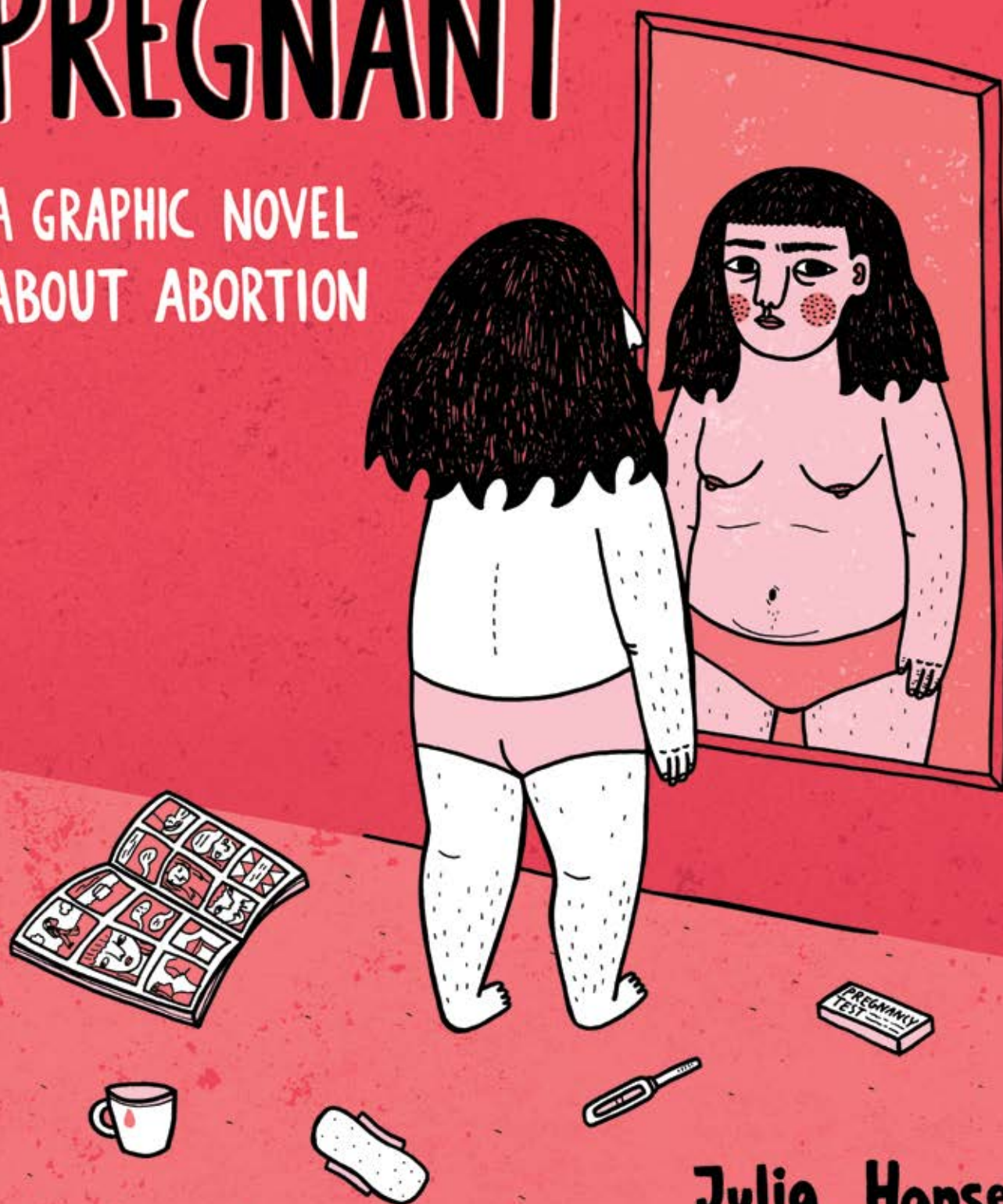


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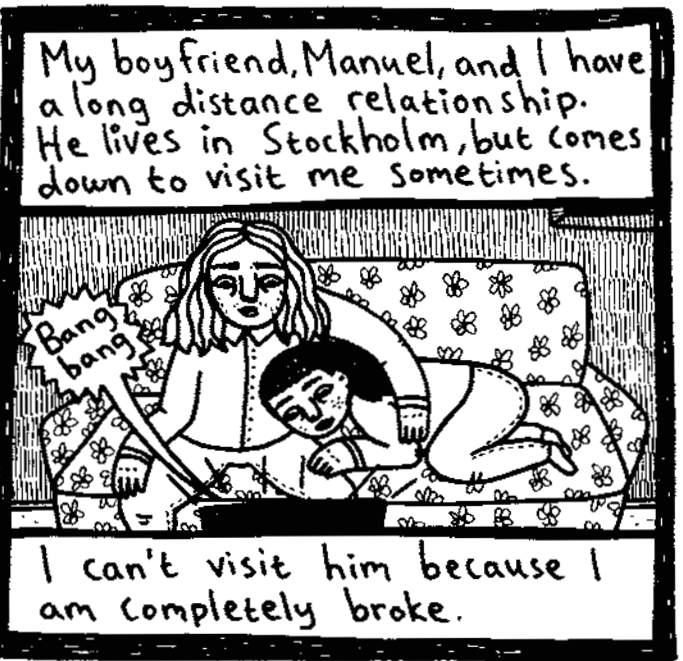
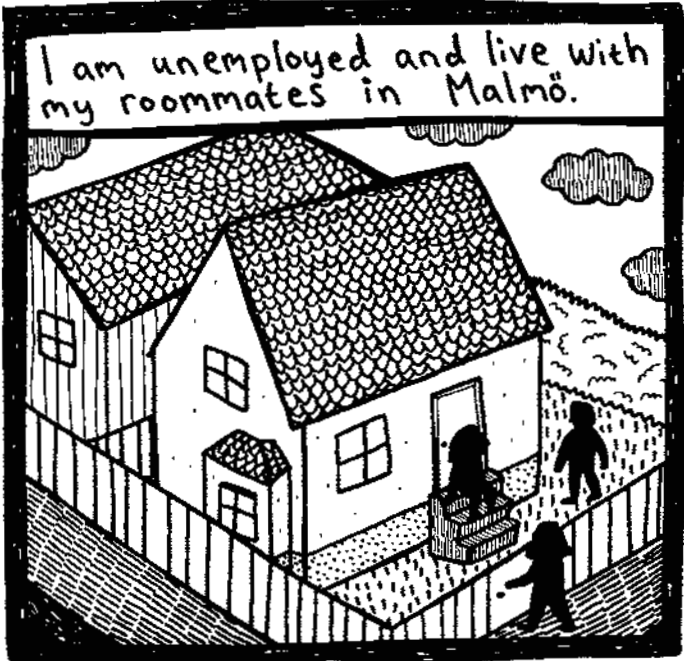
