

Comix about
different problems my friends
and I have with our bodies

#2



The Dalkon Shield

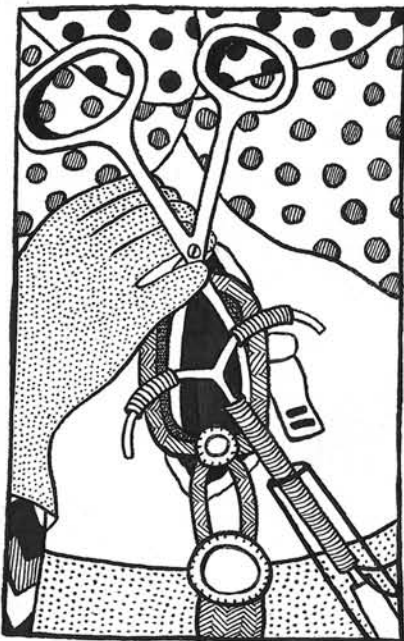
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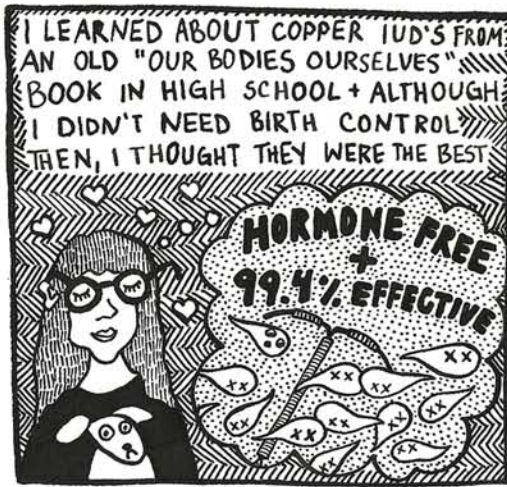
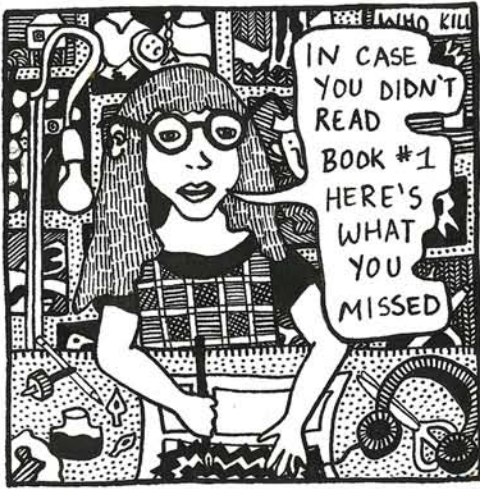
VERY SHORT "EXPOSÉ" BASED
ON STUFF I READ ONLINE

