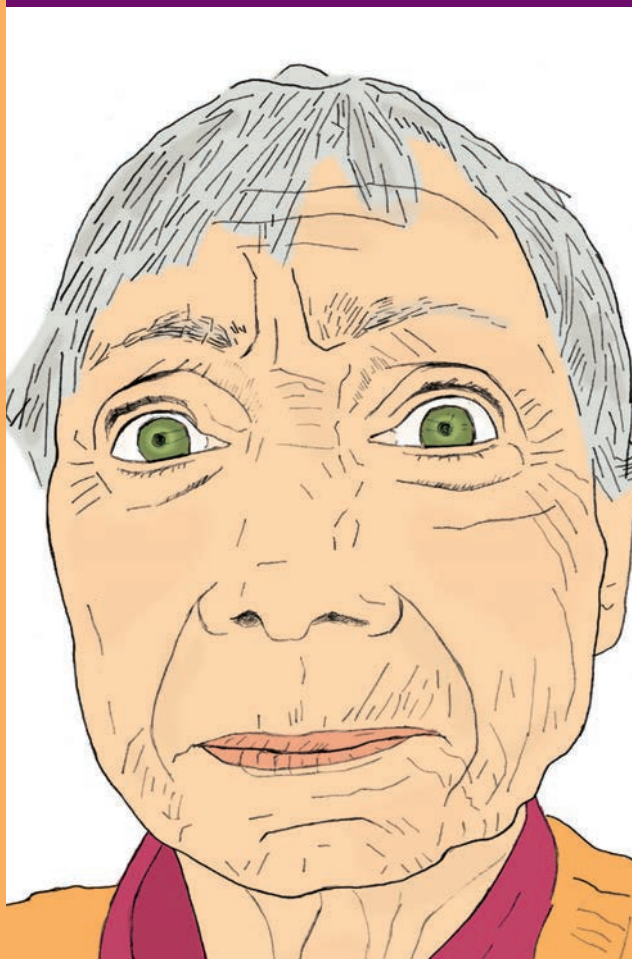


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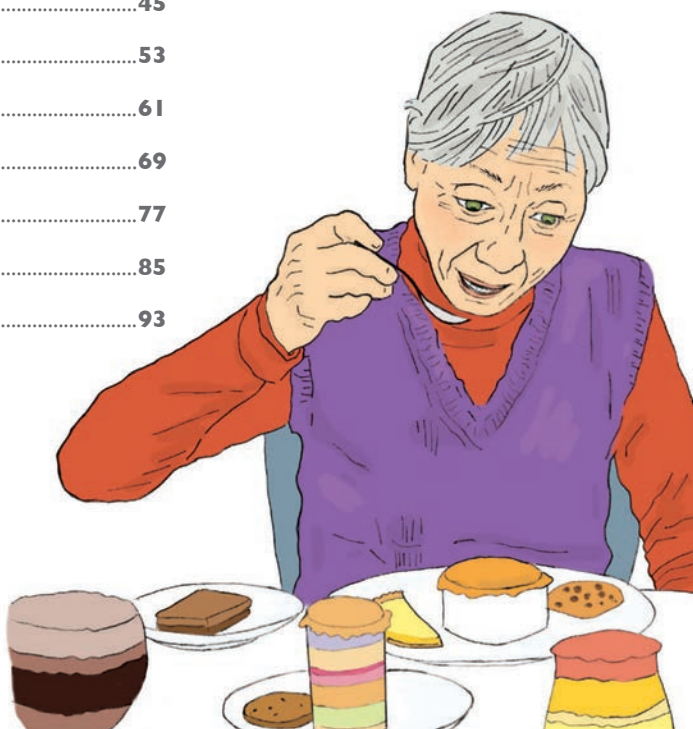
# BAYLA'S GOT ISSUES!

**Art and Story by Hinda Avery**

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## **BAYLA'S NO SHOW**





# BAYLA'S NO SHOW

BY HINDA

I CAN'T GET  
A SHOW.  
I'VE EMAILED  
MY IMAGES  
TO ALL  
THE ART  
GALLERIES—  
WITH NO  
REPLIES.

THERAPY SESSION 1

I SHOULD  
STOP  
DOING  
ART.  
WHY DO  
IT IF  
NO ONE  
SEES IT?

BAYLA,  
YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW  
TO DO  
ANYTHING  
ELSE!

