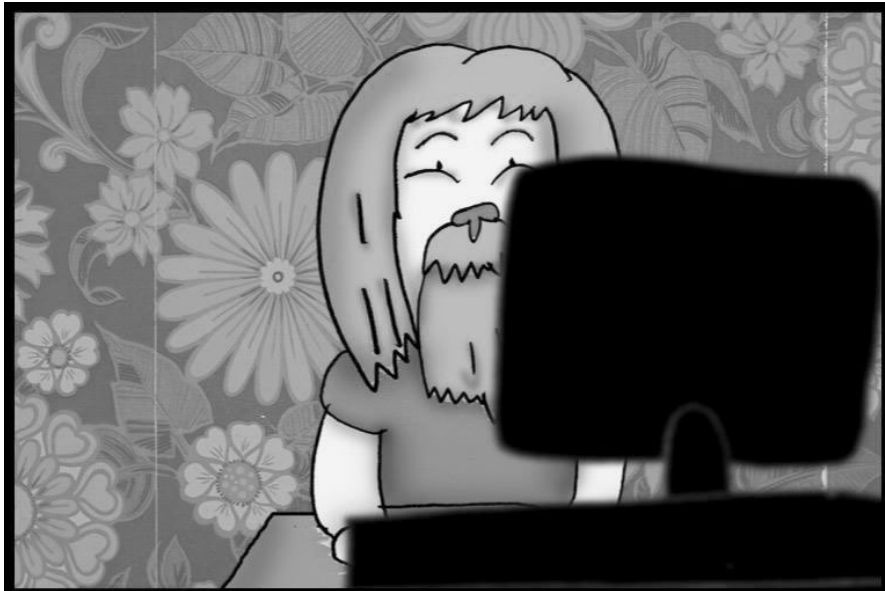
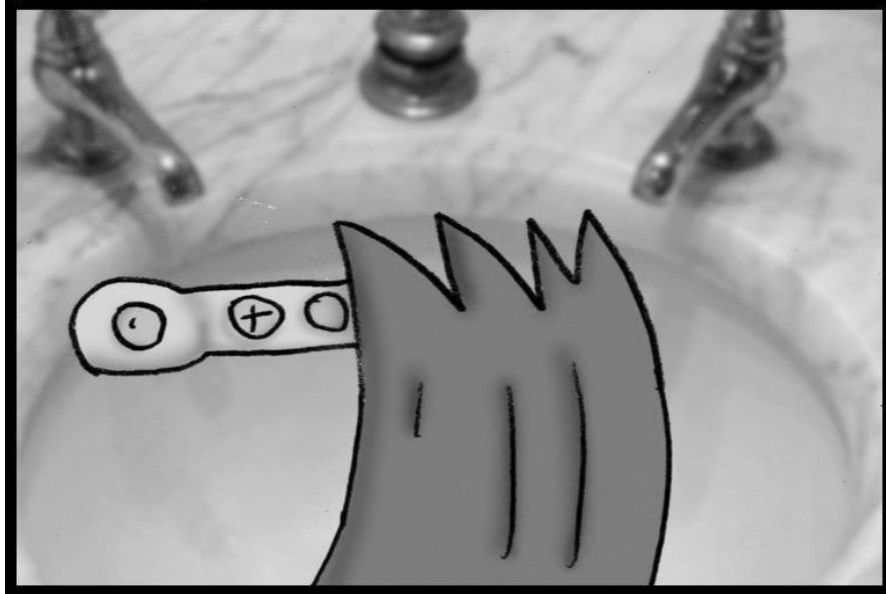
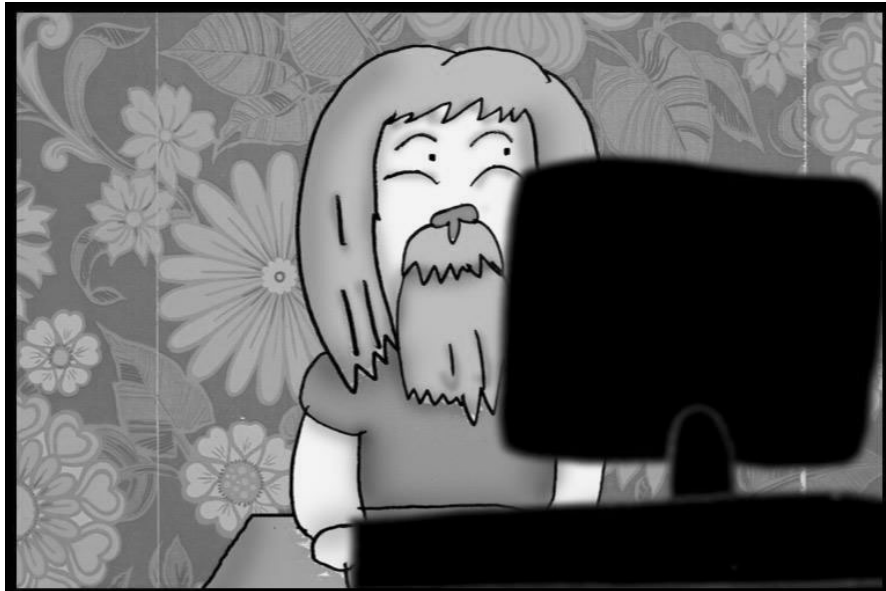


