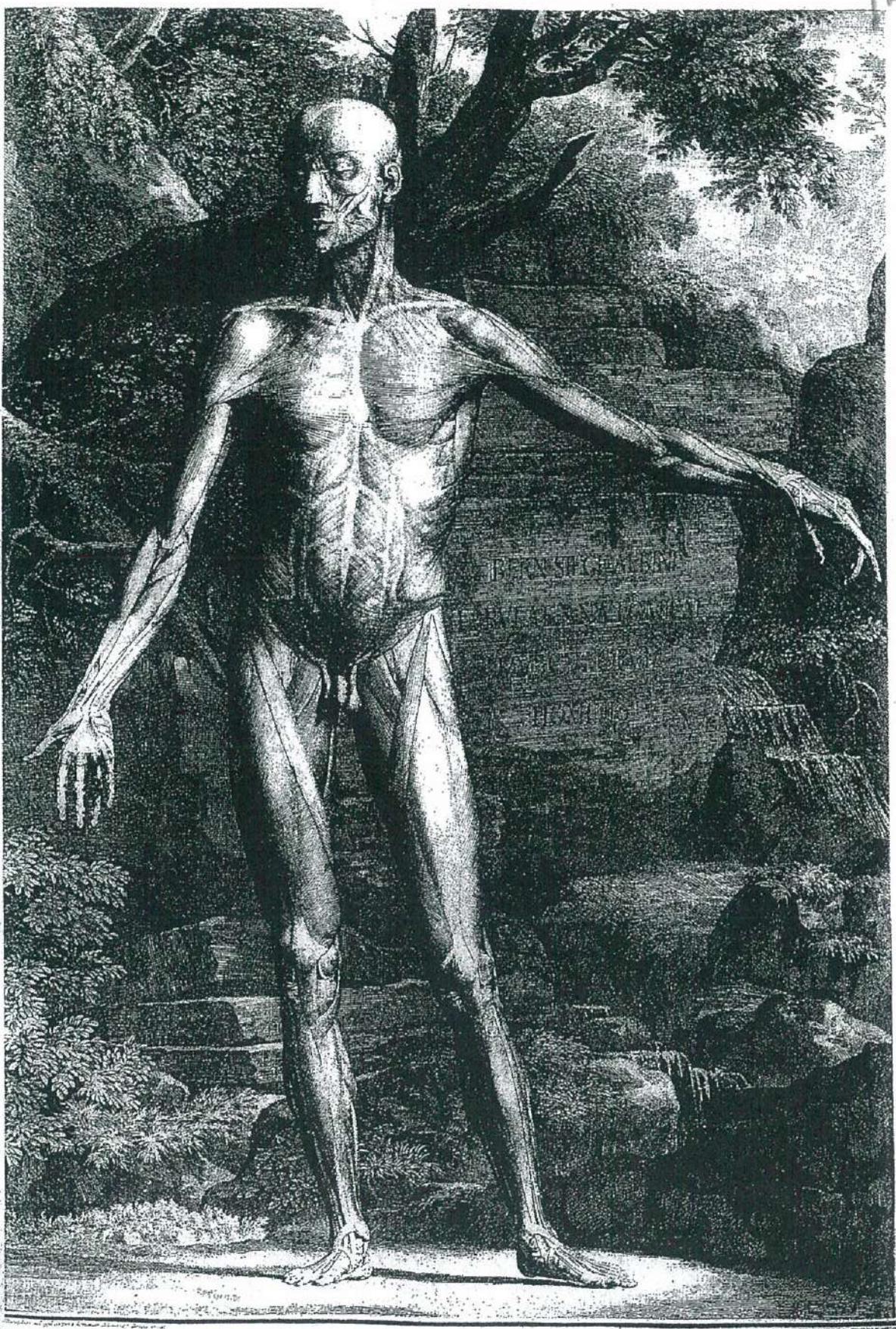
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