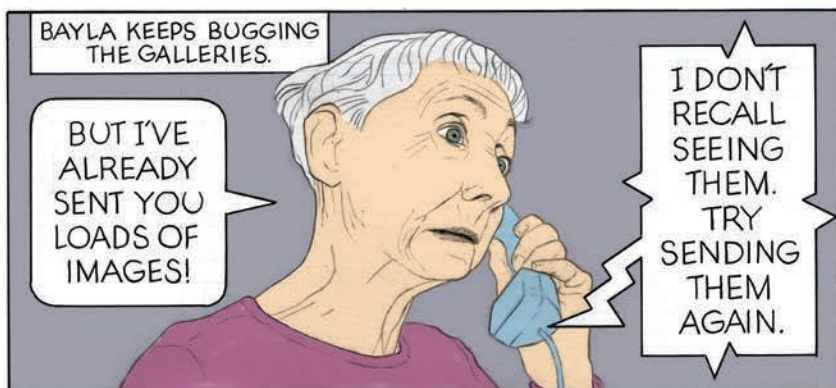
DR KATE IS  
BAYLA'S  
THERAPIST.

I'LL PHONE  
THE GALLERIES  
AND TELL THEM  
MY PAINTINGS  
LOOK BETTER  
IN THE FLESH.











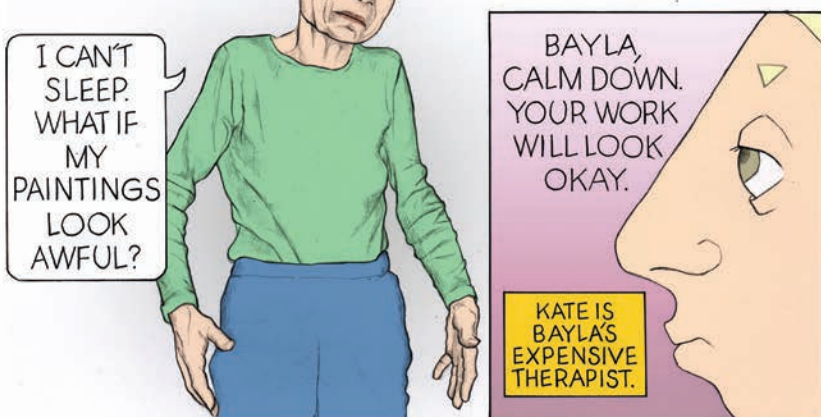
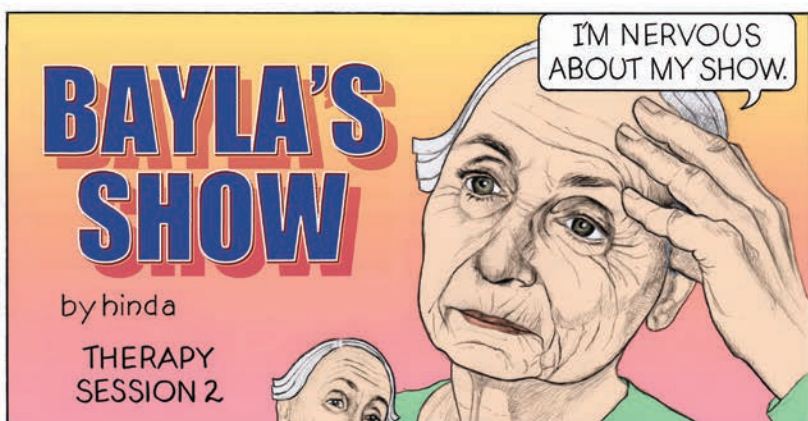


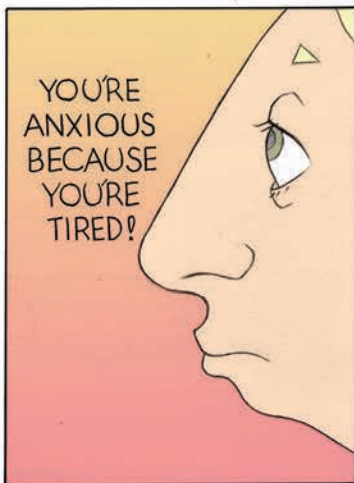
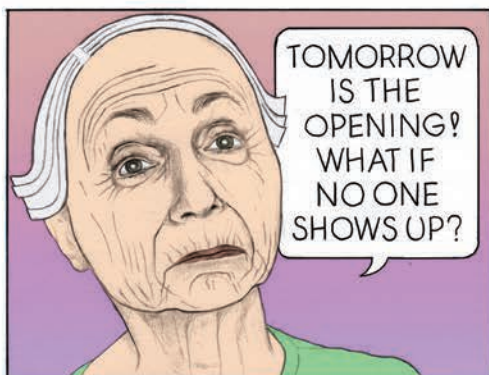