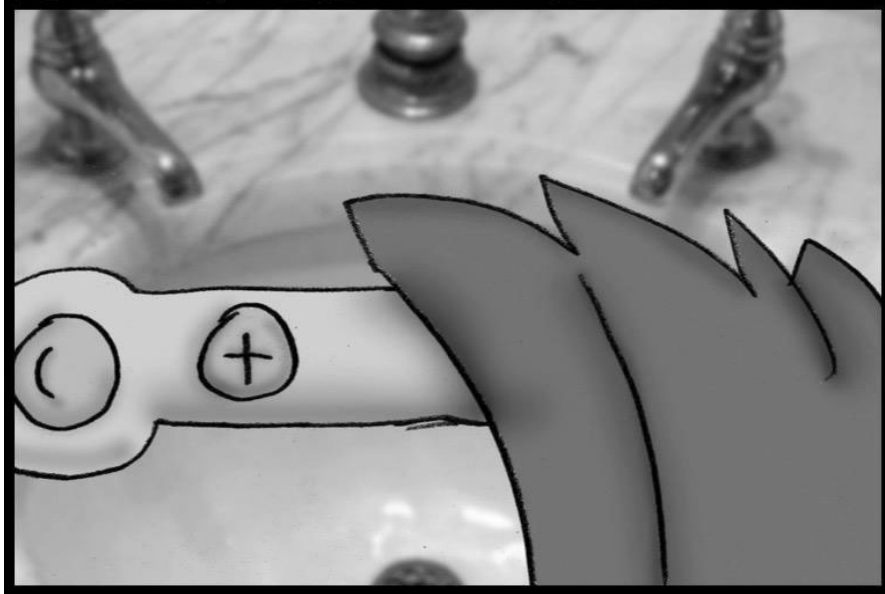
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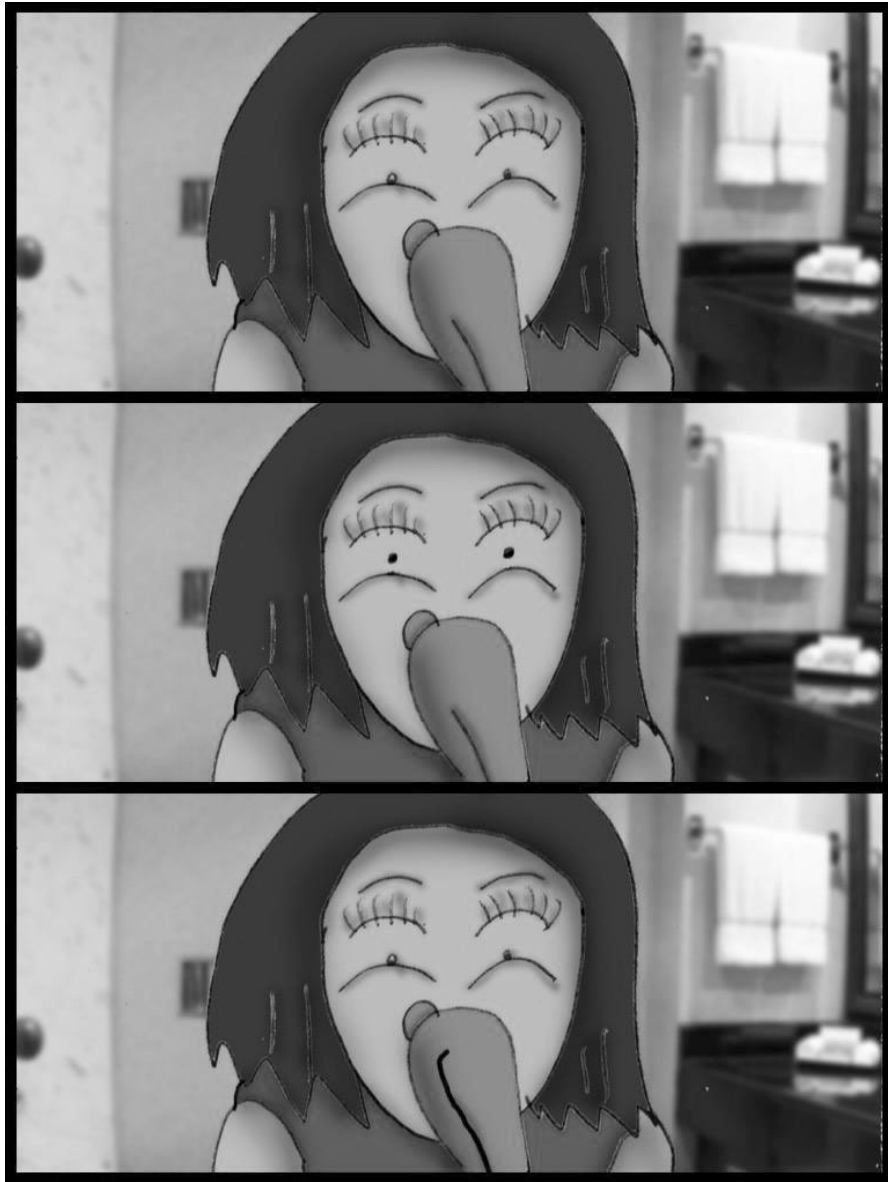
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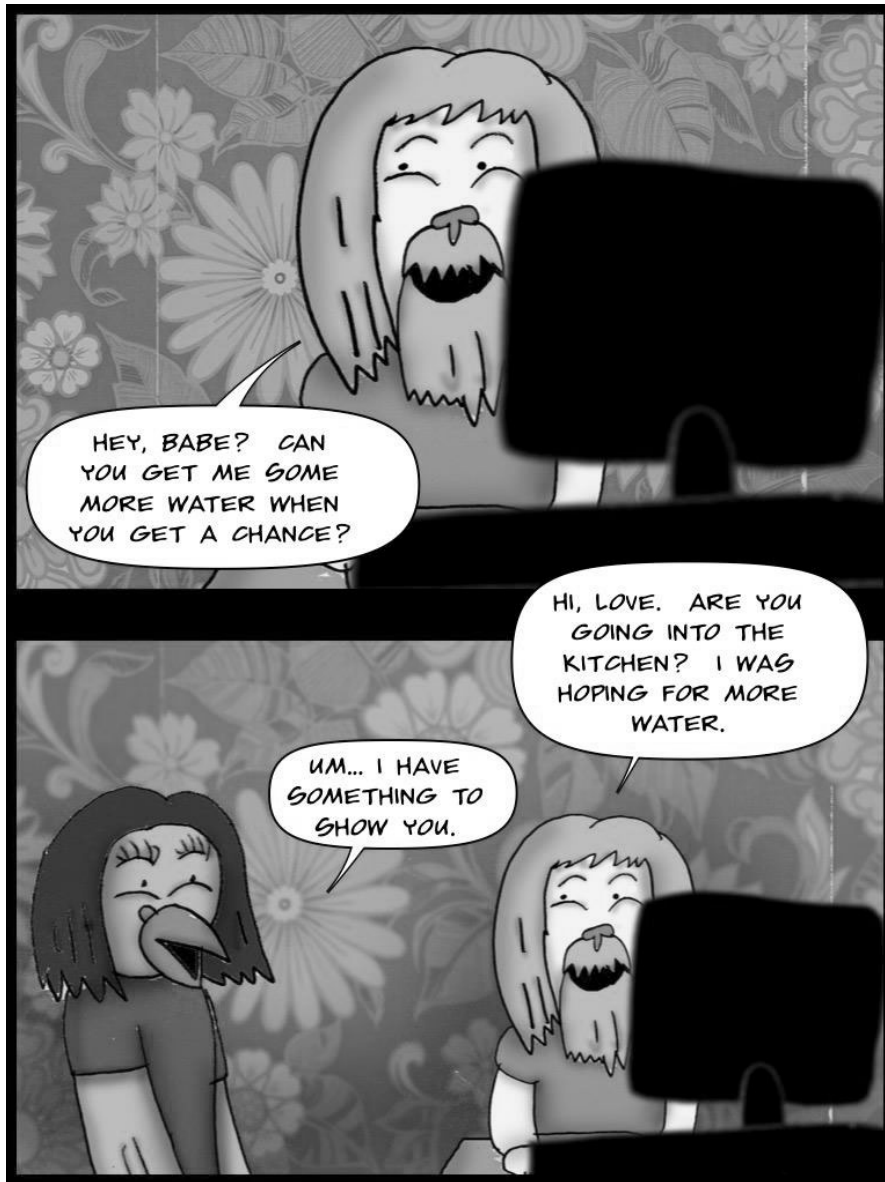
"THE TEST CAME BACK WITH
A PLUS SIGN"