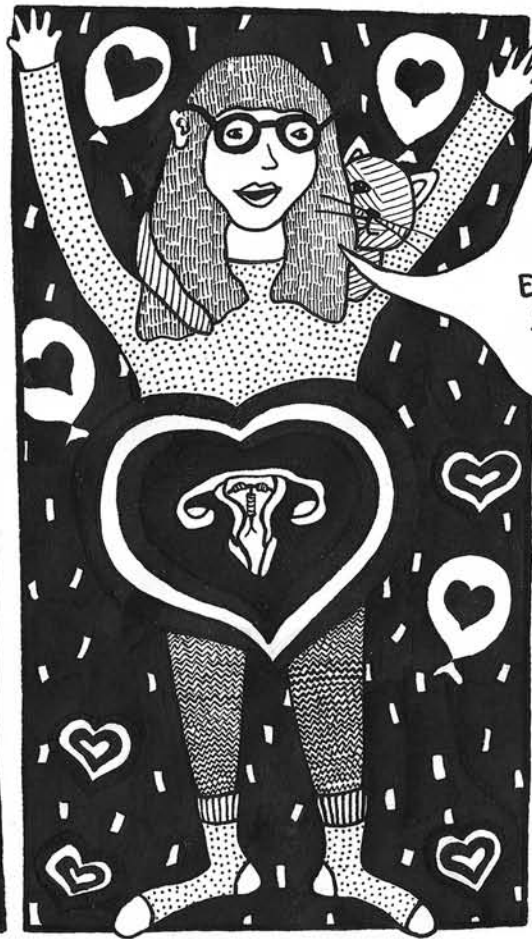




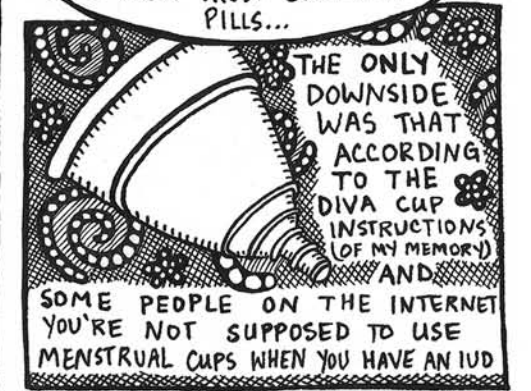
Out of Control BIRTH CONTROL Part 2



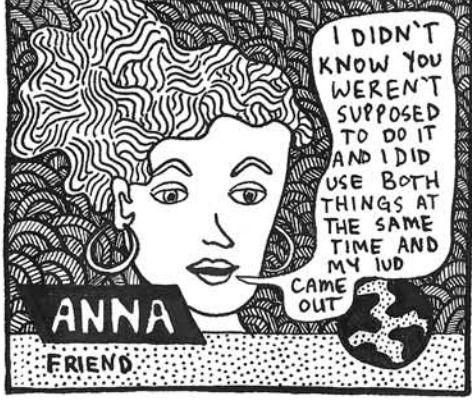


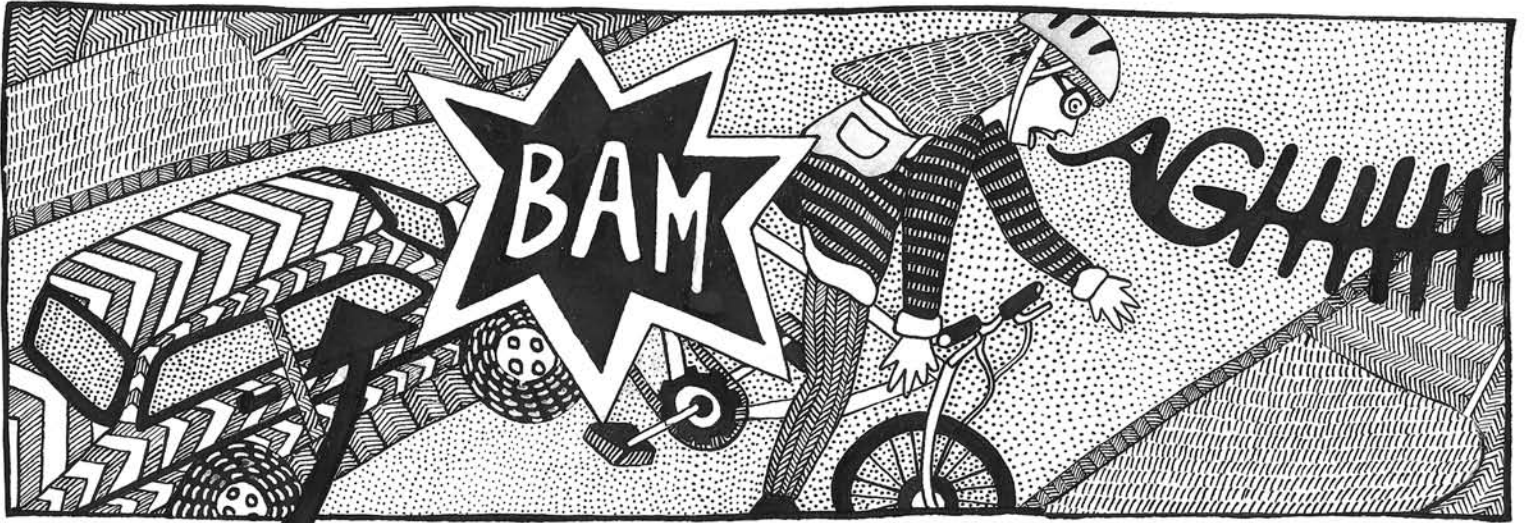


WHO CARES
THIS IS THE
BEST!
I'M HAVING SEEMINGLY NO EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SIDE EFFECTS AND I FEEL LIKE I CAN REALLY TRUST THIS THING TO KEEP ME FROM GETTING PREGNANT*
* I NEVER QUITE WAS ABLE TO FULLY TRUST CONDOMS OR PILLS...



WHAT DIFFERENT EXPERTS ARE SAYING:





DR. R ---
 PROFESSOR AT LOCAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE

INTERESTS

RHETORIC, COMPOSITION, SCI-FI, CORE CURRICULUM

- INITIATED A NEW PROCESS FOR ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF THE CORE

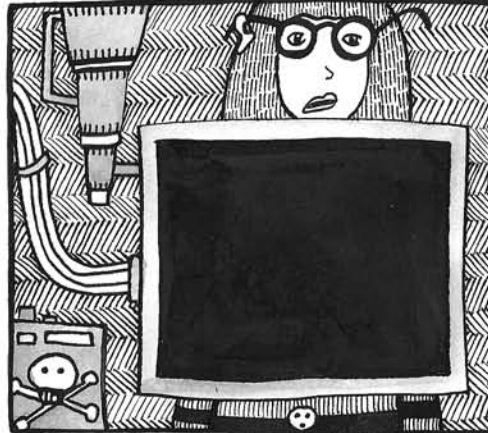
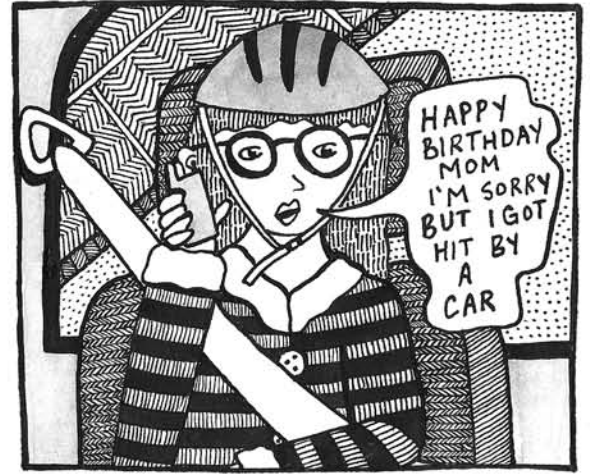