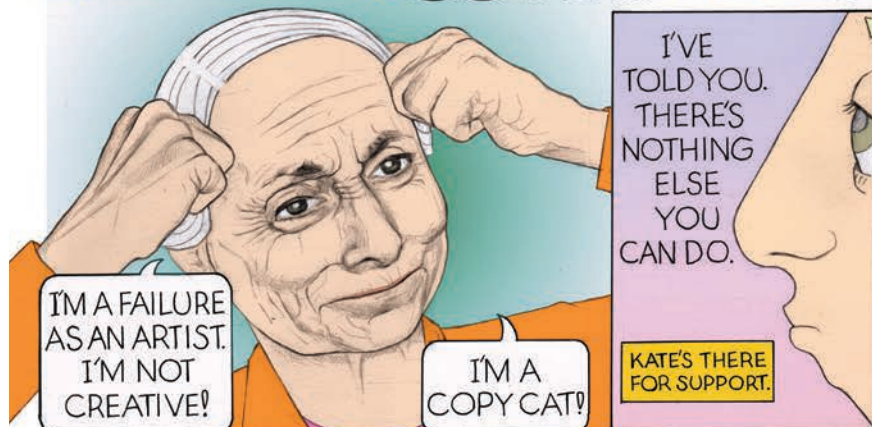
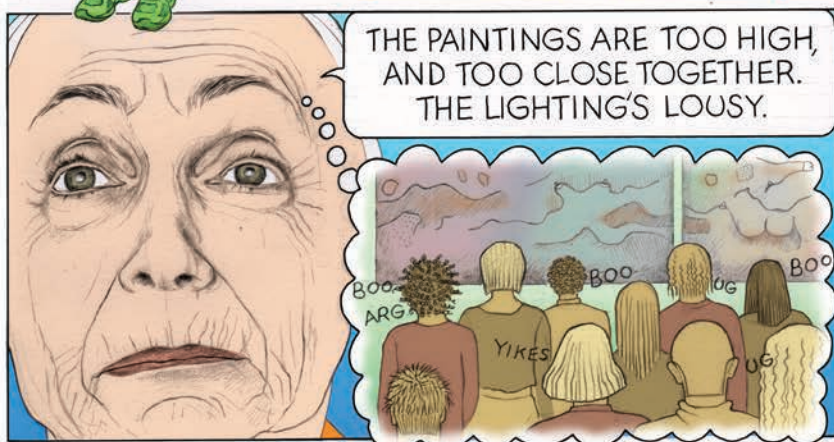
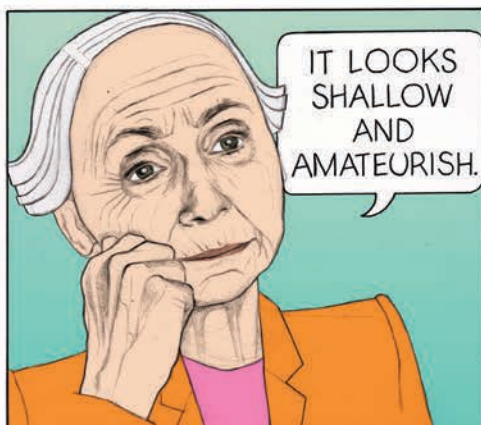
**BAYLA'S  
SHOW**



