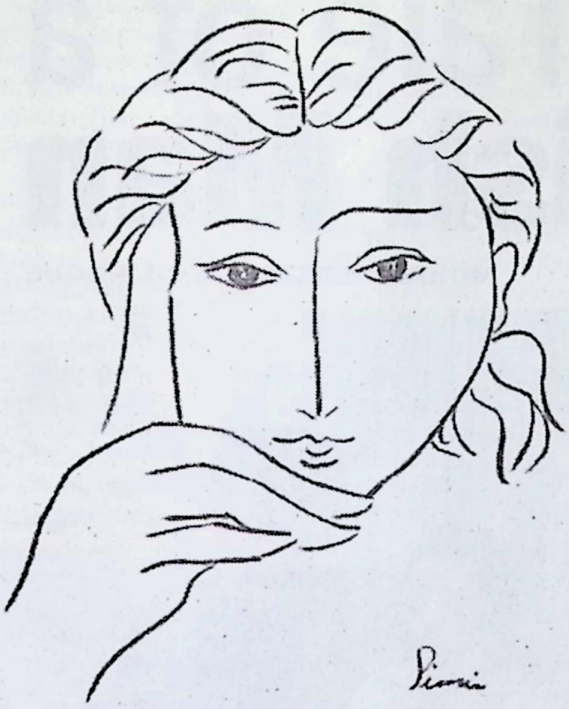
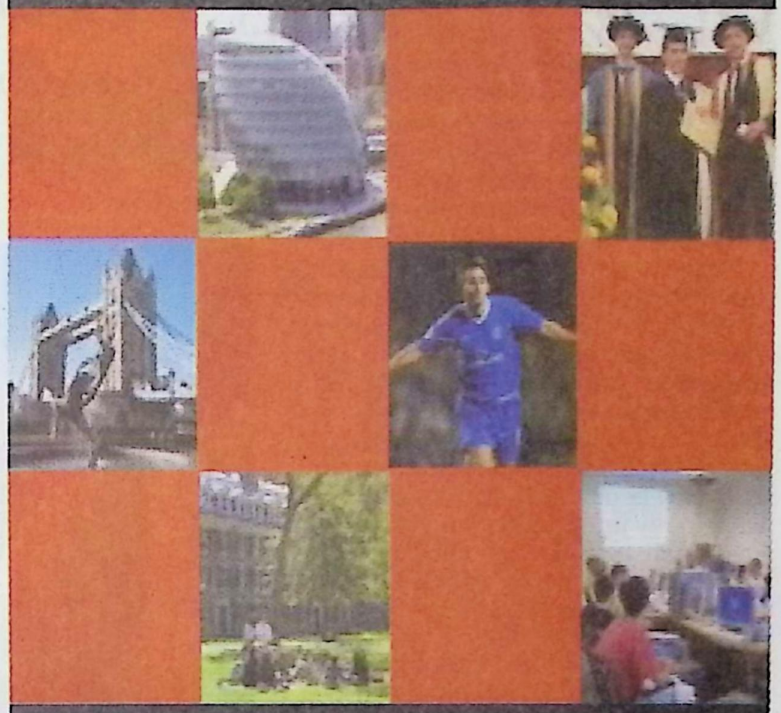


stories looking after the family engrosses her so completely that she is left with almost no time to think of who she really is and what she is capable of. Her talents, her knowledge, her potential are all enmeshed in a state of ennui and artificiality or superficiality.

These are what women must abide by. Time and again, there arise a few revolutionists like Akhter who abandon all forms of luxury and ease and has embraced suffering just for the sake of Truth. Nila, a middle-aged businesswoman who have a dispute over the claim of land with her neighbour is just one example. Whether it is the lawyer, the police or even feminist social workers, they all discourage her in her proceedings because she is a woman. More than the land, she is fighting for her dignity. But she is only met with 'kichu hobena eshob kore " (there is no use doing all these) mainly because her rival is a man. It is the same story for Risha, who is fighting for her property for 10 years. Countless other women are silently suffering either in their homes or outside it, being deprived of their rights, their dignity and sometimes even their lives. Most of these stories never even make it to the papers, or in the media, or anywhere. Lives are burnt or fade away into oblivion. This is the status quo that society continues to maintain. But when will we have the courage to change it? ■

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