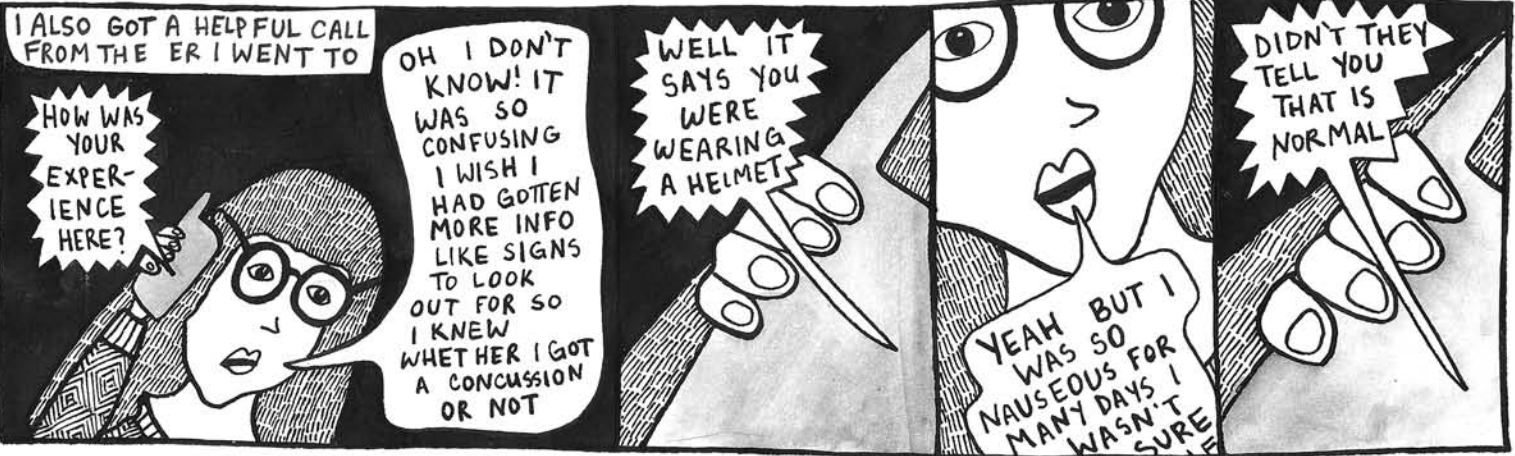
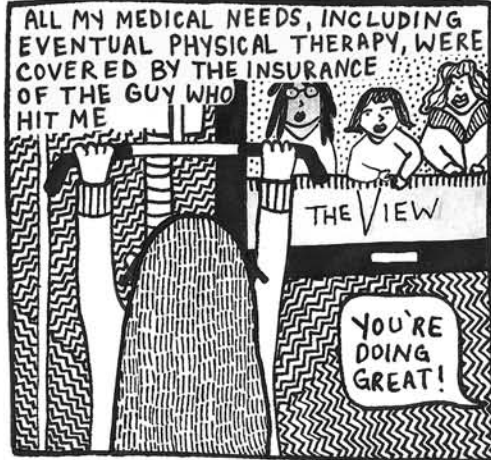
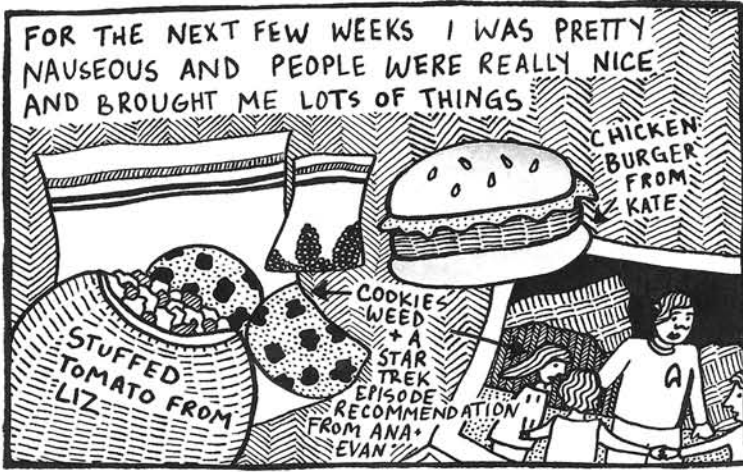
RATE MY PROFESSORS 🔍

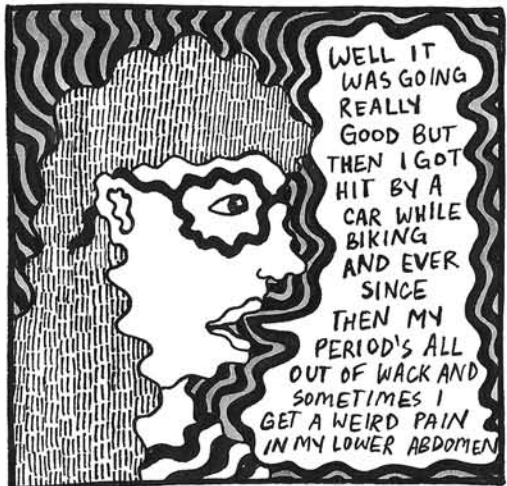
OVERALL QUALITY (NOT RED) **3.8** HOTNESS 🍌