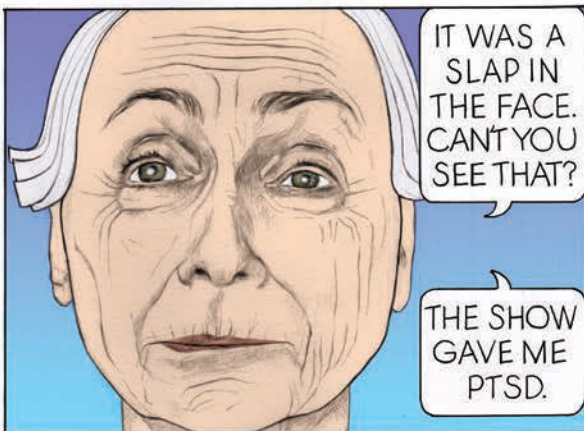
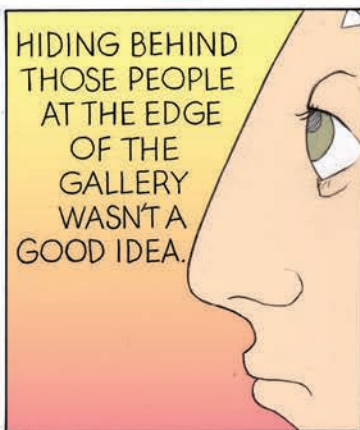
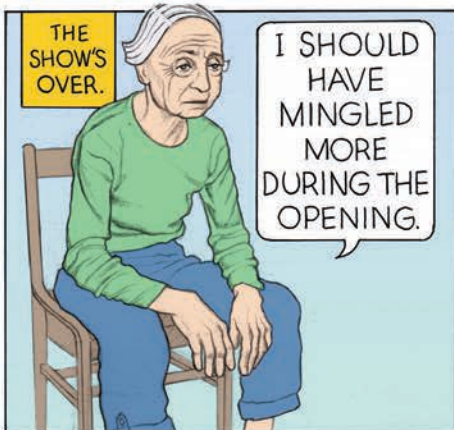


















**BAYLA'S  
BEASTS**





# BAYLA'S BEASTS

by hinda

THERAPY  
SESSION 3

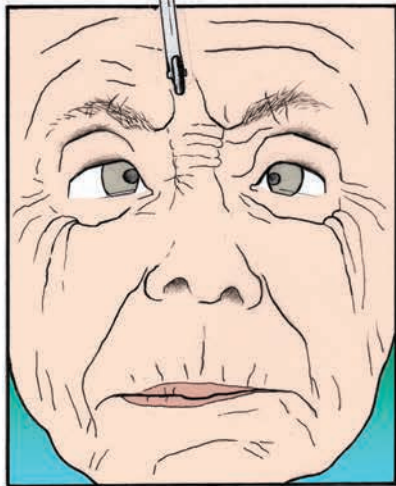
I'M WRETCHED

I'M PANICKY  
AND  
PARANOID.

OLD AND  
UGLY.

HOW CAN  
I BE A  
WORLD  
FAMOUS  
ARTIST  
WHEN...

...MY  
TIME IS  
RUNNING  
**OUT!**





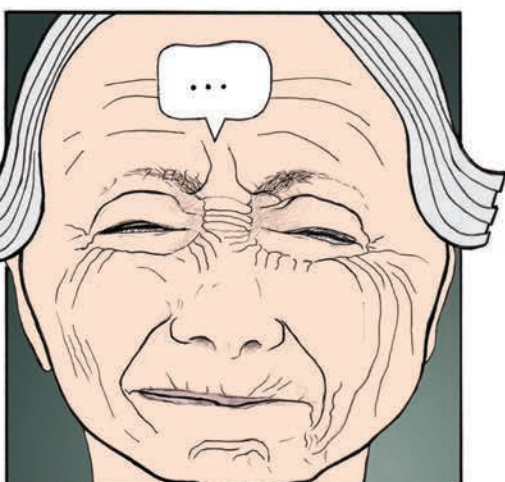
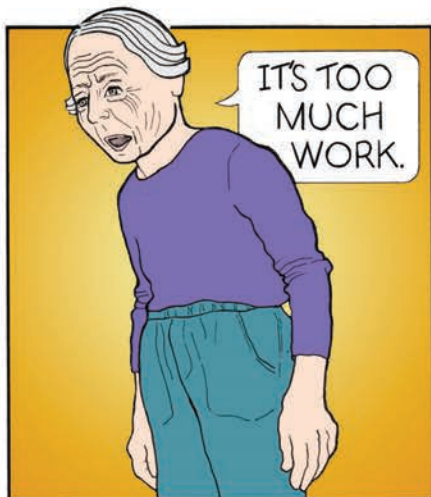
HAIR THAT IS THINNING,  
WRINKLES THAT ARE DEEPENING,  
SKIN THAT IS GREYING,  
AND A STOMACH THAT  
IS BALLOONING.