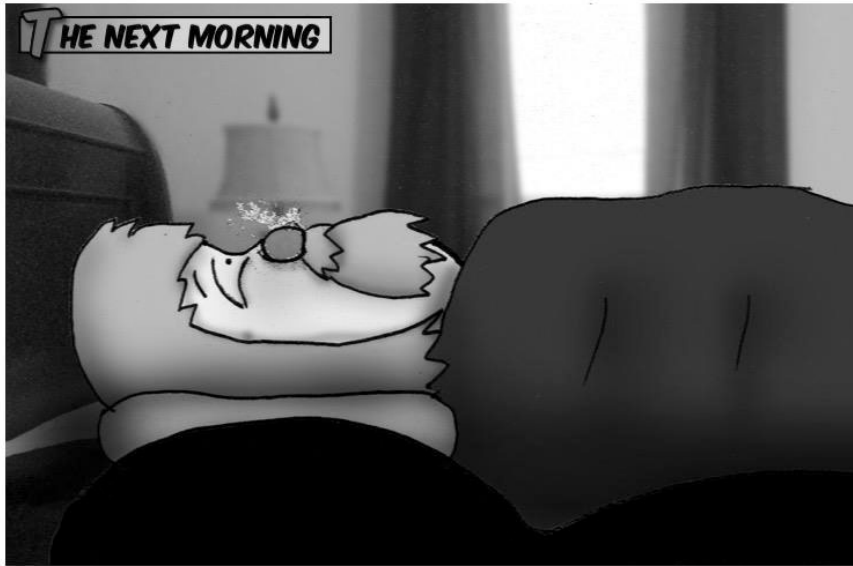
HEY, BABE? CAN YOU GET ME SOME MORE WATER WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE?

