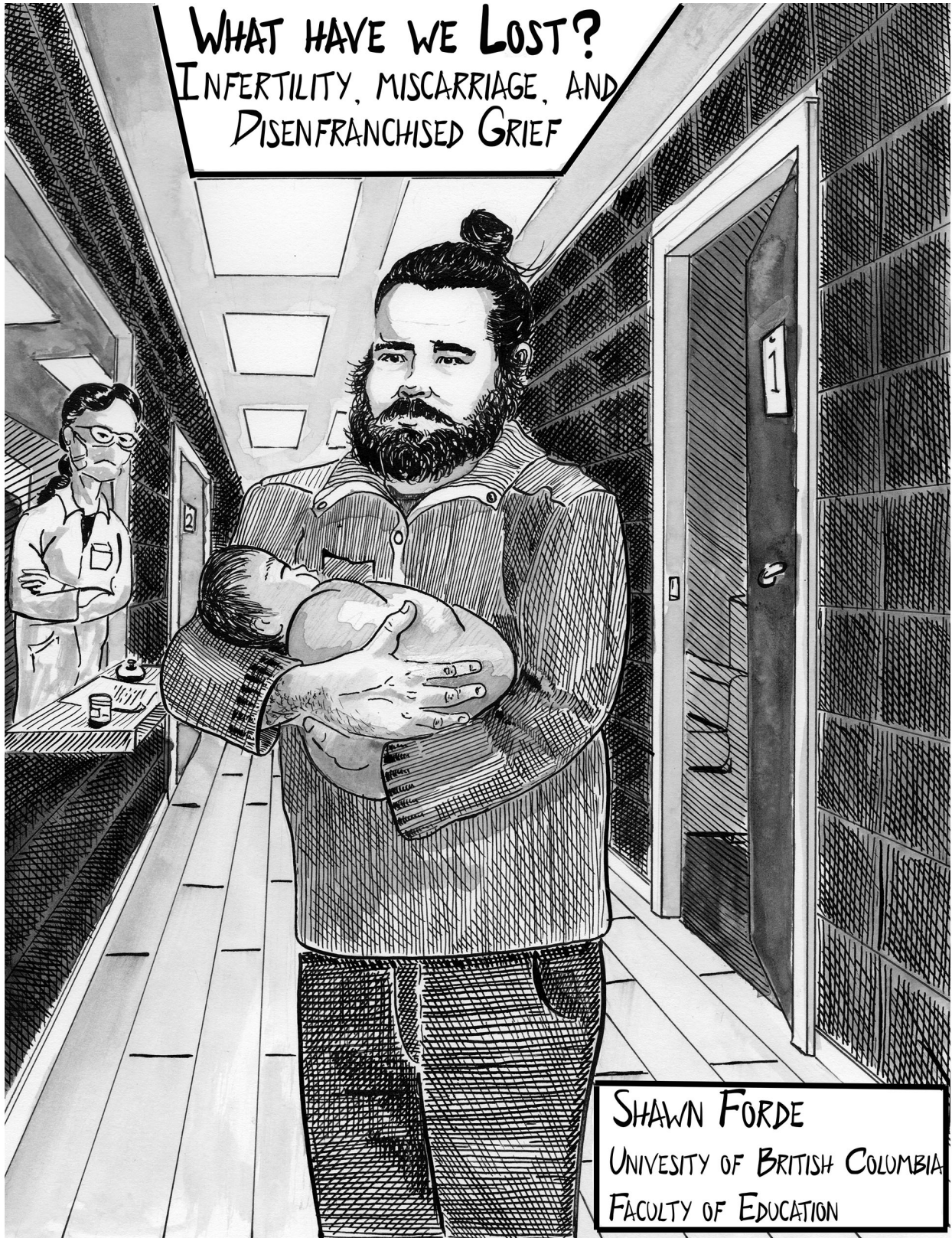
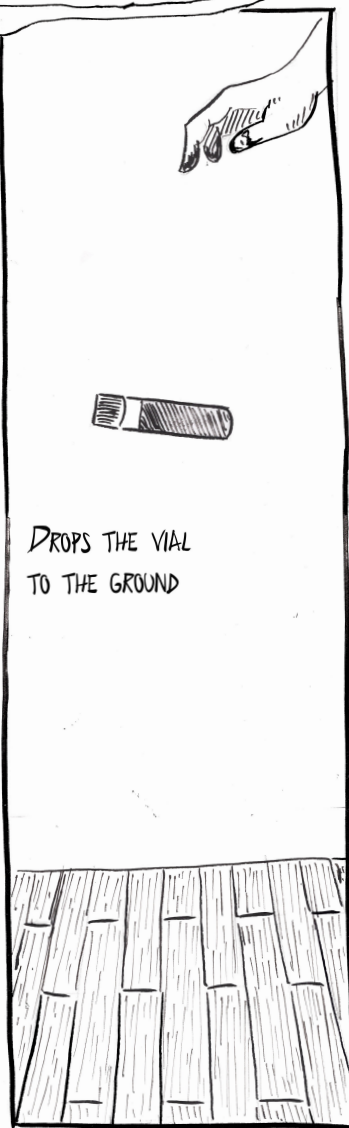
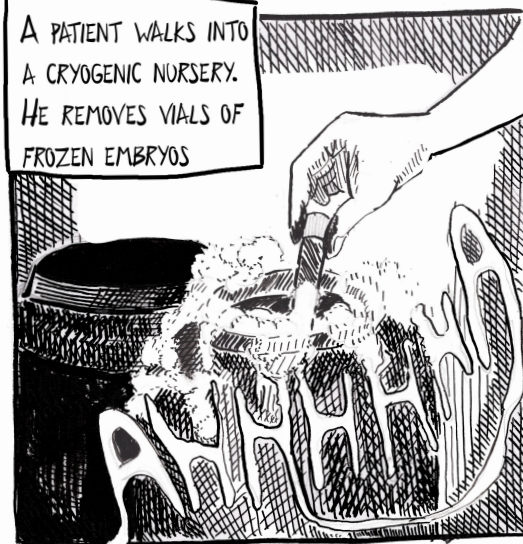
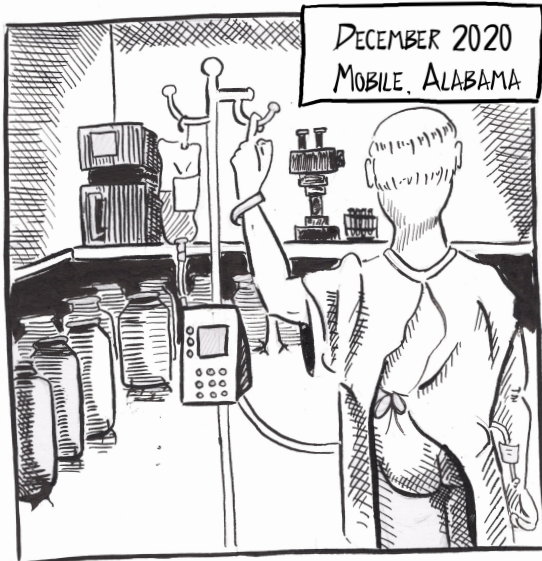