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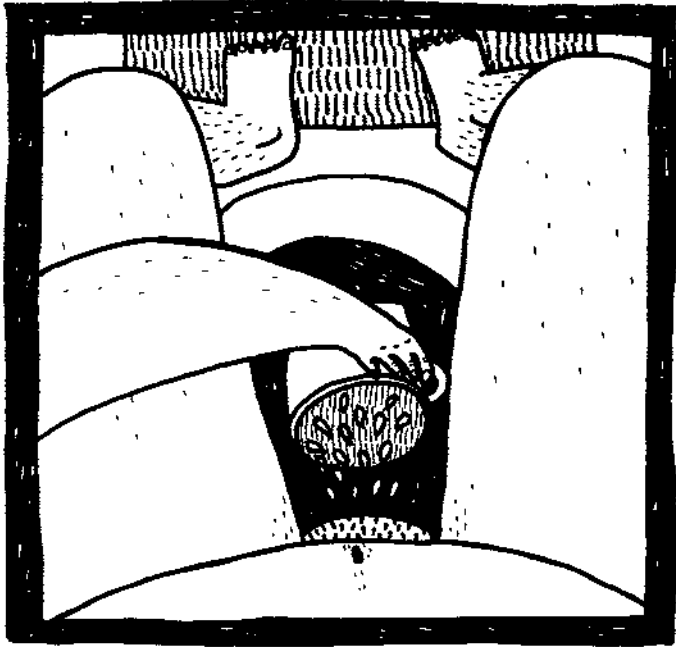
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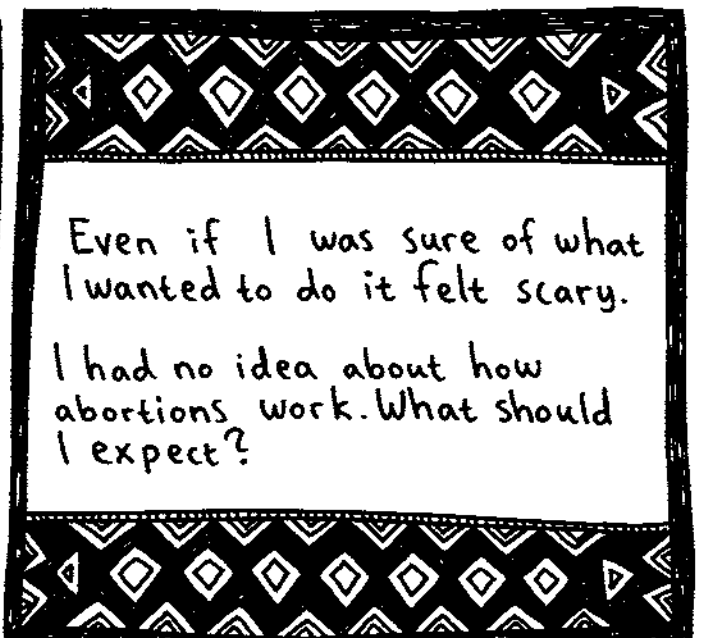