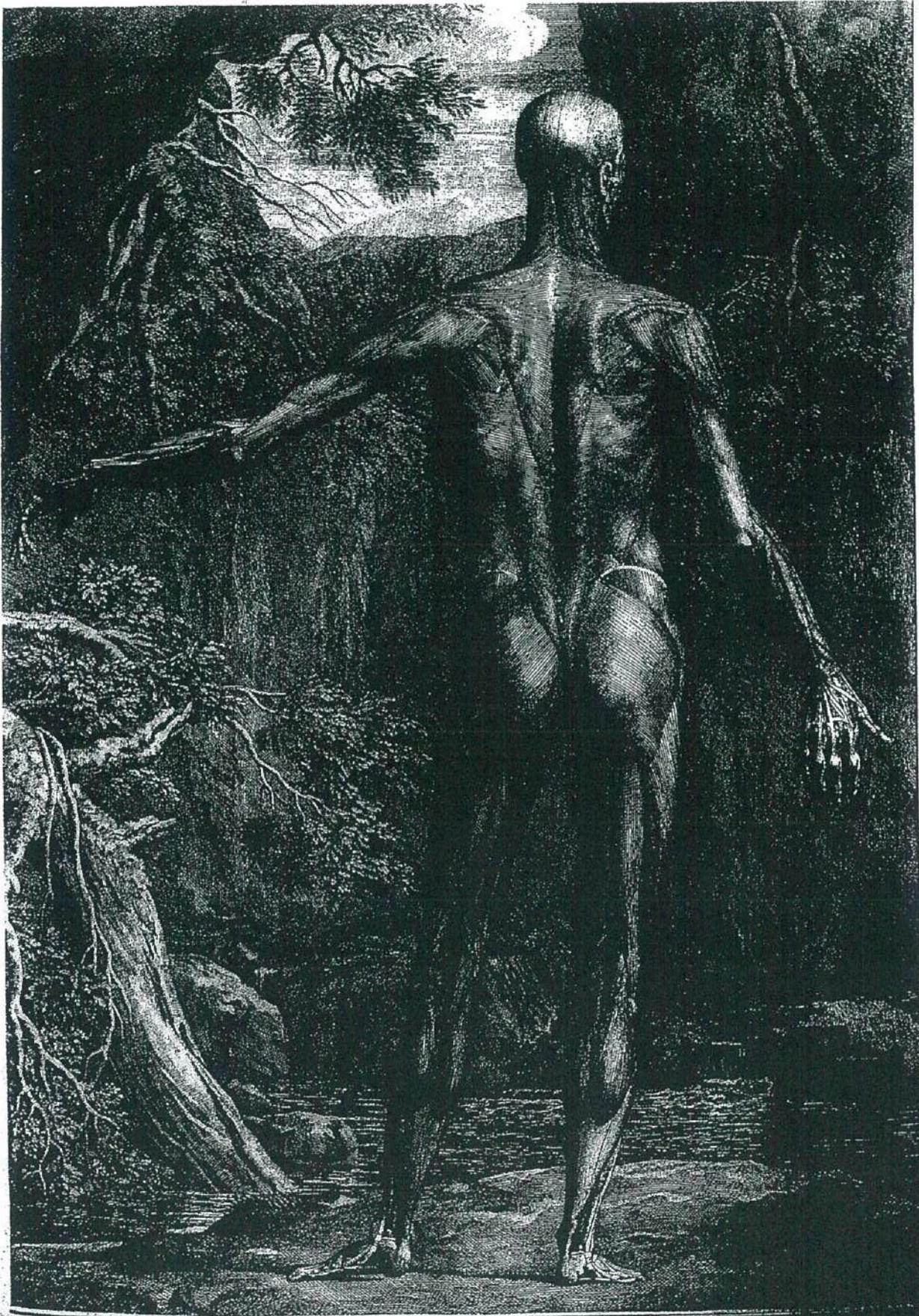
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