BREASTS THAT ARE  
SINKING,  
WAIST THAT IS  
THICKENING,  
BUM THAT IS  
FLATTENING,  
AND THIGHS THAT ARE  
CELLULITEING.



EYES THAT ARE  
FAILING,  
TEETH THAT ARE  
ROTTING,  
BONES THAT ARE  
BRITTLEING,  
AND A BRAIN THAT  
IS FOGGYING.









## BAYLA'S DISEASE



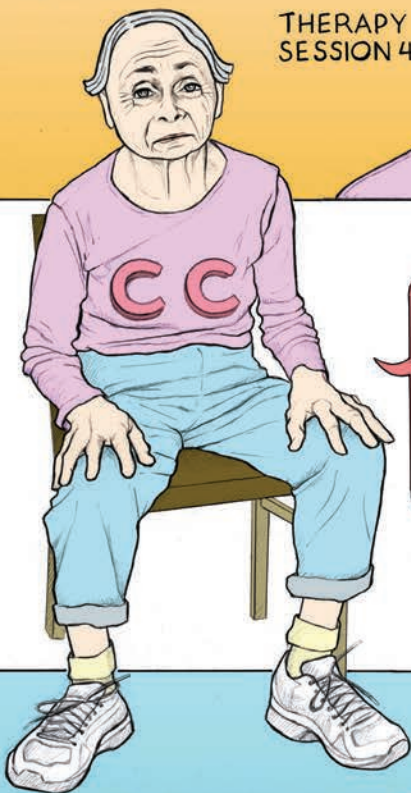


# BAYLA'S DISEASE

by hinda

THERAPY  
SESSION 4

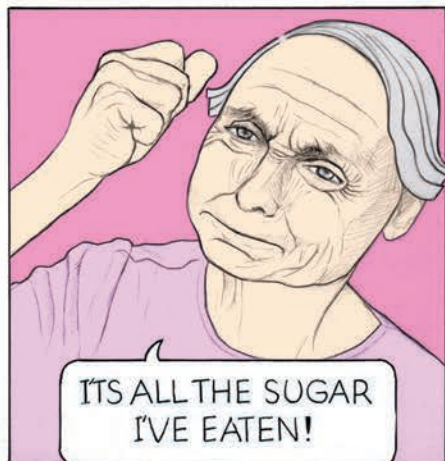
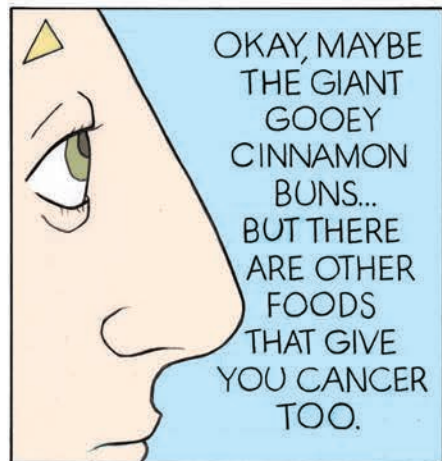
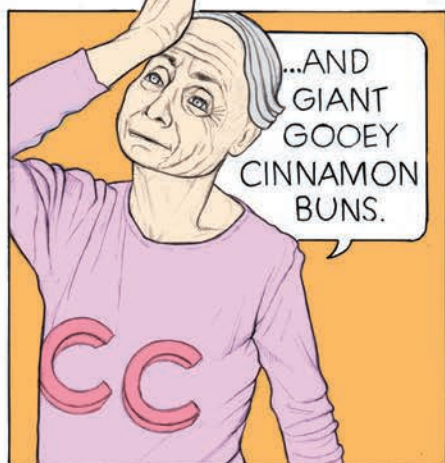
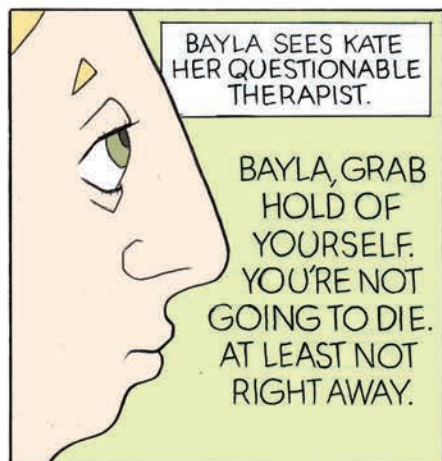
NOW  
I'VE  
GOT  
IT.  
TOO.