This is the story of my abortion.



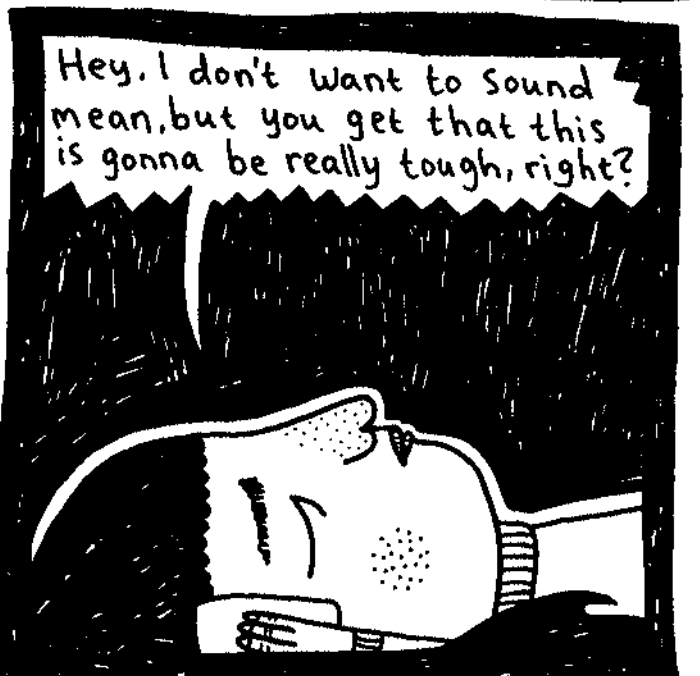
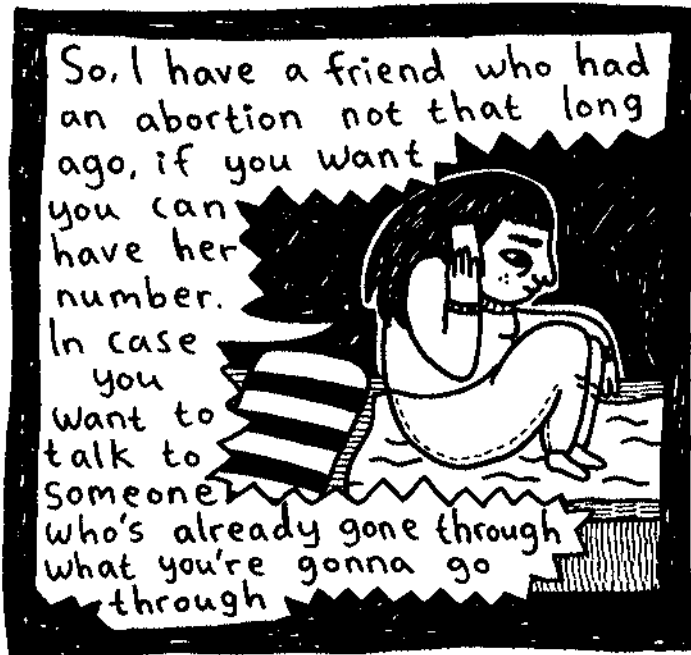