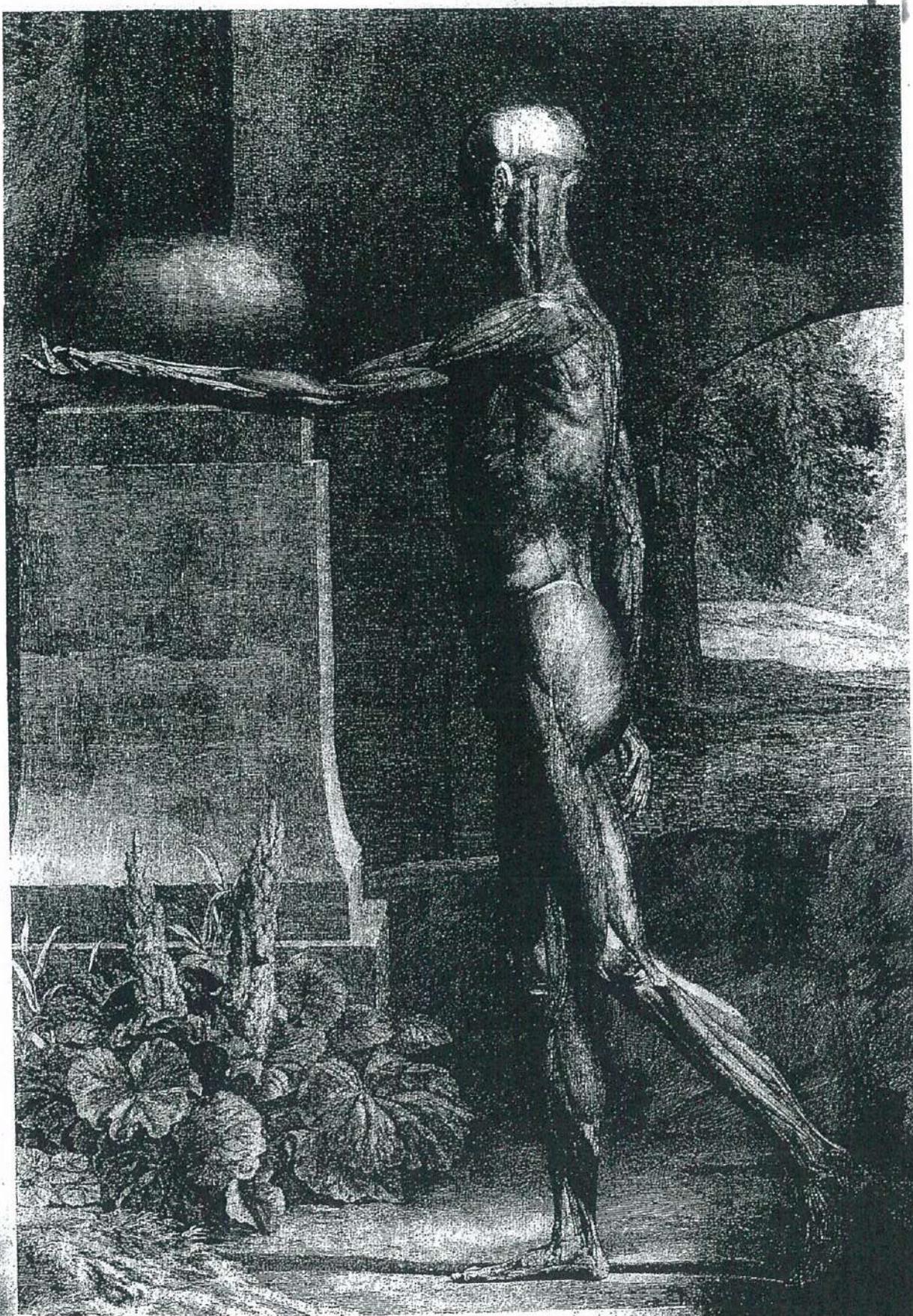


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