HI, LOVE. ARE YOU GOING INTO THE KITCHEN? I WAS HOPING FOR MORE WATER.

UM... I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.











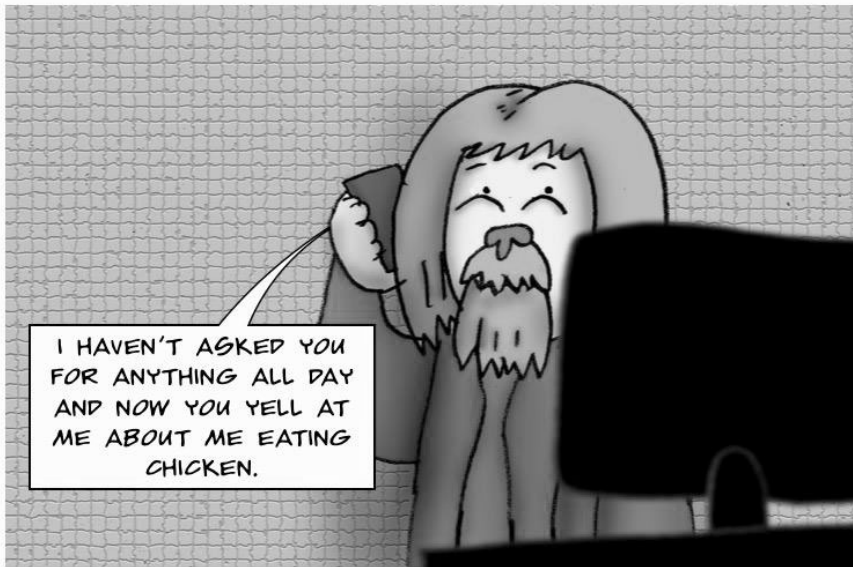












MY BROTHER WARNED ME ABOUT THIS. PREGNANCY MESSSES WITH HORMONES AND I NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THESE REACTIONS ARE NORMAL.