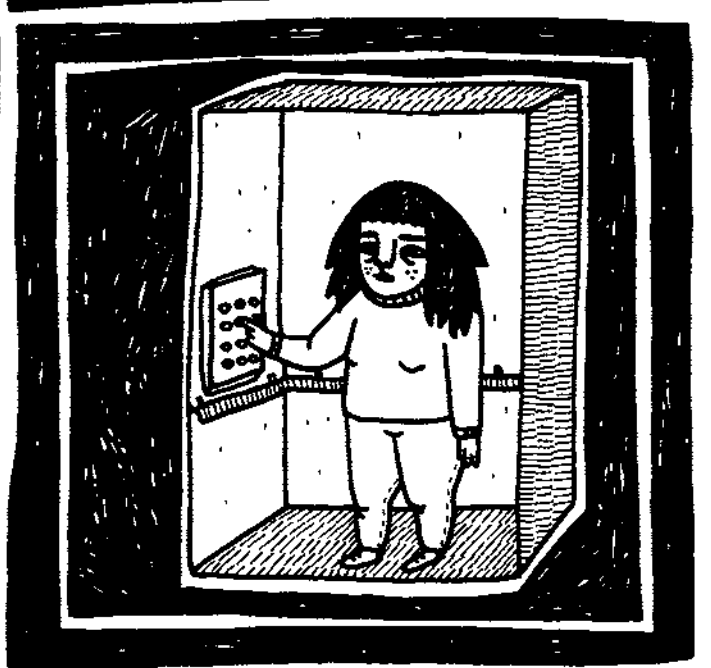
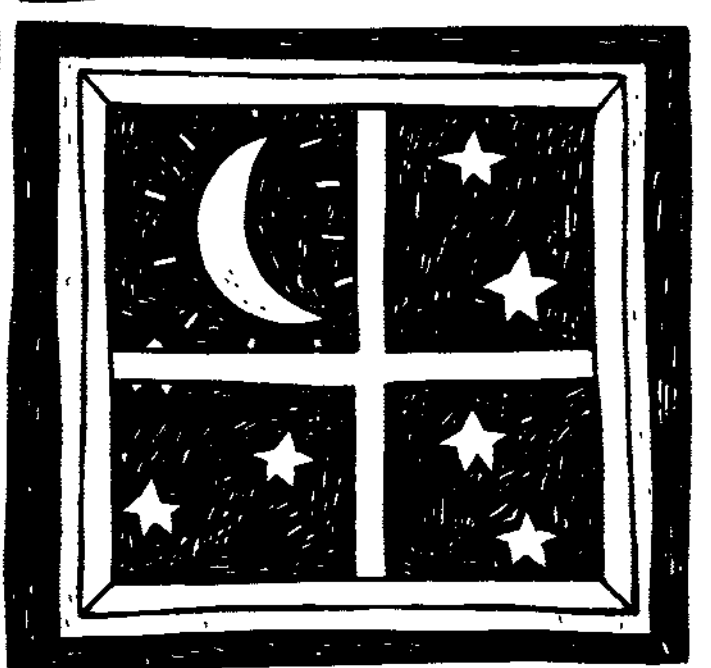
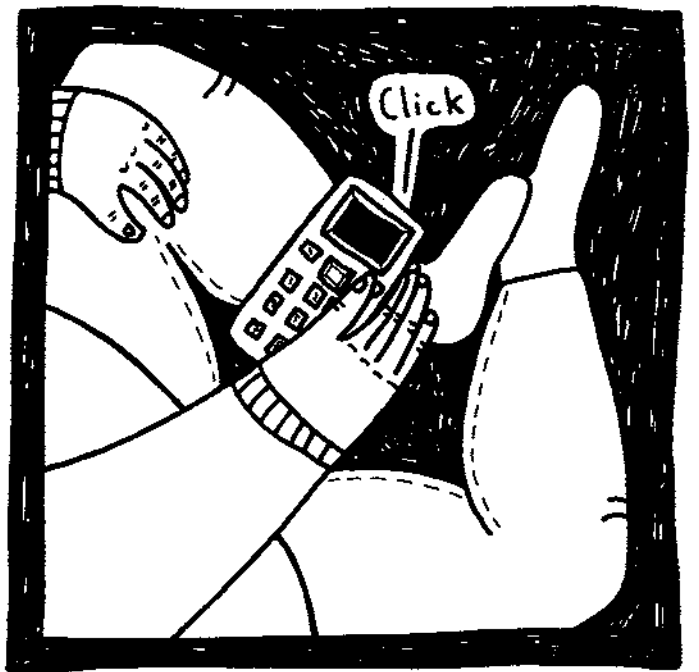