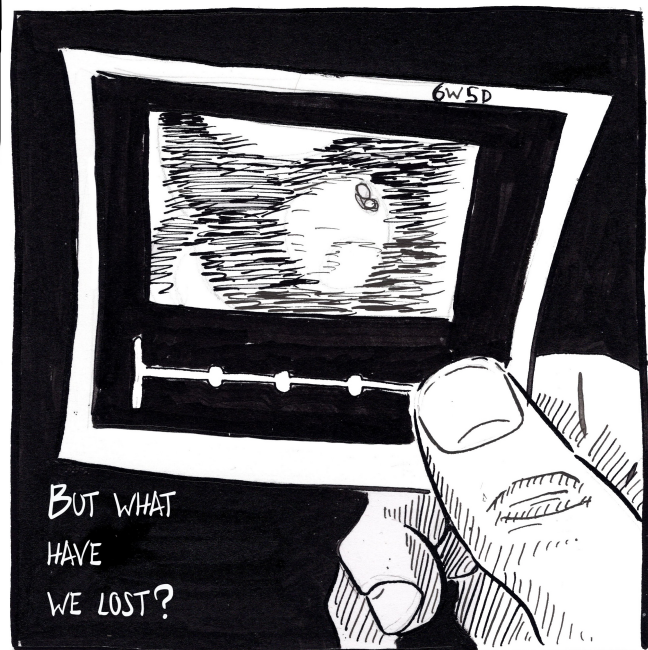
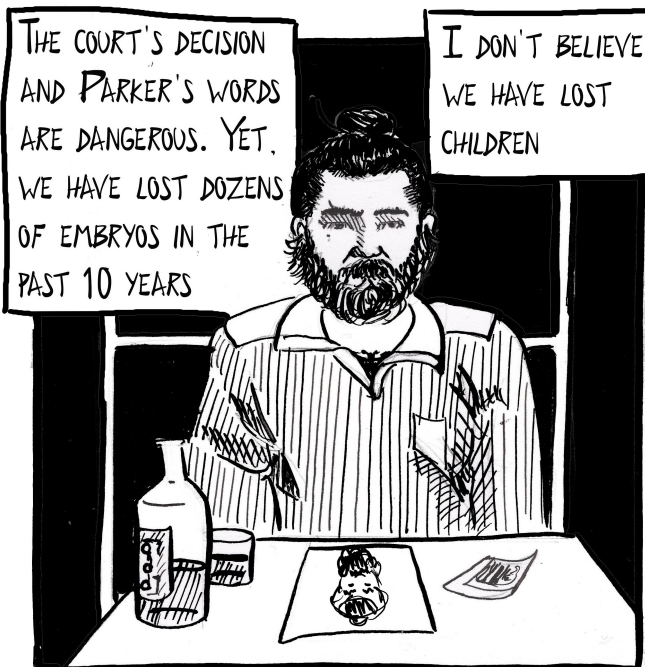
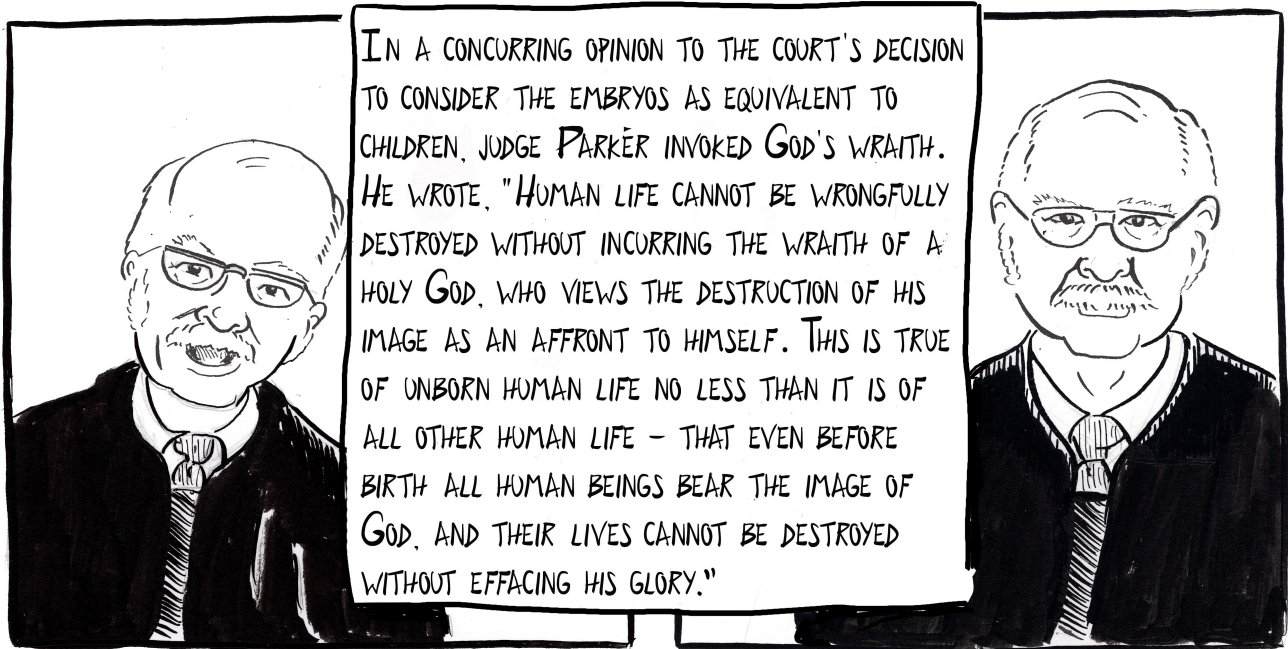
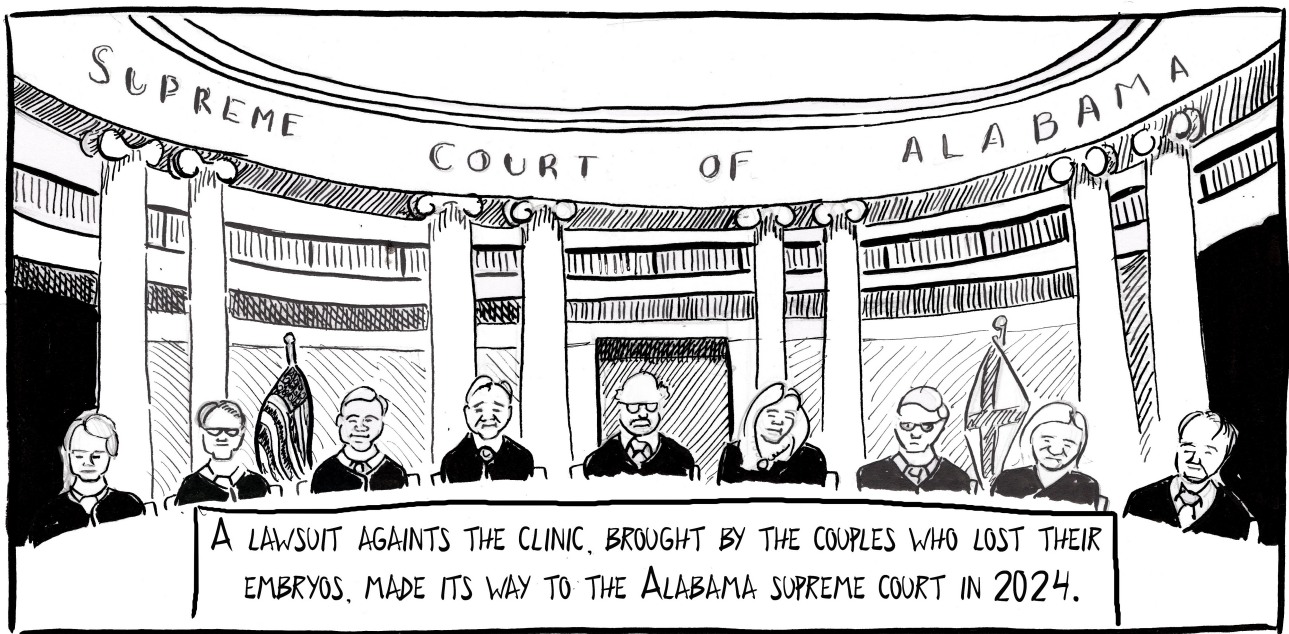
# WHAT HAVE WE LOST? INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE, AND DISENFRANCHISED GRIEF