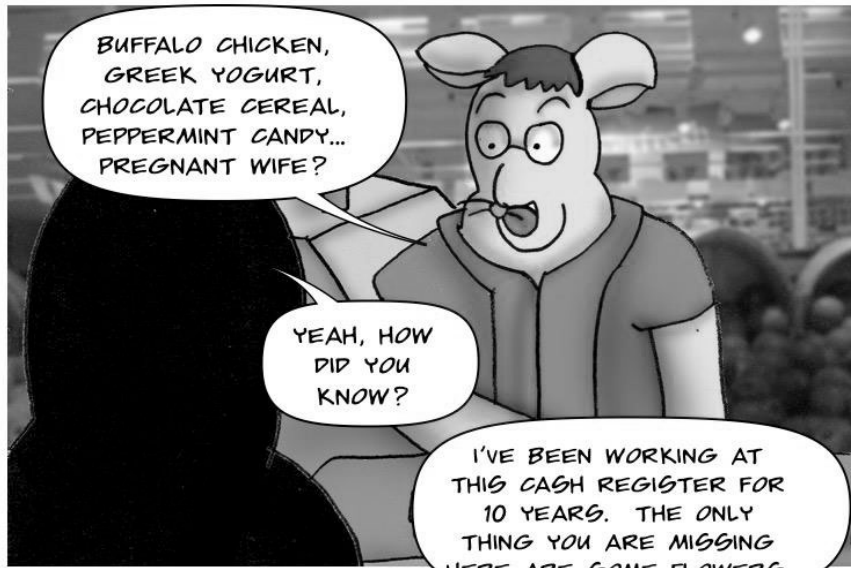
UH... I WILL ABSOLUTELY BRING YOU HOME AS MUCH BUFFALO CHICKEN AS YOU WANT. I LOVE YOU. PLEASE DON'T KILL ME.

I LOVE YOU TOO. OH AND BRING BACK AT LEAST 20 PINEAPPLE FLAVORED GREEK YOGURT.

SURE THING.















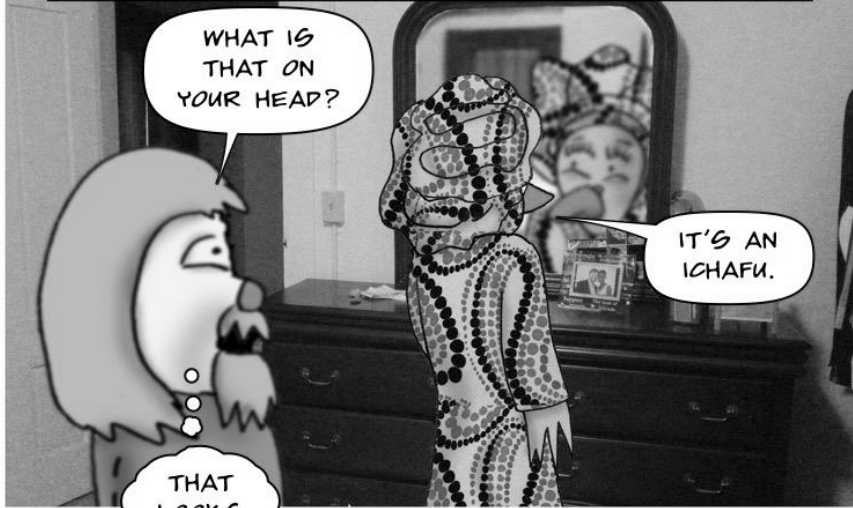








WHEN WE WERE FIRST LIVING TOGETHER, THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHEN OUR CULTURES CLASHED:



WHAT IS THAT ON YOUR HEAD?

IT'S AN ICHAFU.

THAT LOOKS SO WEIRD.



WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

IT'S JEME JEME

THAT SMELLS SO WEIRD.







A FEW WEEKS LATER...





WHAT ARE WE WATCHING?



SOME SUPERHERO MOVIE.