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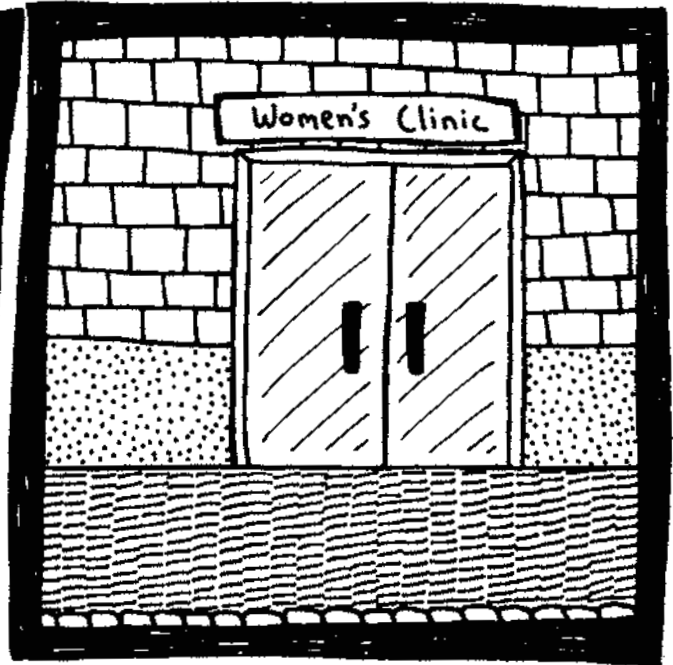


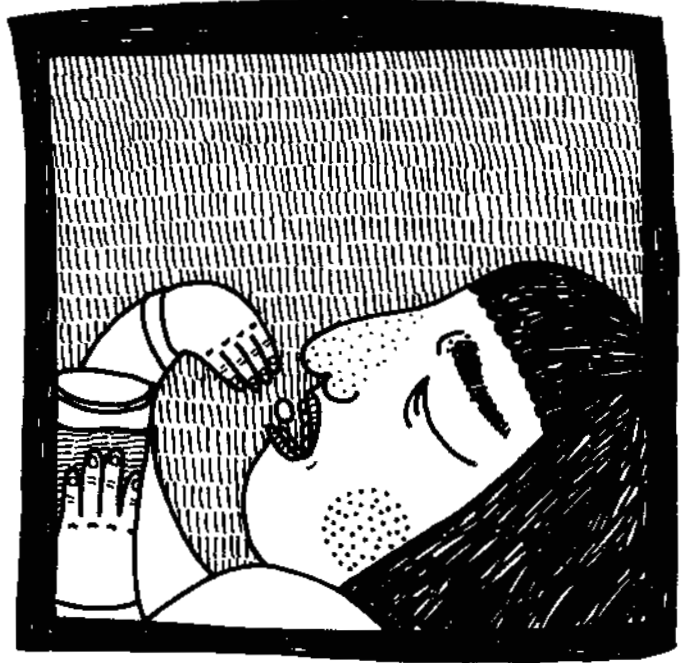




A few days later I was called up by the women's clinic and was offered a new time for the abortion, that same week. They'd had a cancellation. I accepted it straight away.