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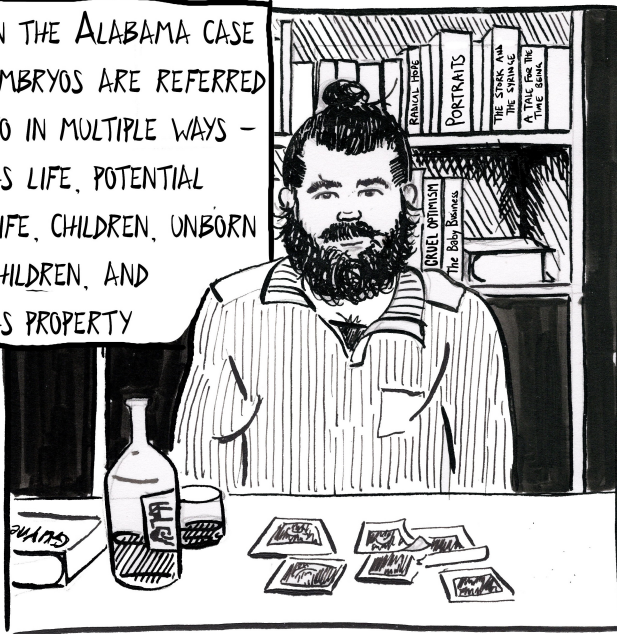