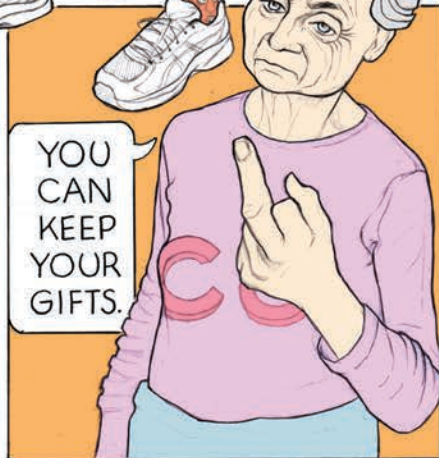
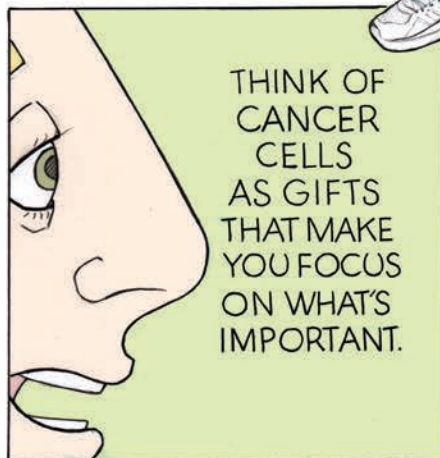
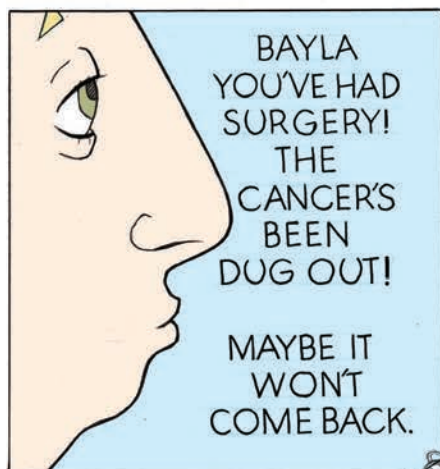
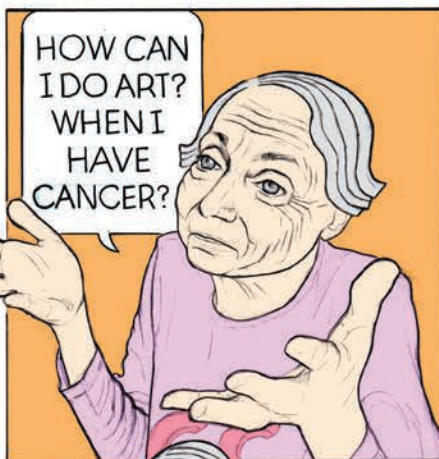
I'VE JOINED THE  
CANCER  
CLUB!