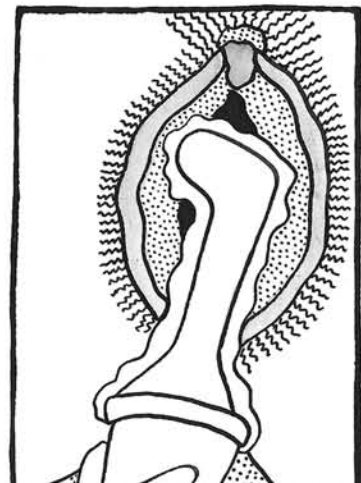
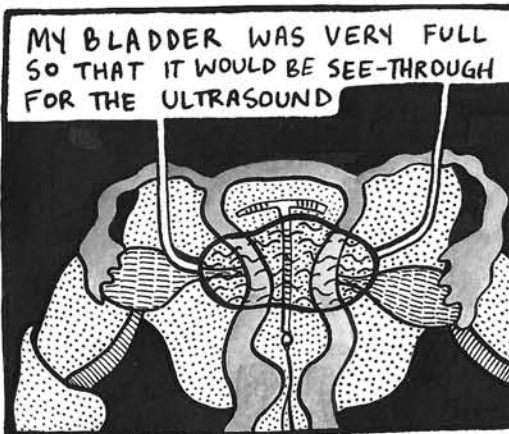
- 😊 He is quite scatterbrained and easily confused and distracted
- 😊 You can Sparknotes
- 😊 Wastes a lot of time cuz he doesn't know how to use the computer
- 😞 Horrible teacher! Doesn't allow any free thoughts + cares way to much about grammar







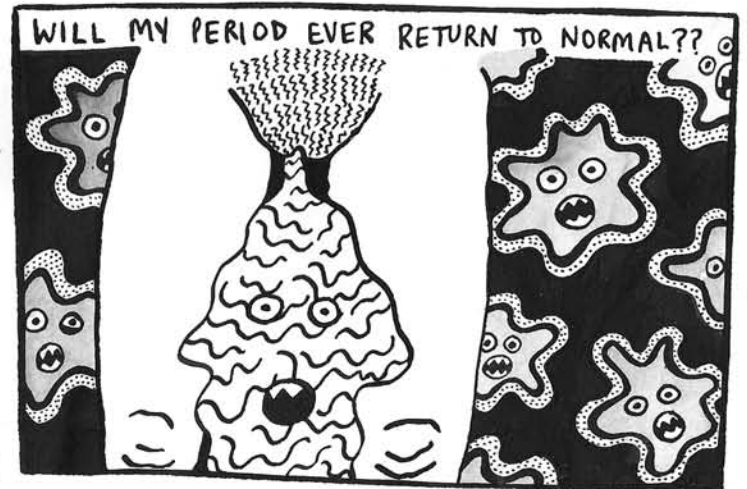
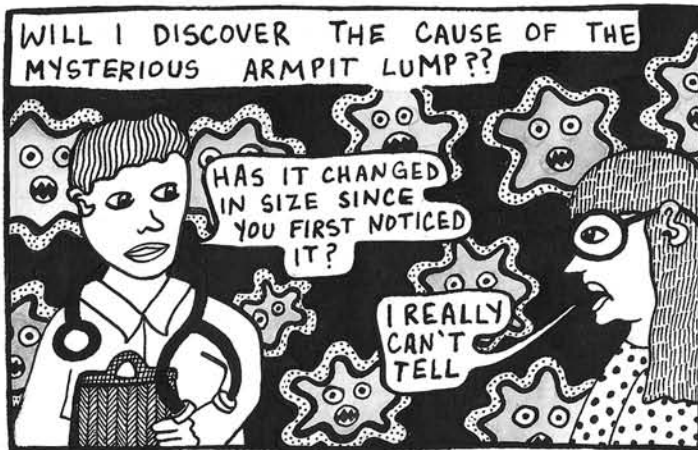








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THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE MAY BE ANSWERED IN ISSUE #3

★ IN THIS STORY I MENTIONED A CONSUMER GOOD BY THE NAME OF "THE DIVA CUP." JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT IT IS NOT THE ONLY, AND PROBABLY NOT THE BEST, MENSTRUAL CUP ON THE MARKET. THERE'S A DIFFERENT ONE CALLED "THE KEEPER" + PROBABLY SOME OTHERS TO COMPARISON SHOP.



HELP ME PLEASE!!

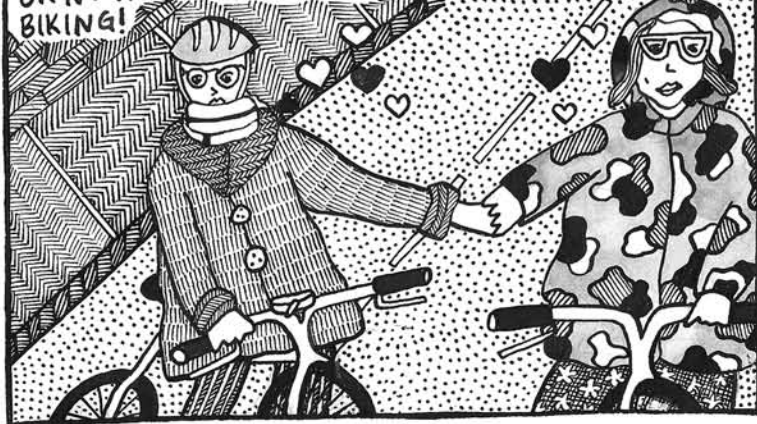


STORY BY STEPHANIE DAX

SOME WINTER DAY IN FEBRUARY 2015 MY SKIRT (GUNNER) AND I WERE TAKING A DATE DOWNTOWN FOR A PLANNED PARENTHOOD APPOINTMENT



OH NO ACTUALLY WE WEREN'T ON THE BUS WE WERE BIKING!



WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN...



I GOT A VERY SHARP PAIN ON BOTH SIDES OF MY LOWER BACK. MY BEST GUESS WAS... MY KIDNEYS?



BUT WE KEPT GOING, I FIGURED I COULD BIKE IT OFF + SOON WE WERE AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

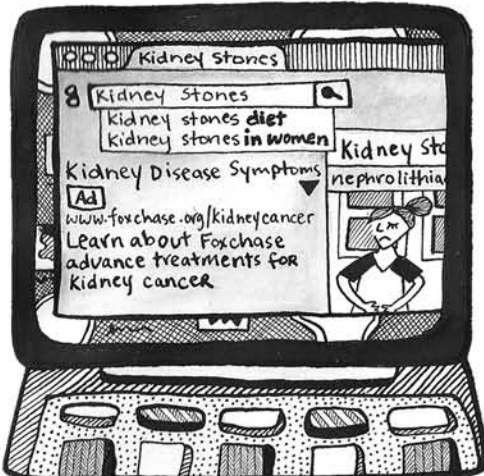
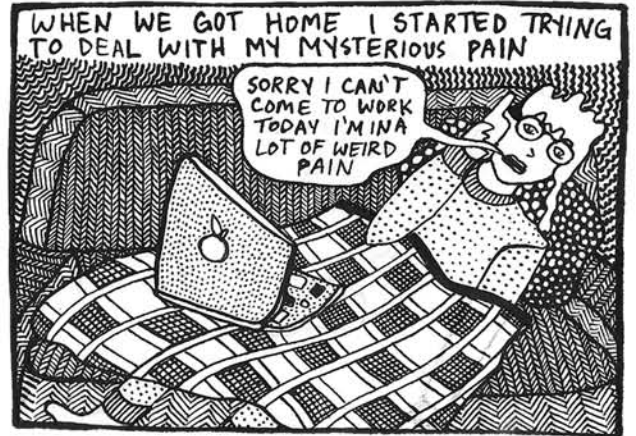


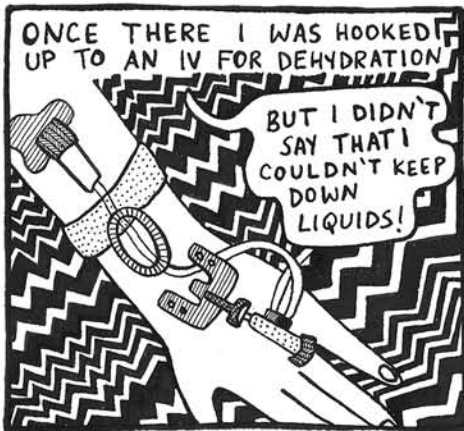
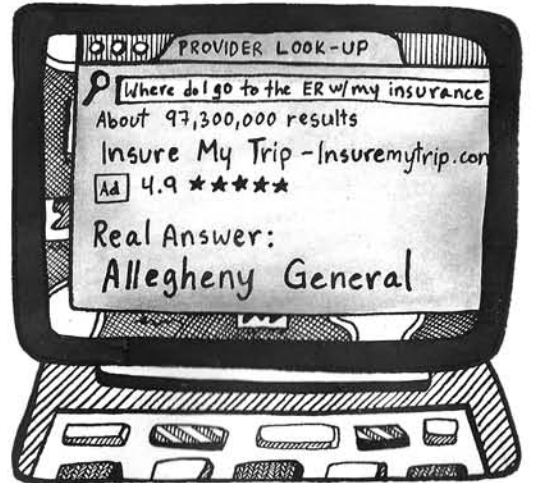
WE WENT THERE FOR GUNNER TO GET HER IUD REMOVED

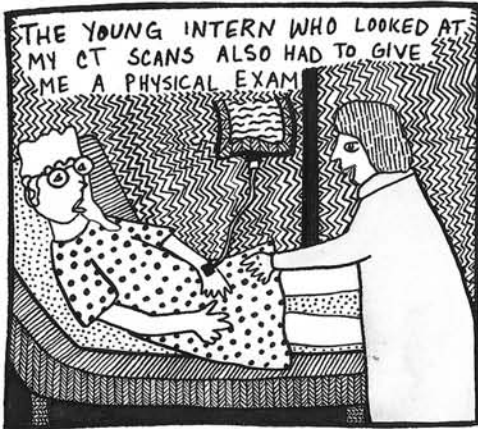
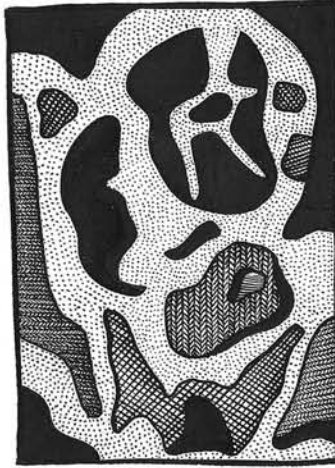