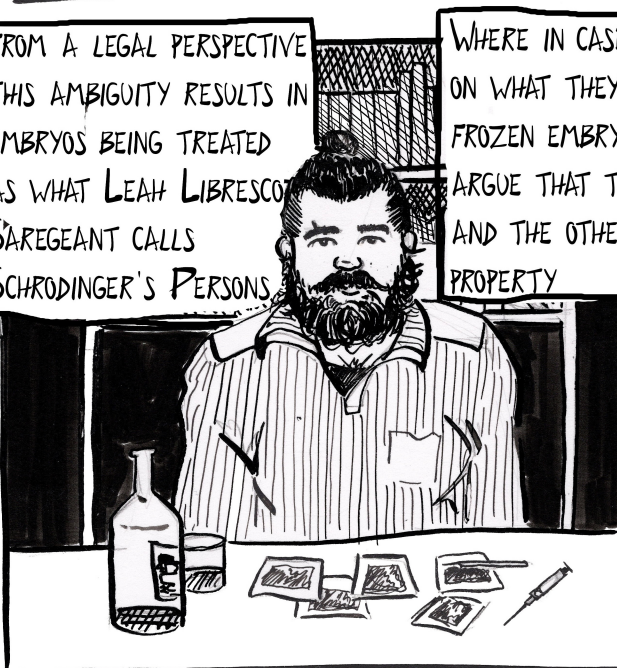




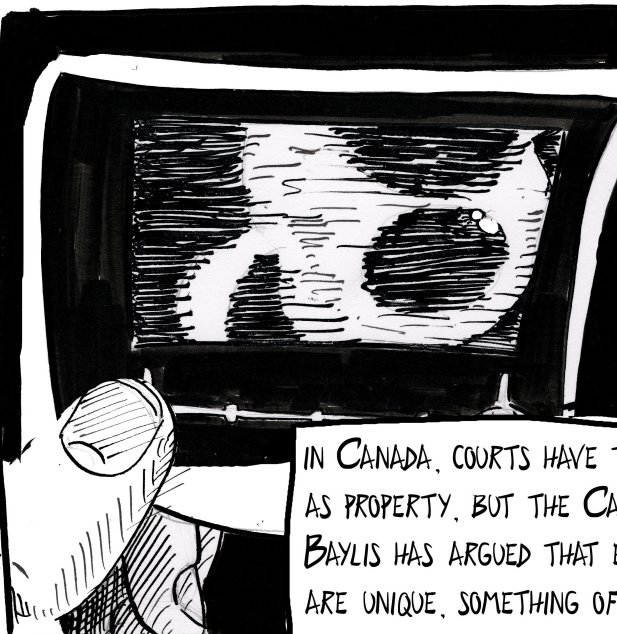
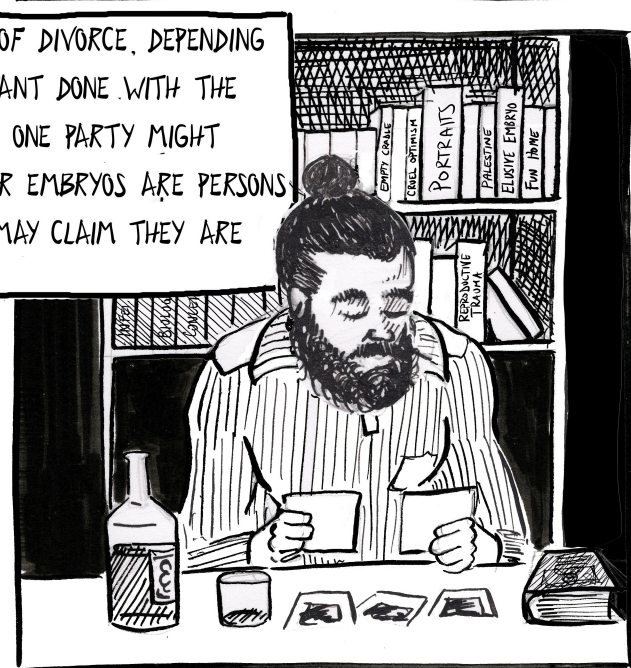
IN THE ALABAMA CASE  
EMBRYOS ARE REFERRED  
TO IN MULTIPLE WAYS -  
AS LIFE, POTENTIAL  
LIFE, CHILDREN, UNBORN  
CHILDREN, AND  
AS PROPERTY



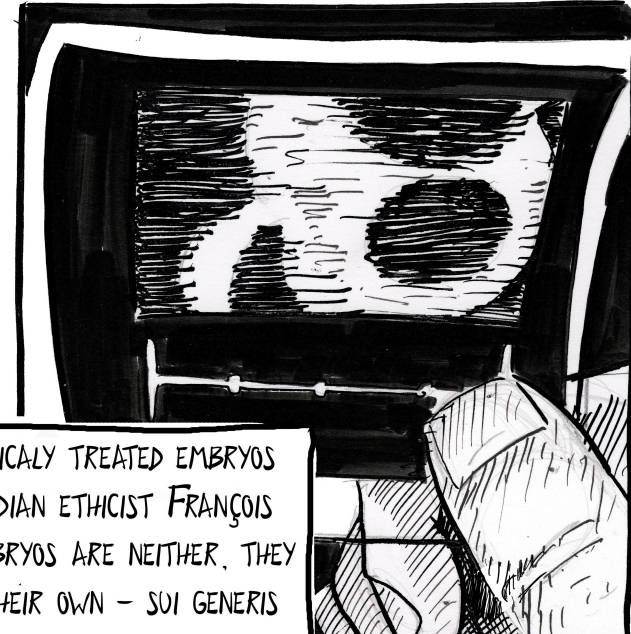
FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE  
THIS AMBIGUITY RESULTS IN  
EMBRYOS BEING TREATED  
AS WHAT LEAH LIBRESCOTT  
SAREGEANT CALLS  
SCHRODINGER'S PERSONS



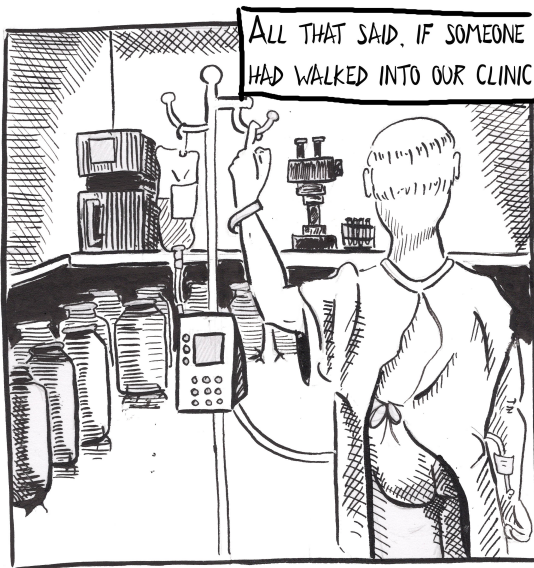
WHERE IN CASES OF DIVORCE, DEPENDING  
ON WHAT THEY WANT DONE WITH THE  
FROZEN EMBRYOS, ONE PARTY MIGHT  
ARGUE THAT THEIR EMBRYOS ARE PERSONS  
AND THE OTHER MAY CLAIM THEY ARE  
PROPERTY



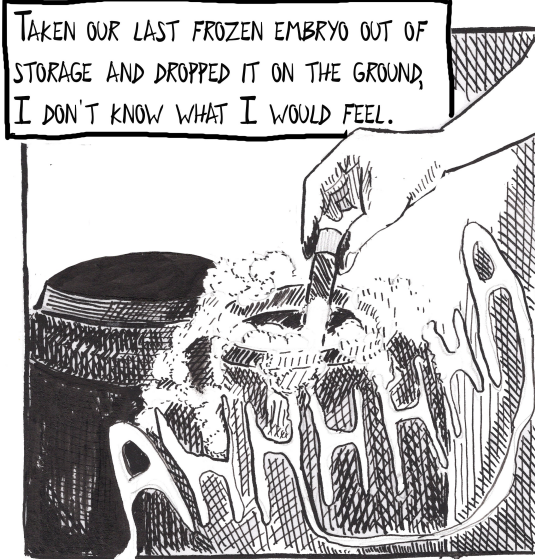
IN CANADA, COURTS HAVE TYPICALLY TREATED EMBRYOS  
AS PROPERTY, BUT THE CANADIAN ETHICIST FRANÇOIS  
BAYLIS HAS ARGUED THAT EMBRYOS ARE NEITHER, THEY  
ARE UNIQUE, SOMETHING OF THEIR OWN - SUI GENERIS