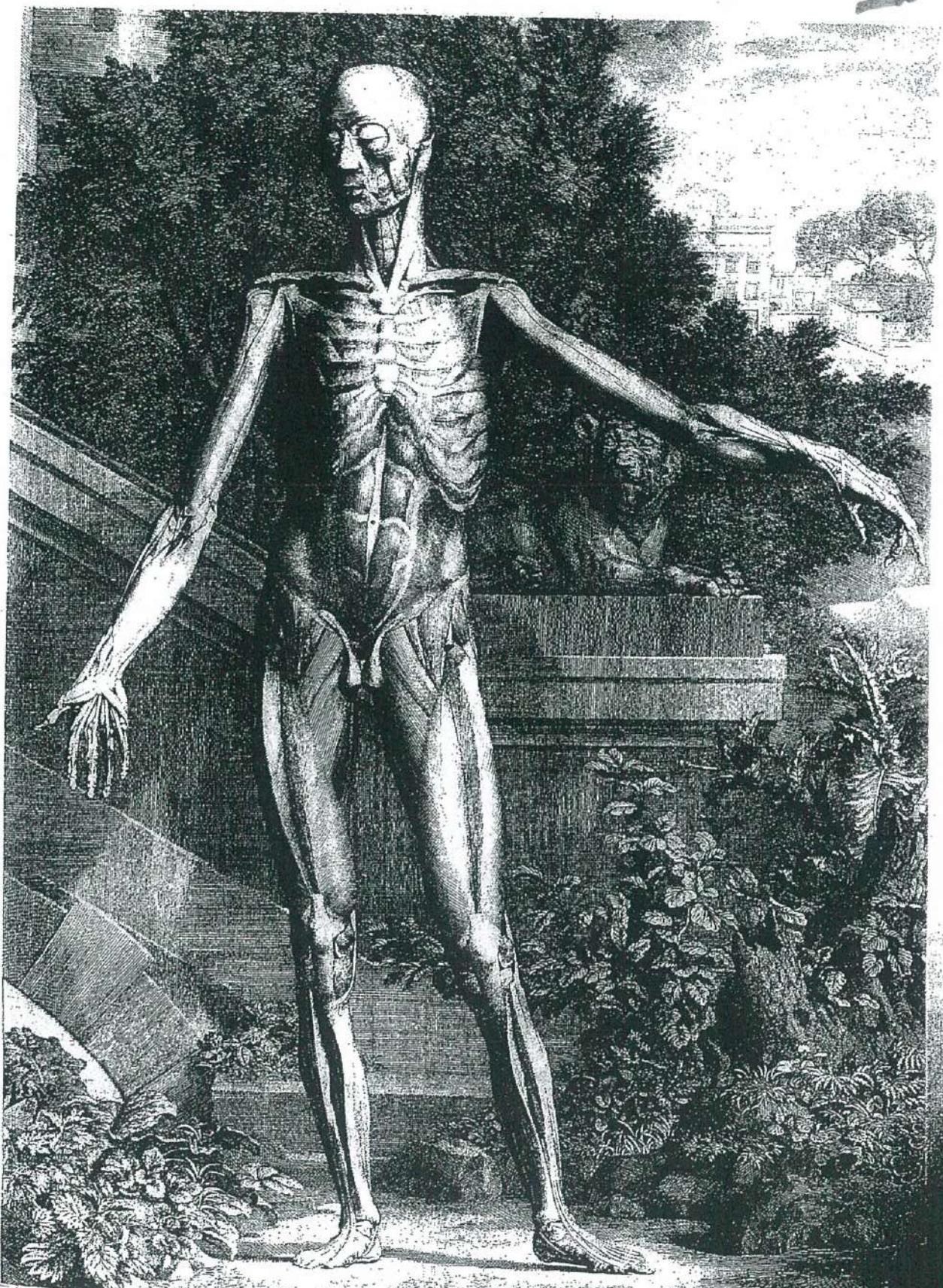