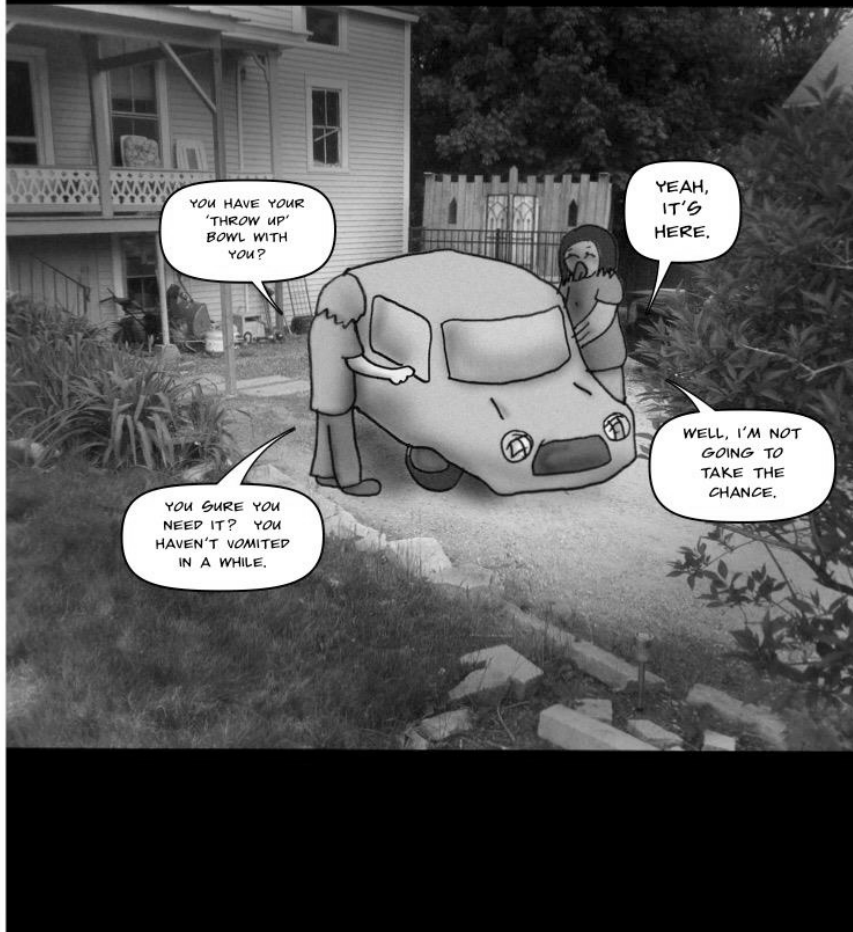


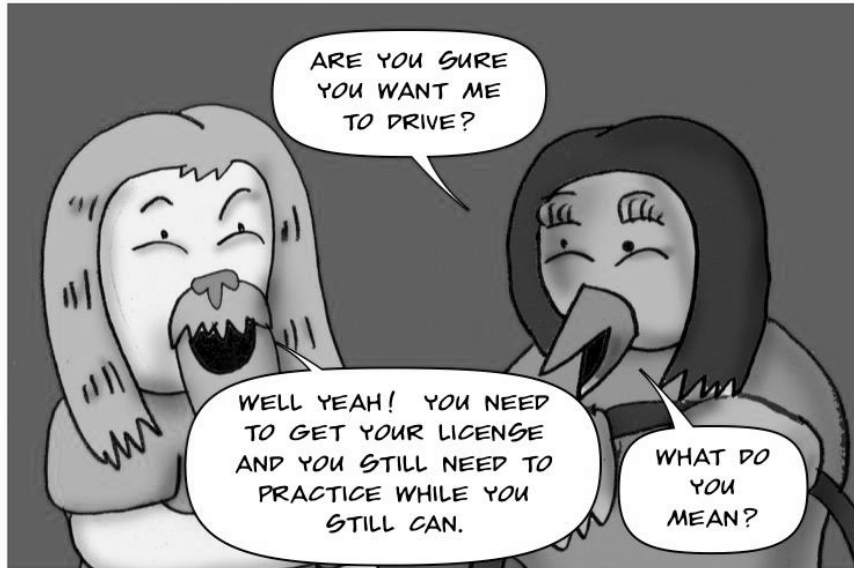






A COUPLE WEEKS LATER





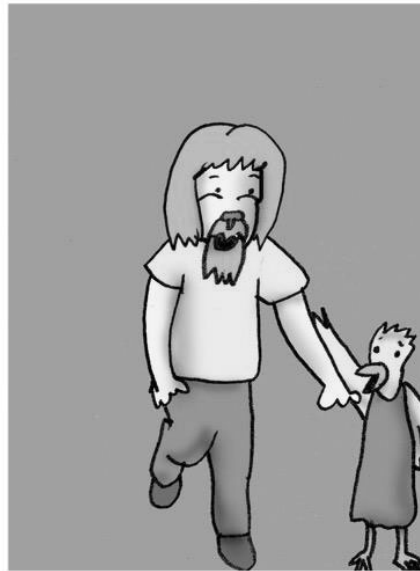
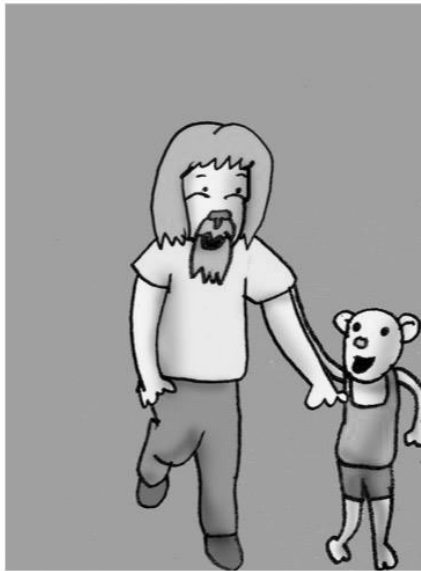