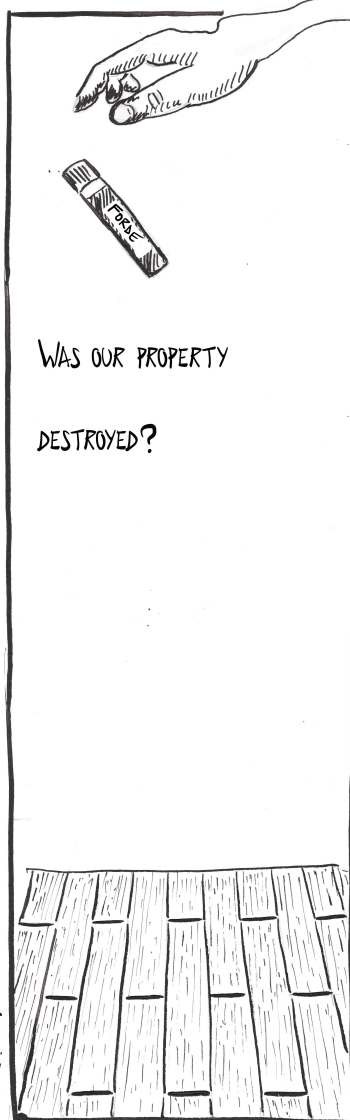




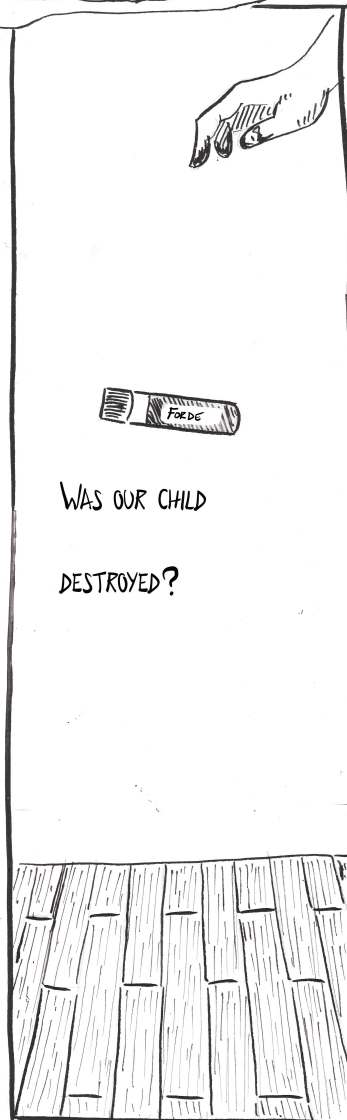
ALL THAT SAID, IF SOMEONE  
HAD WALKED INTO OUR CLINIC



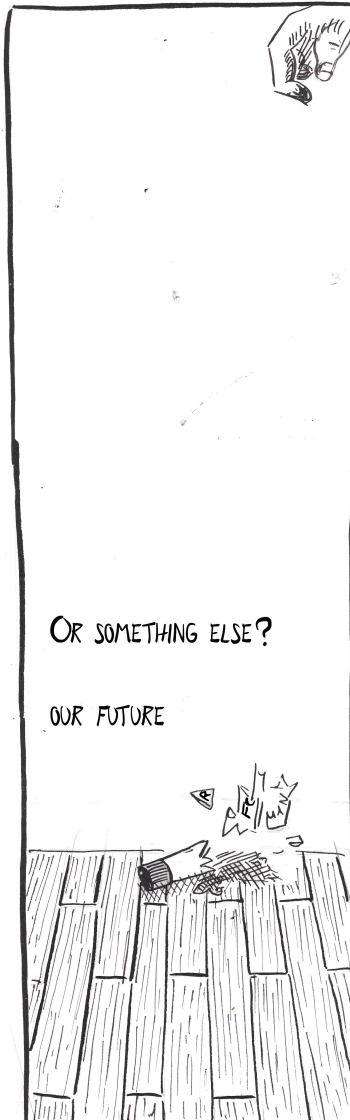
TAKEN OUR LAST FROZEN EMBRYO OUT OF  
STORAGE AND DROPPED IT ON THE GROUND,  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD FEEL.



WAS OUR PROPERTY  
DESTROYED?