THE PREPARATION

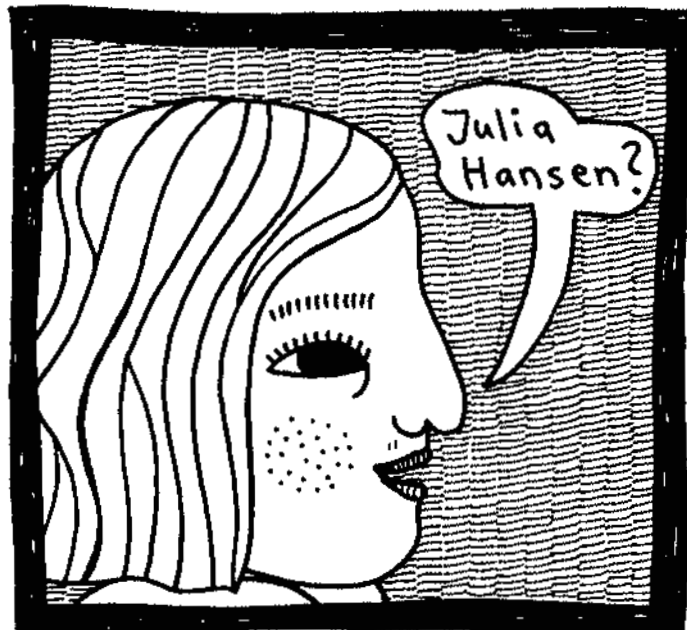








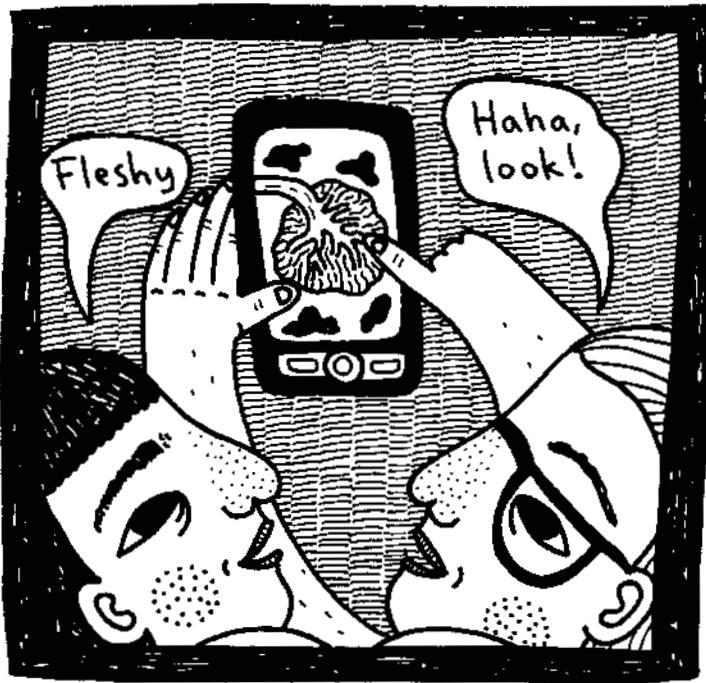


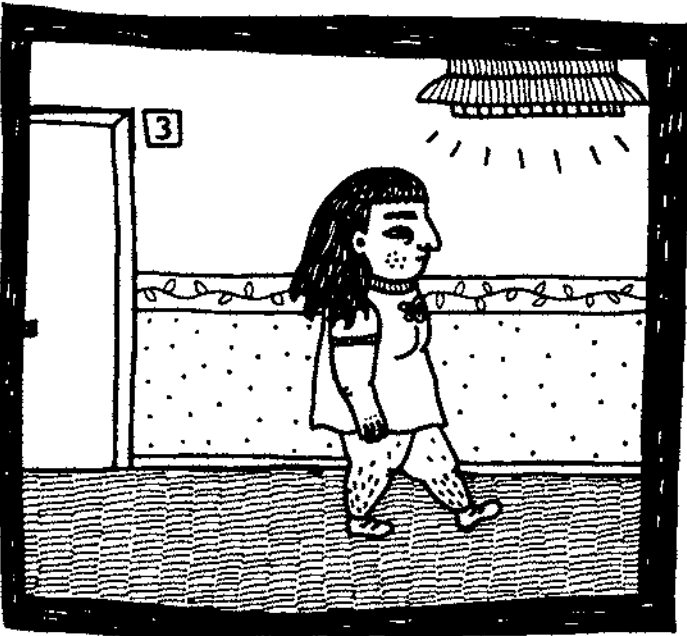




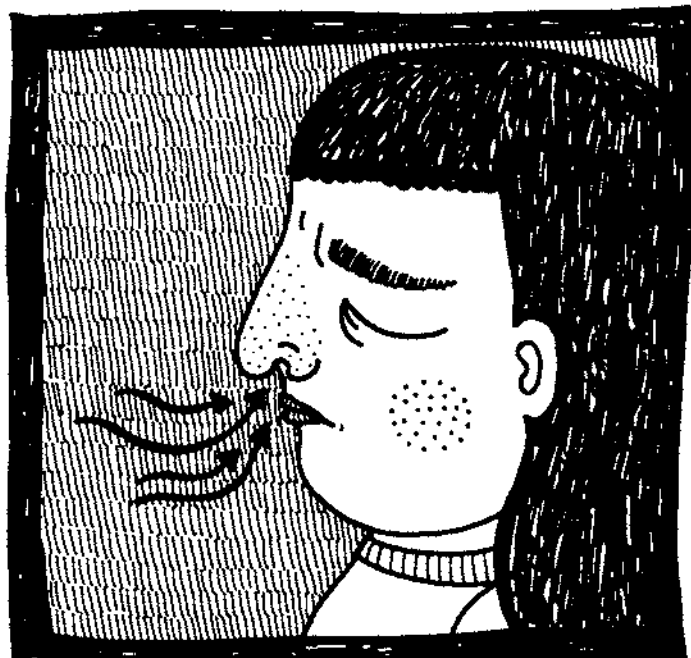


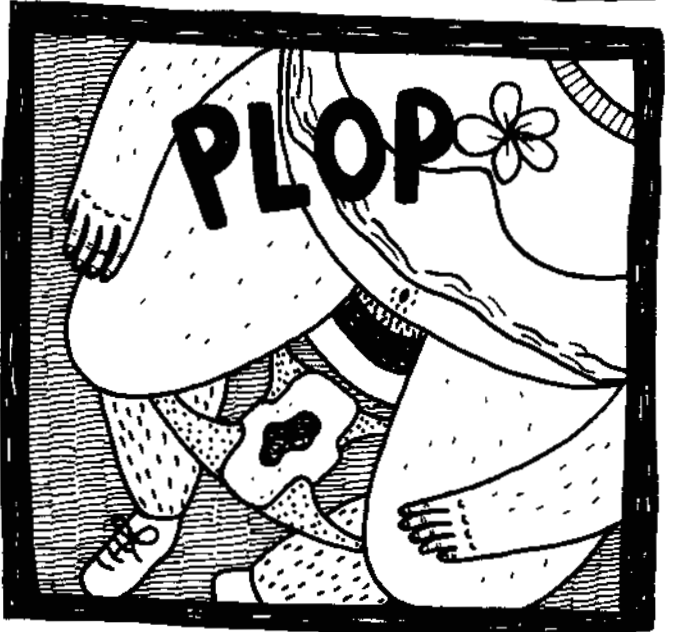


















Afterward, Maja and I took the bus to her place.



She and her partner cooked and took care of me.



Weird that your older brother hasn't called today



Do you want more tomato sauce?

No thank you, I don't have much of an appetite



I should probably go meet Manuel at the train soon



But

Are you sure you can manage?

Yeah



You can stay if you want





I bled from my vagina for a couple of weeks after the abortion.



The first couple of days I had to wear a big pad that felt like a diaper.



I was disappointed with Manuel for not coming with me to the women's clinic.

But I had work the night before!



You didn't even try to take the day off!

I felt alone and worried that I smelled like period blood all the time because of the "diaper pad".



No one really knew how or if they could talk to me about the abortion.



Two weeks later I took the pregnancy test they gave me at the women's clinic. It was negative.

I was so fucking relieved.





Julia Hansen is a cartoonist from Sweden. *Two lines = Pregnant* is based on her celebrated graphic novel debut *Det Växer* (It's Growing) from 2015. Her second novel, *I Paradisets Källare* (In the Basement of Paradise), was published in 2017. Julia has also illustrated comic strips for magazines and contributed to several anthologies.

Do you want to know more about abortion or do you need someone to talk to? Contact your youth clinic or student health clinic.



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