I WAITED WITH A MANAGEABLE AMOUNT OF PAIN





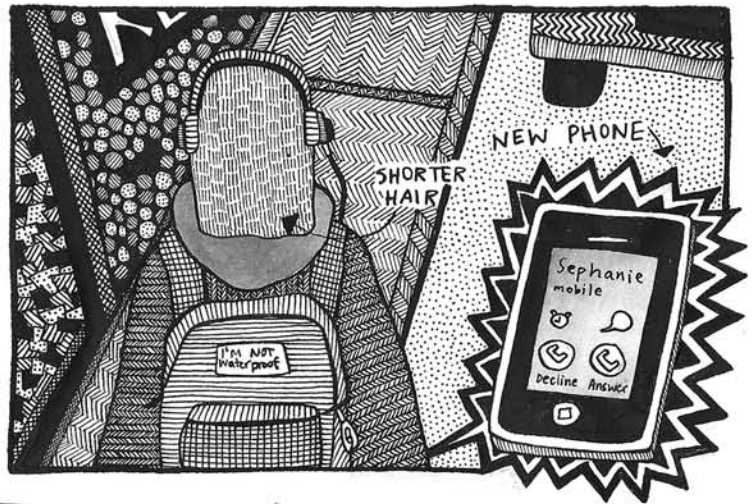




THE ONE GOOD THING THAT CAME OUT OF THE ER VISIT ASIDE FROM A HIGH BILL, WAS NOT PAIN MEDS, BUT A NUMBER TO CALL + A MESSAGE TO SEND TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH A GYNECOLOGIST



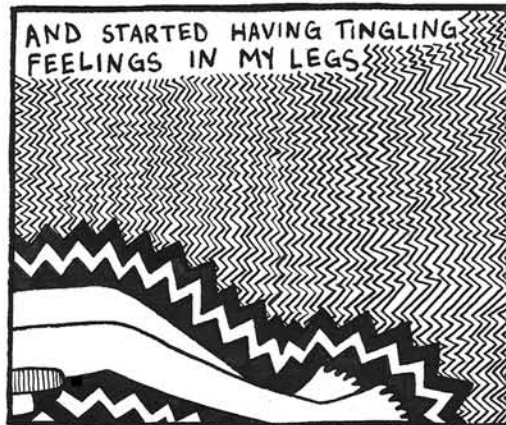


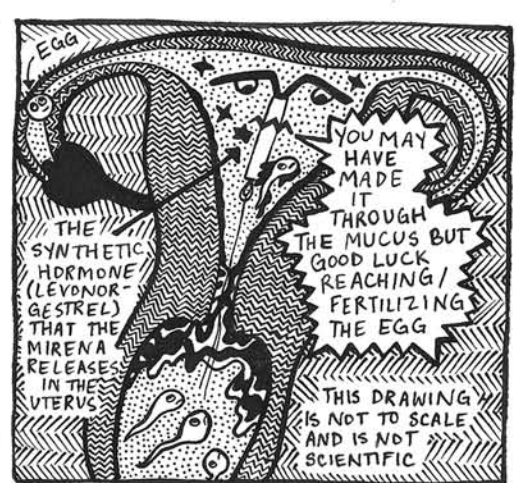
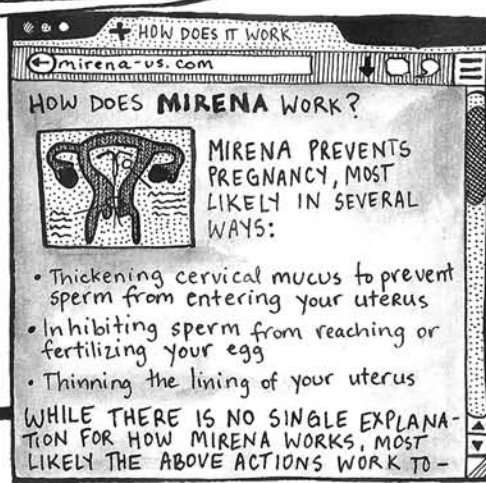
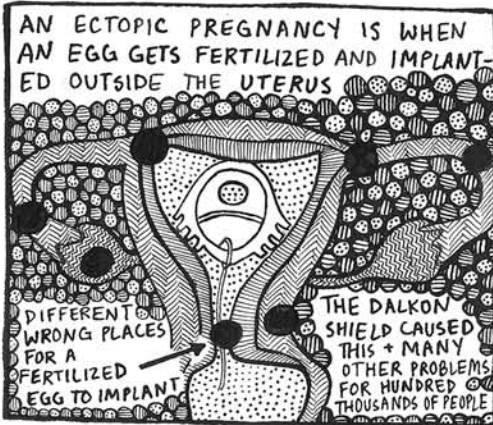
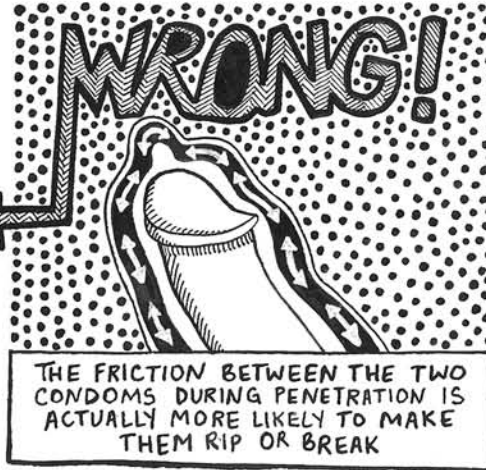