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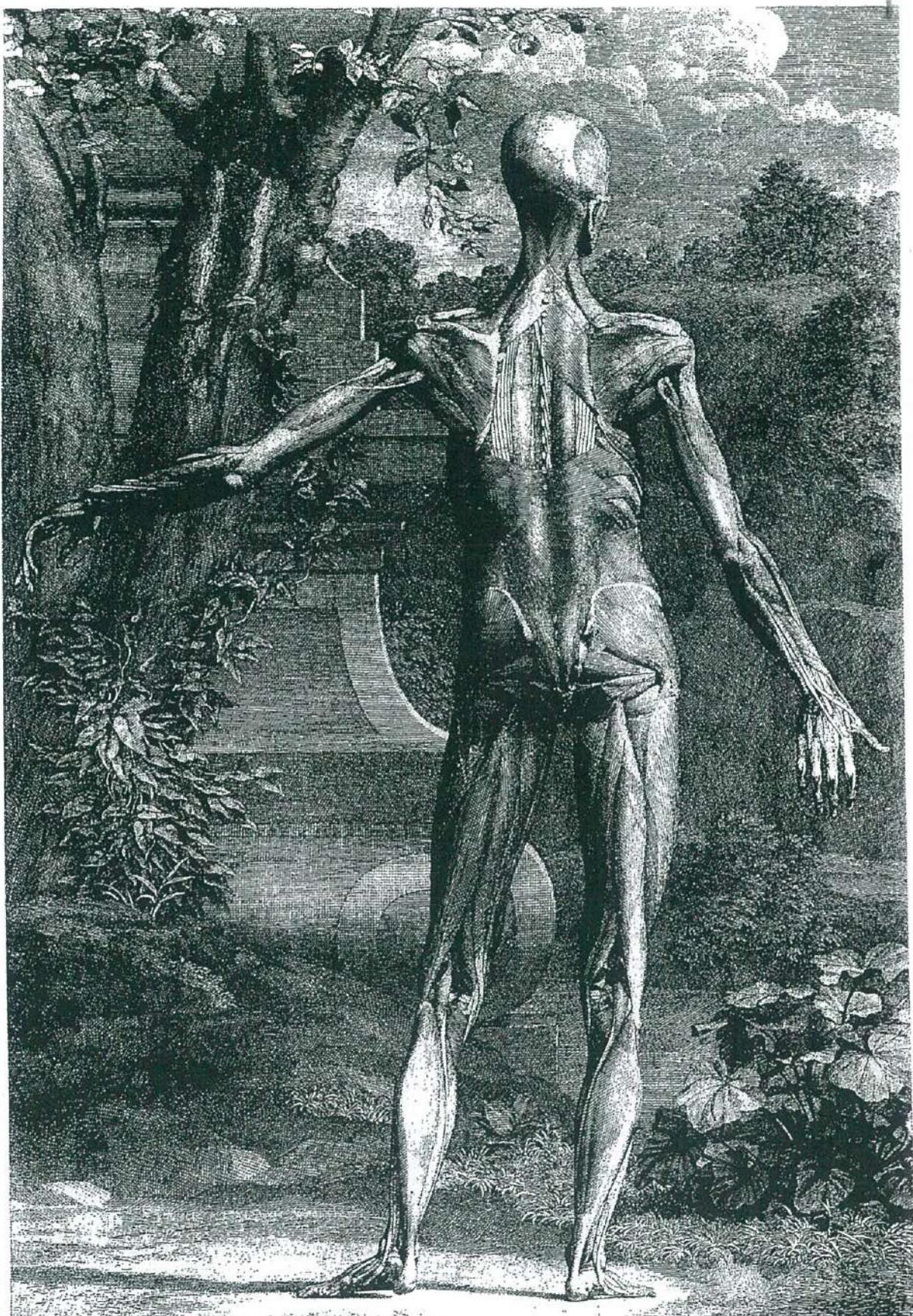