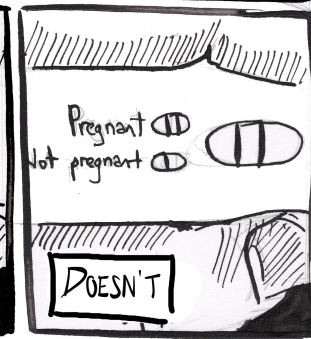
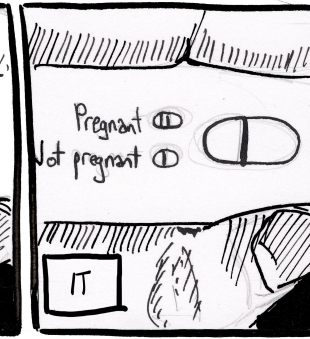
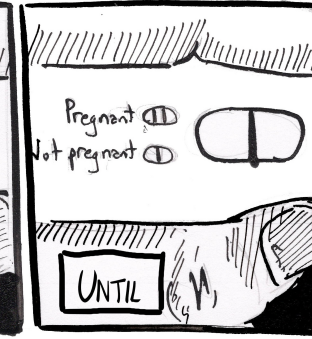
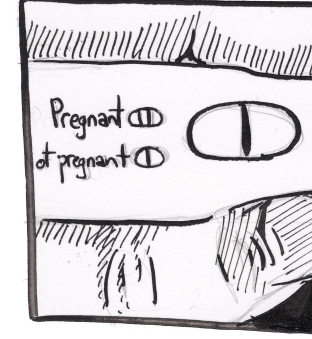
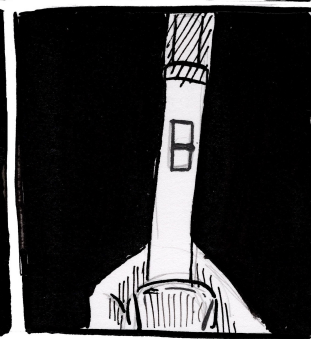
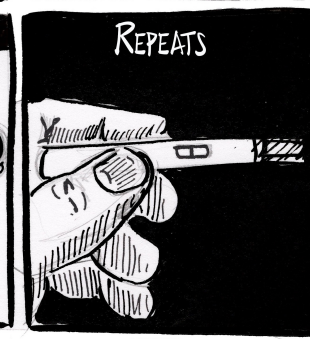
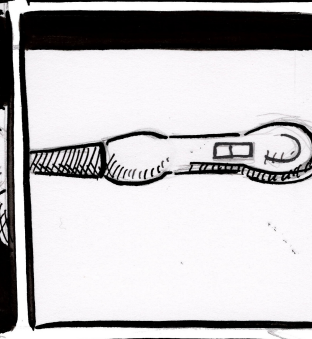
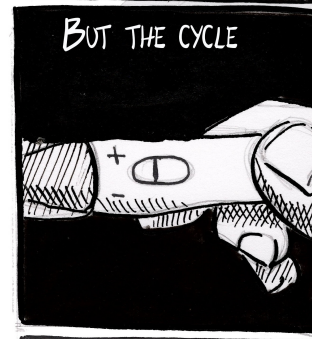
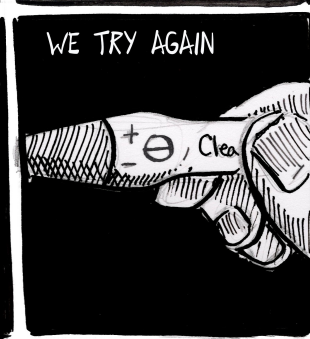
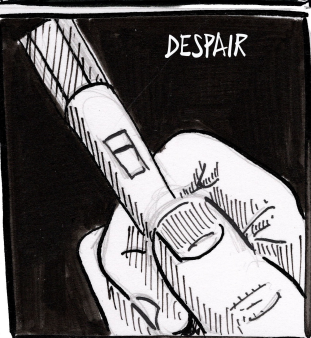
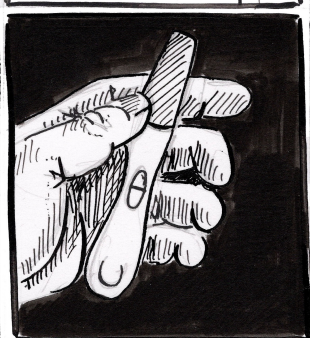
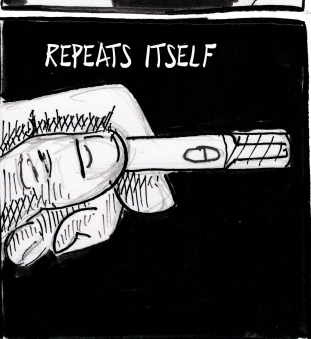
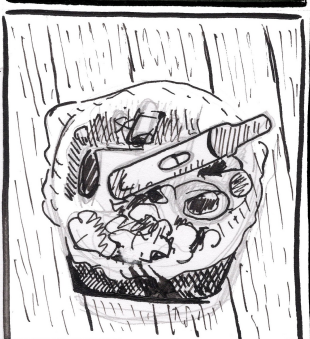
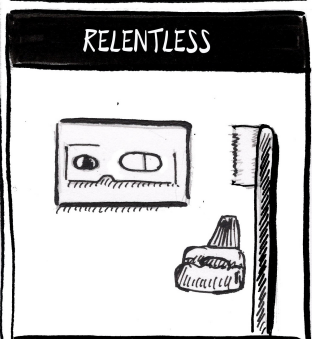
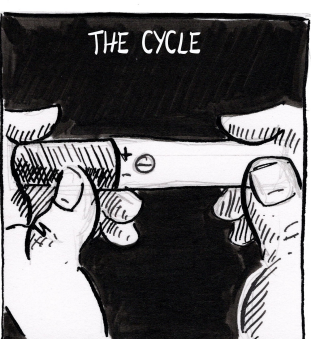
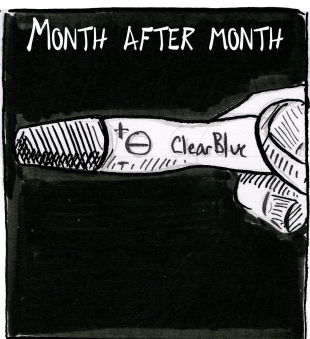
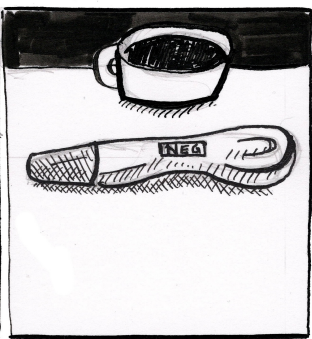
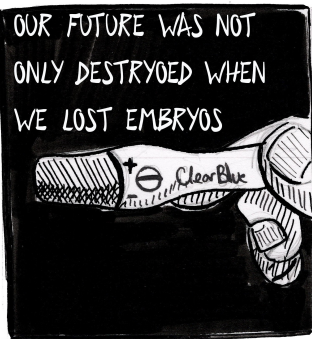


WAS OUR CHILD  
DESTROYED?



OR SOMETHING ELSE?  
OUR FUTURE













YOU AND THE  
KIDS CAMPING  
THIS WEEKEND?



NO. JOHNNY HAS A  
SOCCER TOURNEY ALL  
WEEKEND. WHAT ARE  
YOU GUYS UP TO?