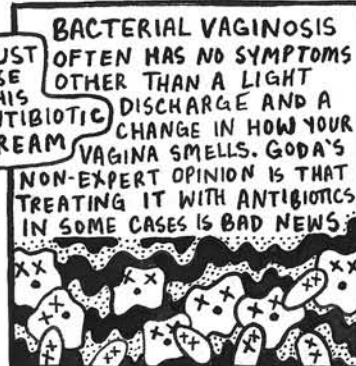
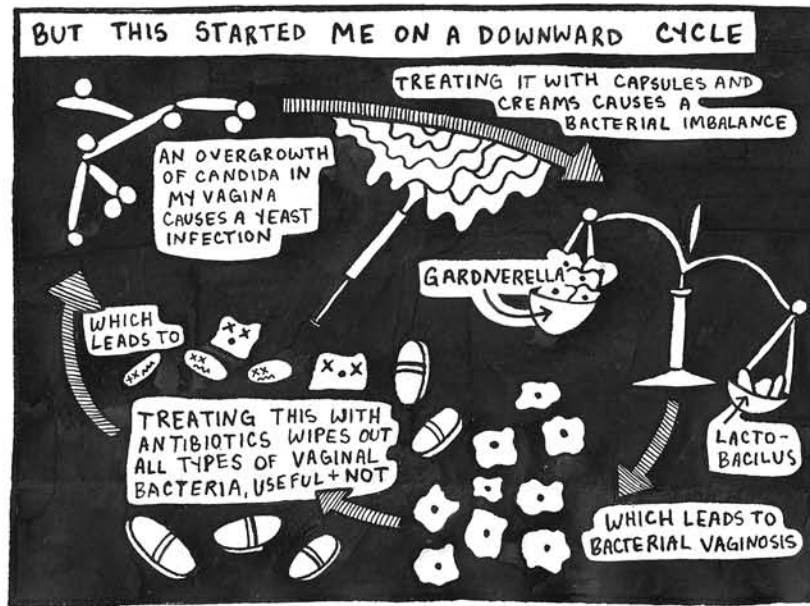
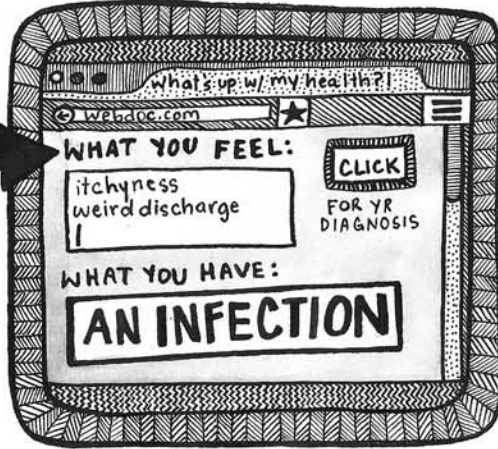
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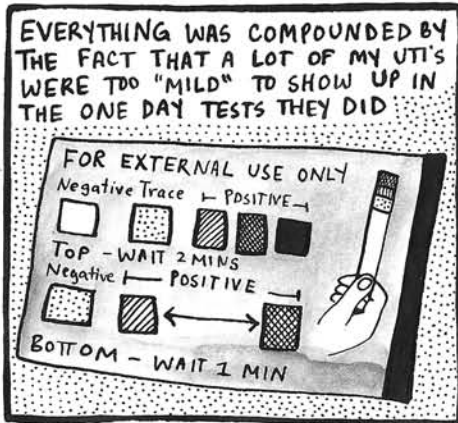
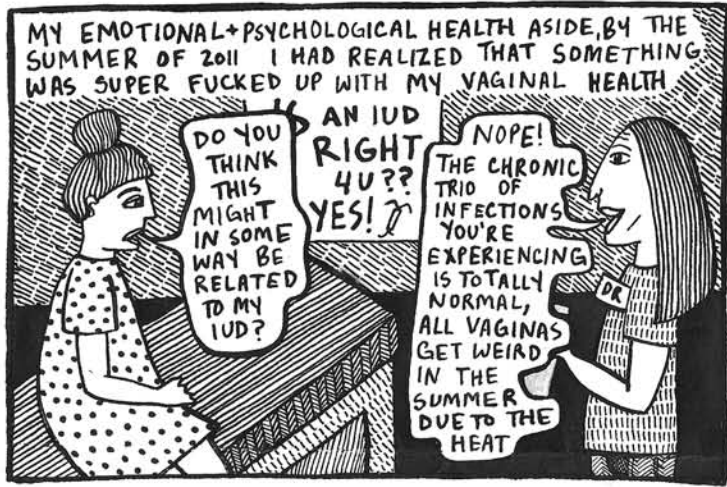