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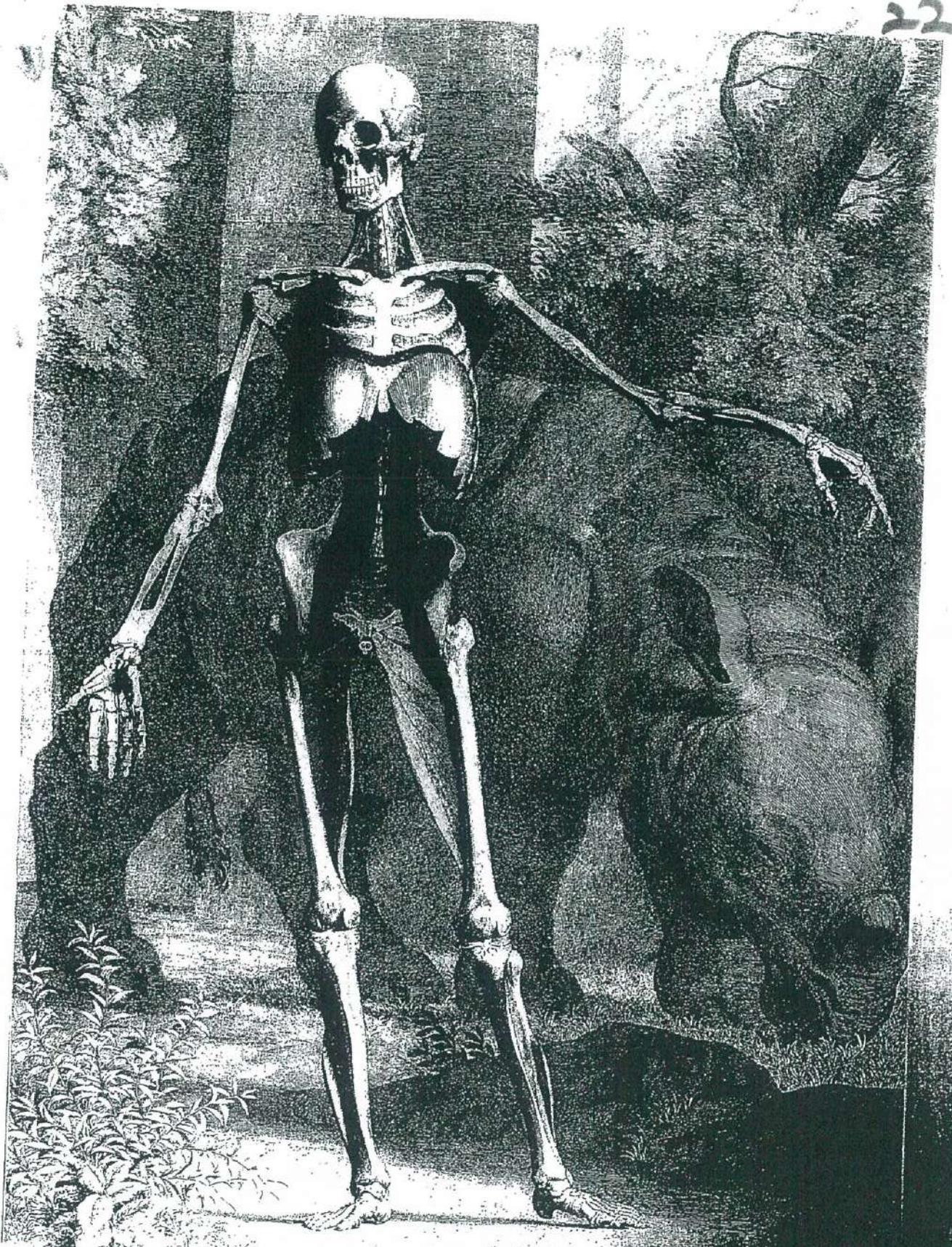