LIFE WOULD MOVE FORWARD AND SO  
WOULD WE, BUT WITH FERTILITY  
TREATMENTS, THERE IS ALWAYS  
ANOTHER PROCEDURE, ALWAYS MORE  
HOPE. SO WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD  
BUT ONLY TO THE NEXT TREATMENT



SO

WE

NEVER

TOOK

THE TIME

TO

MOURN

WHAT WE LOST





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THIS MEANT THAT WE  
DIDN'T TELL PEOPLE  
ABOUT THE PREGNANCIES

AND WE DIDN'T TELL  
THEM ABOUT THE  
MISCARRIAGES

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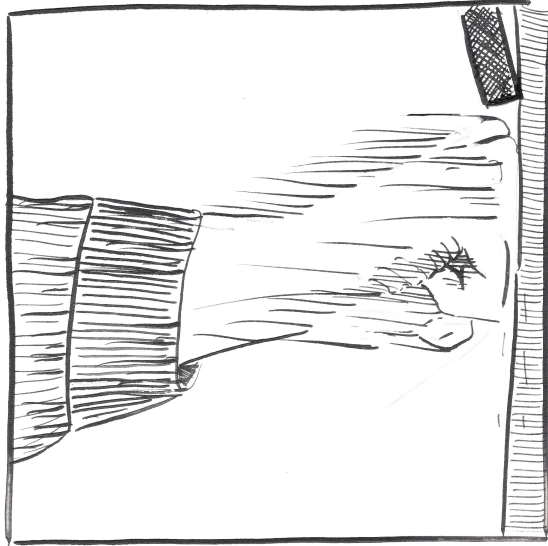
ALONE

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

OUR EMBRYOS SANK

INTO DARKNESS

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WE WERE

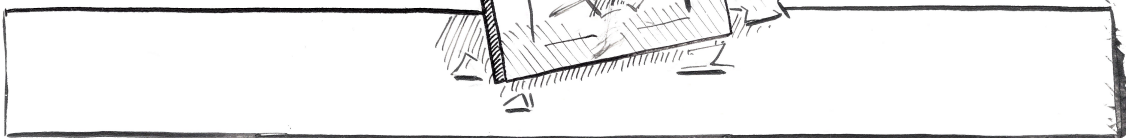
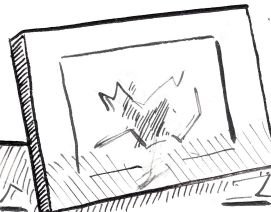
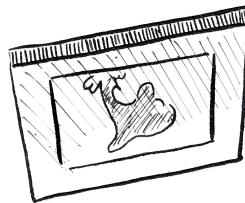
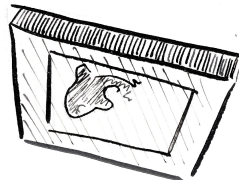
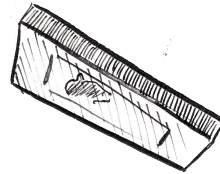
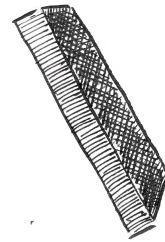
ISOLATED