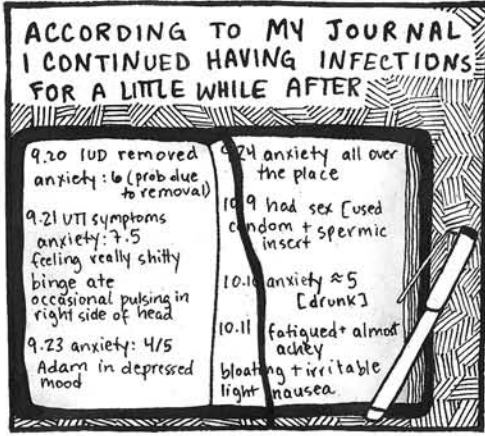
STORY BY CATHERINE GIMBRONE











FRAGMENTS FROM THE
REPULSIVE HISTORY OF

The Dalkon Shield

BUDDIES (INVENTOR/ENGINEER) IRWIN LERNER AND (JOHNS HOPKINS PROFESSOR OF GYNECOLOGY) DR. HUGH DAVIS EXCITEDLY DISCUSS A NEW CONTRACEPTIVE IDEA ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

1967

THE PILL IS VERY DANGEROUS + OTHER IUDS KEEP FALLING OUT, SO WE'LL MAKE ONE WITH TEETH SO IT STAYS IN GOOD!

GREAT IDEA! I CAN TEST IT OUT ON THE LOW-INCOME BLACK WOMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY CLINIC, I WON'T EVEN BOTHER HAVING THEM SIGN INFORMED CONSENT FORMS CUZ I HAVE RACIST, EUGENICS LIKE VIEWS ABOUT PREGNANCY AS A SOCIAL ILL

SOON ENOUGH, LERNER + DAVIS HAVE A SPIKY IUD PRODUCT, A SELF-CONDUCTED STUDY WITH GLOWING RESULTS PUBLISHED IN A PROMINENT OBGYN JOURNAL, AND A BUSINESS PARTNER WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY HAWKS THE DALKON TO DOCTORS AT MEDICAL CONVENTIONS

1970

GET YOURS TODAY, FOLKS!

"SO SAFE" + "EFFECTIVE"

- FANCY + TRUSTY JOHNS HOPKINS STUDY

WOW! I'LL TAKE 100!

Who are candidates for the Dalkon Shield?

The Nullip The "Pill Reactor" The "Clinic Patient" The Disorganized Woman

DOCTORS BEGIN INSERTING THE SHIELDS INTO WOMEN NATION-WIDE TO VARIOUS RESULTS

AGHHHOUWW

I HAVE FOUND THE PROCEDURE TO BE THE MOST TRAUMATIC MANIPULATION EVER PERPETRATED ON WOMANHOOD, AND I HAVE INSERTED THOUSANDS OF OTHER VARIETIES

SOON REPORTS START COMING IN FROM WOMEN EXPERIENCING ISSUES LIKE INTENSE PAIN, ECTOPIC PREGNANCY, AND BLOOD POISONING. THE TEETH OF THE DALKONS MAKE THEM HARD TO REMOVE, AND IN SOME CASES PROBLEMS PERSIST AFTER REMOVAL, LEADING TO THINGS LIKE EMERGENCY HYSTERECTOMIES. AS MANY AS 200,000 WOMEN IN THE US END UP TESTIFYING TO HAVING BEEN INJURED BY THE DALKON, MANY BECOME INFERTILE, SOME DIE

Turns out that the thick string put in place to yank out the Dalkon is made up of lots of filaments which bacteria can use to travel up into the uterus

THE UTERUS, WHICH IS ALREADY VULNERABLE TO INFECTION, IS MADE EVEN MORE AT-RISK BECAUSE THE DALKON'S SPIKES CAN CUT INTO THE UTERINE WALL, CREATING GREAT CONDITIONS FOR AN INFECTION TO FESTER + SPREAD

SERIOUS COMPLAINTS START STACKING UP, AND WHEN IT BECOMES HARD TO SELL DALKONS IN THE US, BULK PACKAGES OF THE SHIELDS ARE SOLD TO USAID'S OFFICE OF POPULATION + DISTRIBUTED TO 40 COUNTRIES INCLUDING ETHIOPIA, MALAYSIA, YUGOSLAVIA, TUNISIA, KENYA AND PARAGUAY

1973

R.T. RAVENHOLT
HEAD OF USAID
OFFICE OF
POPULATION
'66-79

WE GOT A GREAT DEAL ON THE DALKONS CUZ WE AGREED TO BUY THEM UNSTERILIZED! THEY DON'T CAUSE INFECTIONS, WOMEN FREQUENTLY CHANGING SEXUAL PARTNERS CAUSES INFECTIONS

DESPITE AN INTERNATIONAL RE-CALL IN 1974, DALKONS CONTINUED BEING INSERTED INTO WOMEN OUTSIDE THE U.S. UNTIL THE LATE 1970'S

HUGH DAVIS BECAME VERY PARANOID, HIRED A BODY GUARD AND SPENT ABOUT A DECADE IN+ OUT OF PSYCHIATRIC WARDS. THEN HE DIED.

IRWIN LERNER IS NOW CONSIDERED A "GIANT OF THE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY"

I WAS BEHIND THE PROMOTION FOR ZANTAC, WHICH IN ITS DAY WAS THE BEST-SELLING DRUG IN HISTORY!

MY SHIELD IS PERFECT! I WAS SABOTAGED!

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