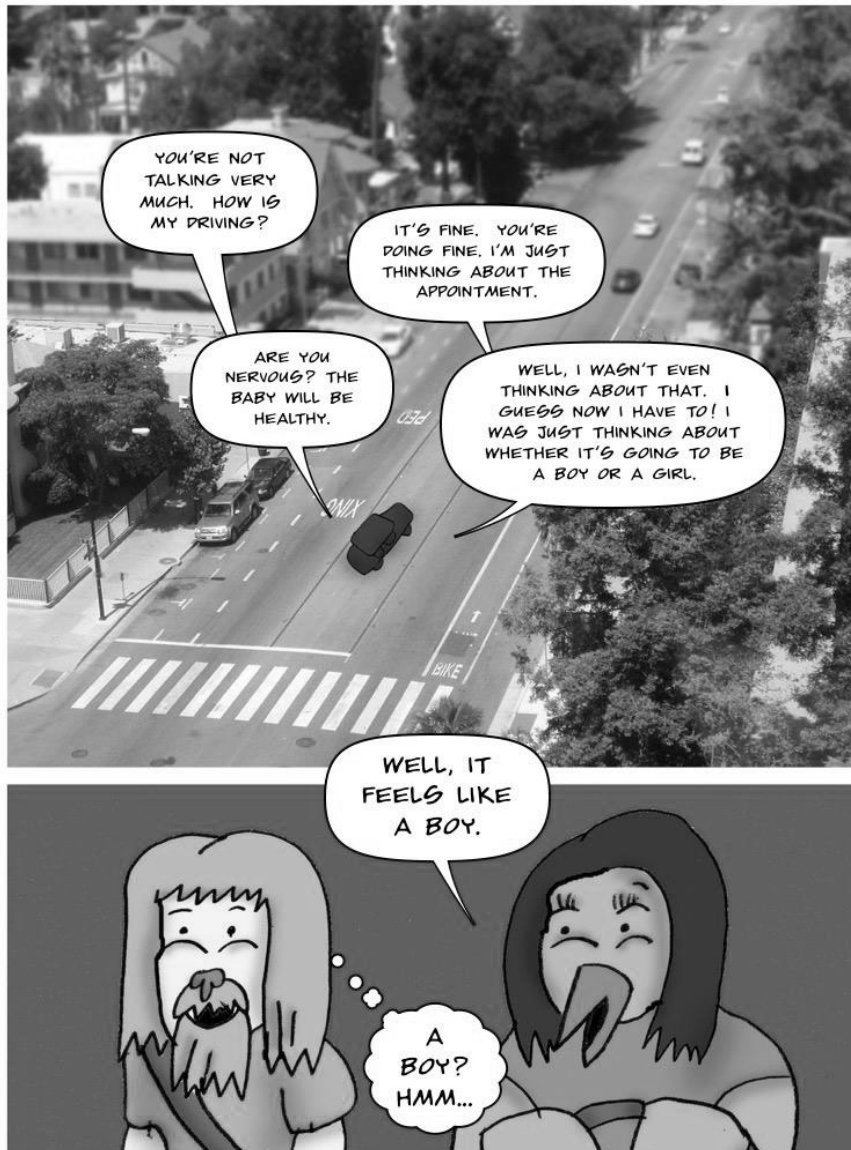
WE ARE OFF TO THE OB/GYN TO HAVE AN ULTRASOUND DONE. WE ARE FINALLY GOING TO SEE IF WE ARE HAVING A BOY OR A GIRL! I'M PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT IT. I AM FINALLY GOING TO SEE WHO IS MAKING DOVE THROW UP AND BE GRUMPY ALL THE TIME.