IN OUR

GRIEF

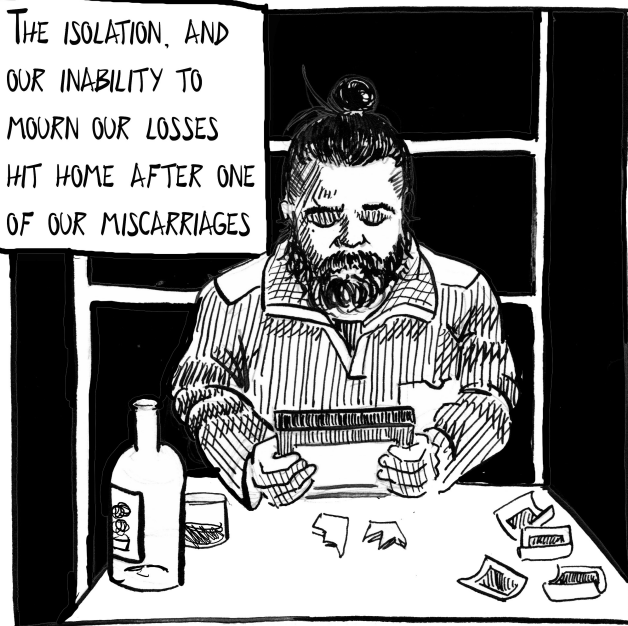
AND

WE ISOLATED OURSELVES

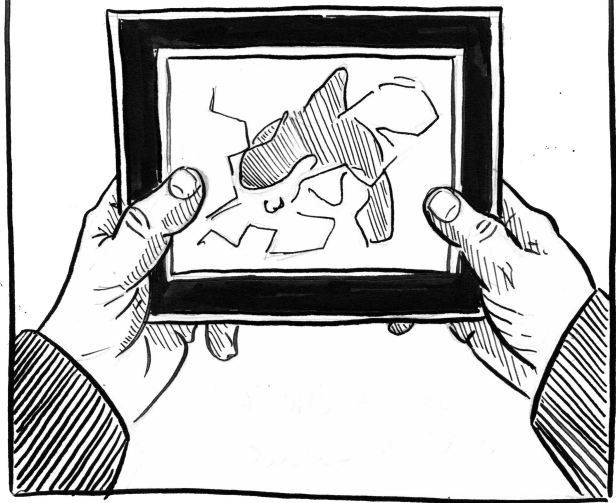




THE ISOLATION, AND  
OUR INABILITY TO  
MOURN OUR LOSSES  
HIT HOME AFTER ONE  
OF OUR MISCARRIAGES



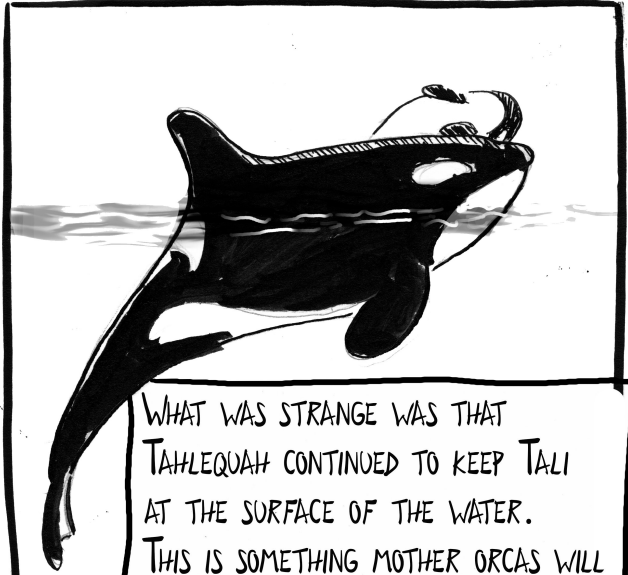
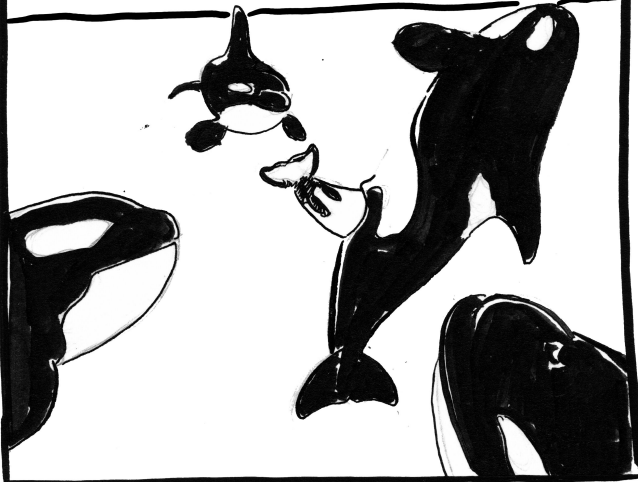
IN 2018 I BECAME CAPTIVATED  
BY THE STORY OF TAHLEQUAH



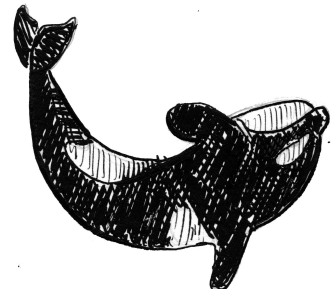
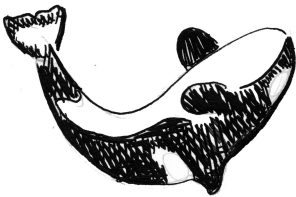
TAHLEQUAH IS A SOUTHERN RESIDENT ORCA.  
IN 2018 SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL  
TALI - A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION, AS THE  
SOUTHERN RESIDENTS ARE ENDANGERED



IT'S BELIEVED THAT TALI WAS STILLBIRTH OR  
DIED SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH - UNFORTUNATELY  
A COMMON OCCURANCE IN THIS GROUP



WHAT WAS STRANGE WAS THAT  
TAHLEQUAH CONTINUED TO KEEP TALI  
AT THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.  
THIS IS SOMETHING MOTHER ORCAS WILL  
DO TO FIRST HELP THEIR BABIES BREATHE

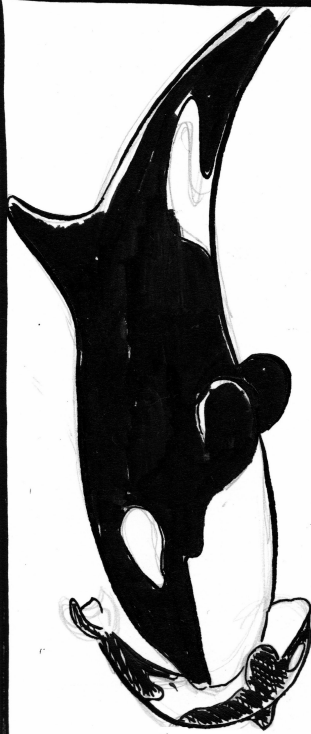






DAY AFTER DAY

TALI WOULD SINK

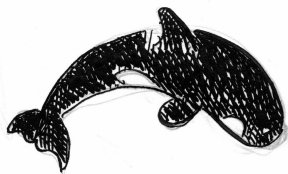


BABY

TAHLEQUAH WOULD SWIM  
DOWN AND CARRY HER



BACK TO  
THE  
SURFACE



DAY



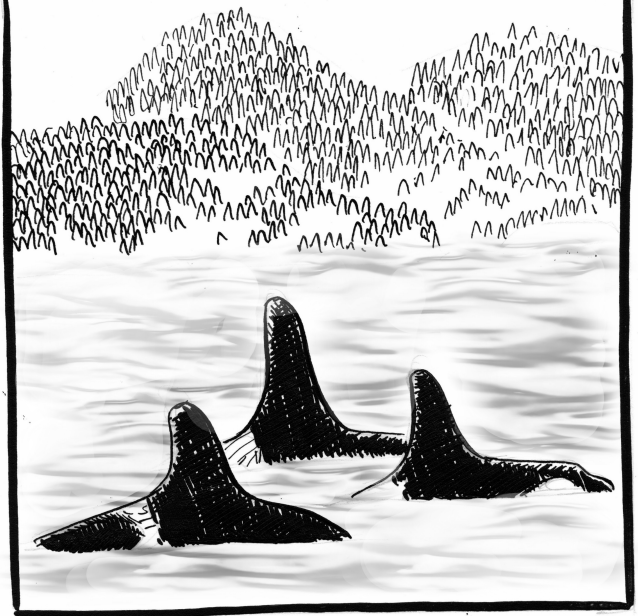
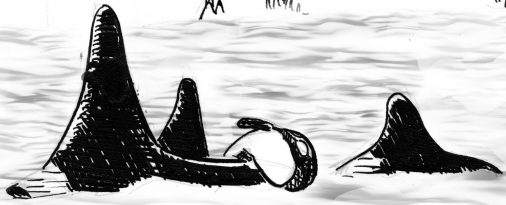
AFTER



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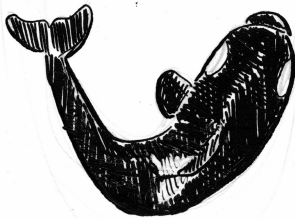
SHE KEPT THIS UP FOR A WEEK, AFTER WHICH SHE WAS EXHASUTED AND EMACIATED. MEMBERS OF HER POD TOOK OVER AND TOGETHER THEY CARRIED TALI FOR 17 DAYS AND OVER 1600KM



UNTIL ONE DAY



TAHLEQUAH



LET

HER

BABY

GO