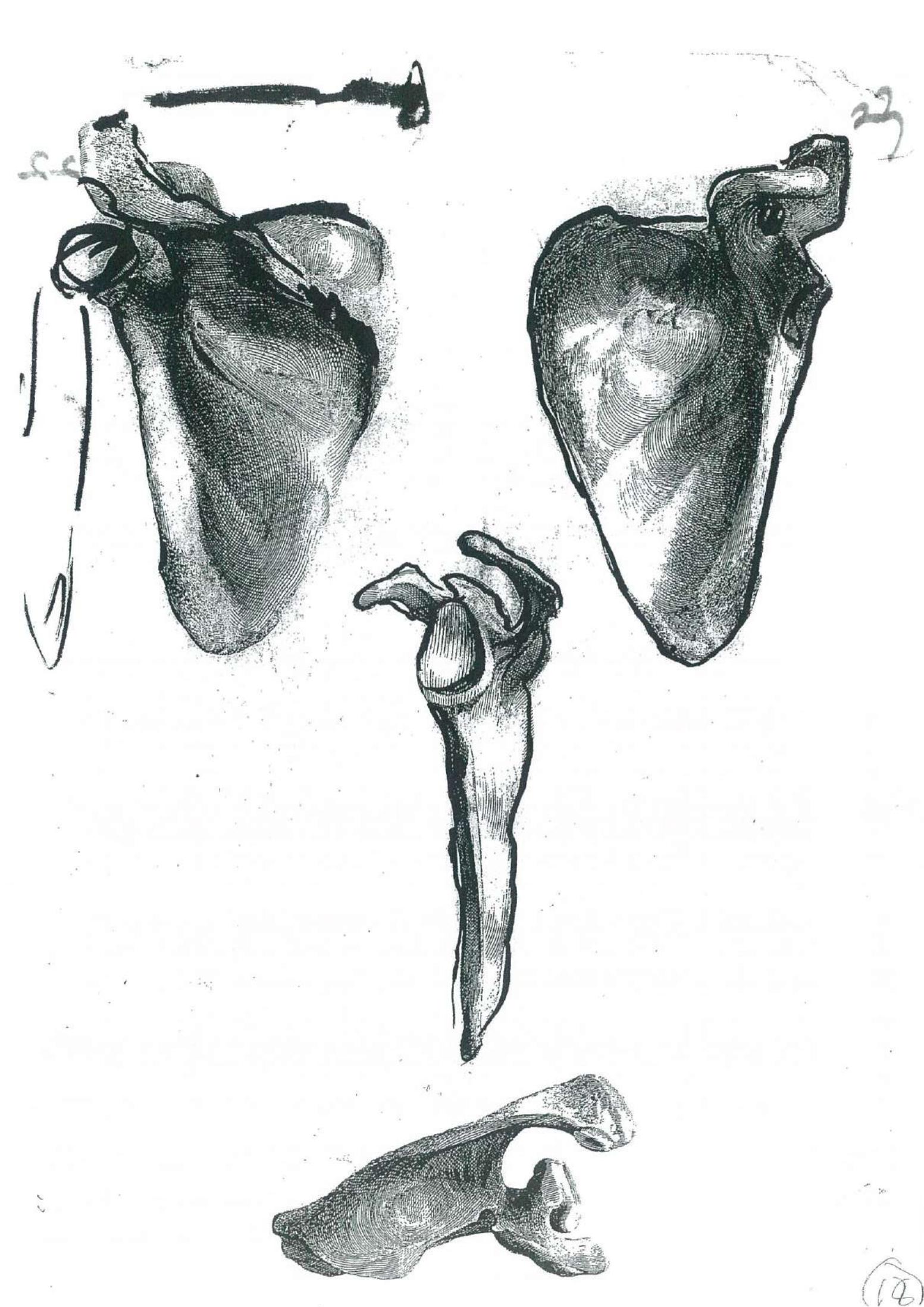
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