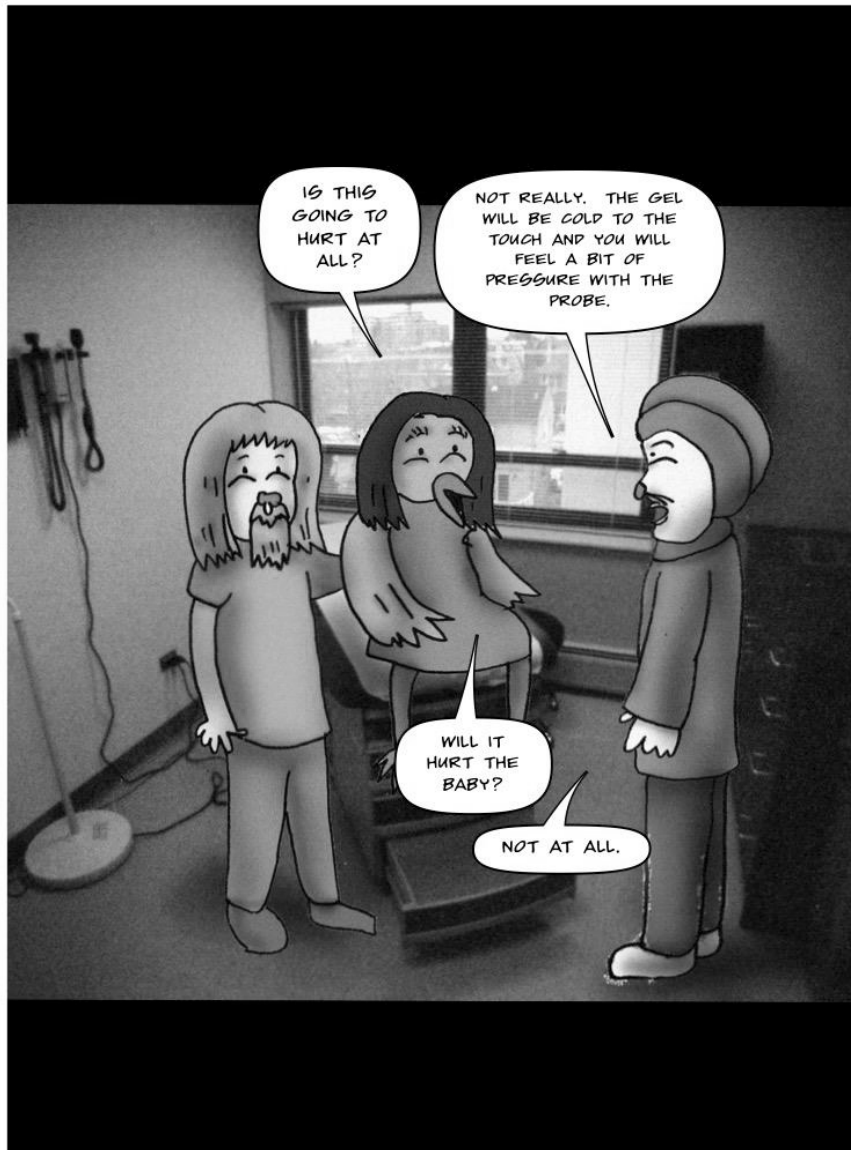
I'VE BEEN DAYDREAMING A LOT. CONSTANTLY LOST IN THINKING OF POSSIBILITIES, AND WHAT KIND OF DAD I'M GOING TO BE. I AM EXPERIENCING SCHRODINGER'S CAT THEORY. I CAN SEE BOTH FUTURES... A BOY OR A GIRL.





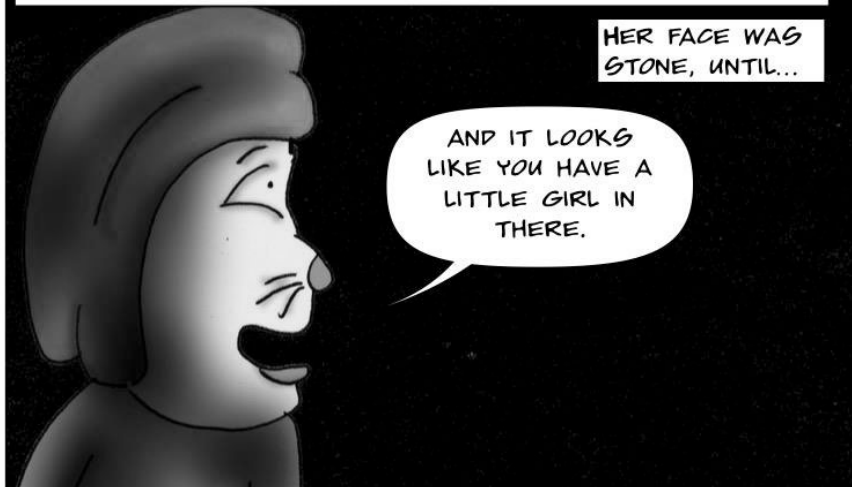








DURING THE ULTRASOUND, WE COULDN'T MAKE OUT THE SHAPES ON THE SCREEN. THE TECHNICIAN HAD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. SHE KNEW WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND KNEW TO HIDE ANY EMOTION FROM HER FACE; AS A MISPLACED SMIRK OR SIGH COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY NERVOUS PARENTS.



HER FACE WAS STONE, UNTIL...

AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A LITTLE GIRL IN THERE.



A COUPLE MONTHS LATER







I KNEW WHAT I WAS GETTING IN TO. IN BIRDLAND YOU DON'T JUST MARRY A BIRD. YOU MARRY THE WHOLE FAMILY. HAVING HER MOTHER COME IS EXPECTED.