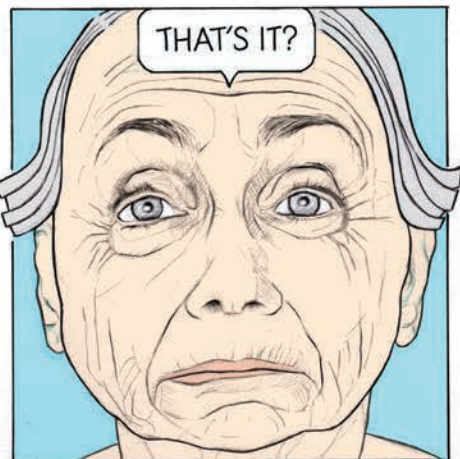
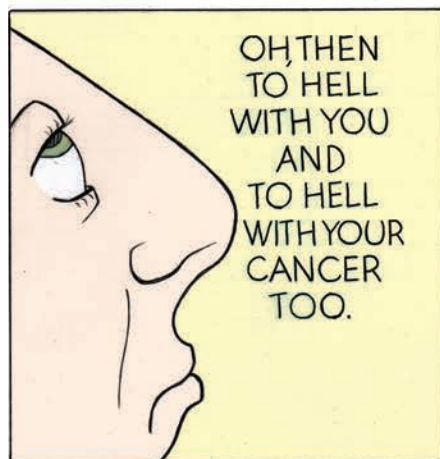
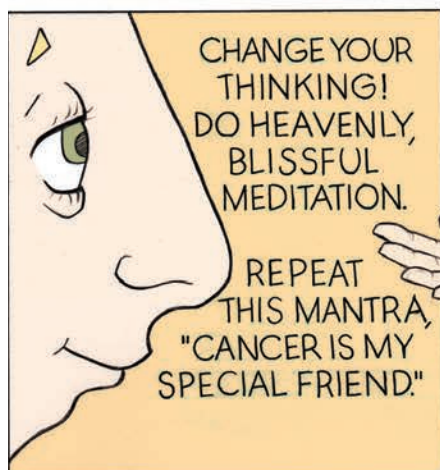
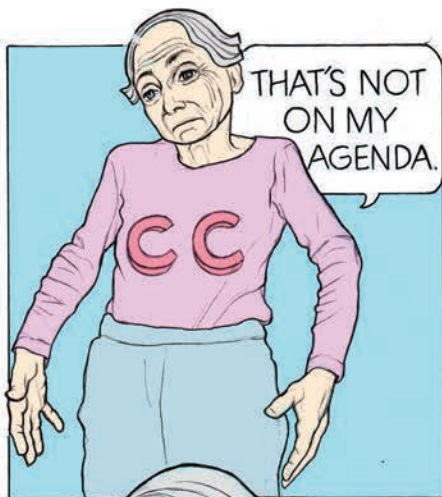
I'M GOING TO  
DIE BEFORE  
BECOMING  
A WORLD  
FAMOUS ARTIST!

















**BAYLA'S  
JUNK**





# BAYLA'S JUNK

THERAPY SESSION 5

by hinda

I'M SORTING THROUGH TONS OF PAPER - TO CLEAN OUT MY LIFE.



THE JOB IS STOPPING ME FROM BEING A SUPERSTAR ARTIST!



BAYLA, FUCK THE SORTING. DUMP THE WHOLE LOT! MAKE WAY FOR THE SUPERSTAR!

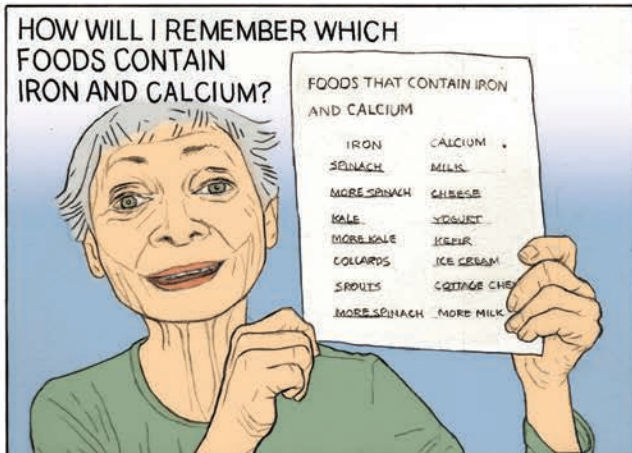


DR. KATE [Bayla's therapist]

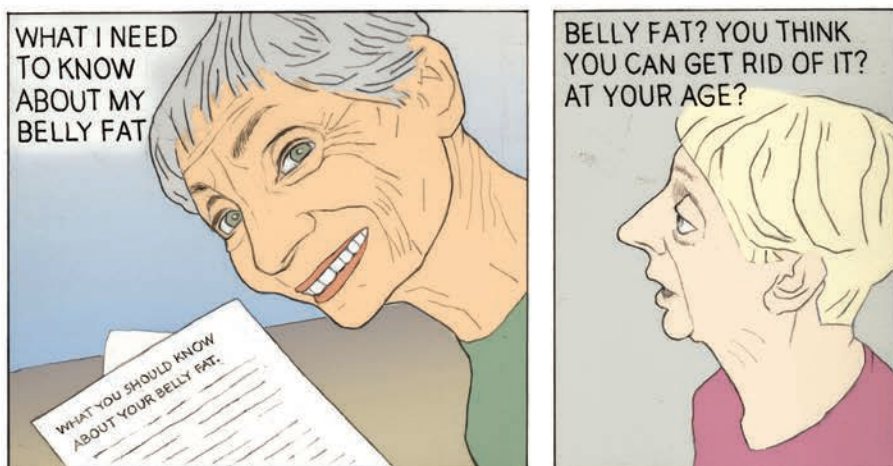
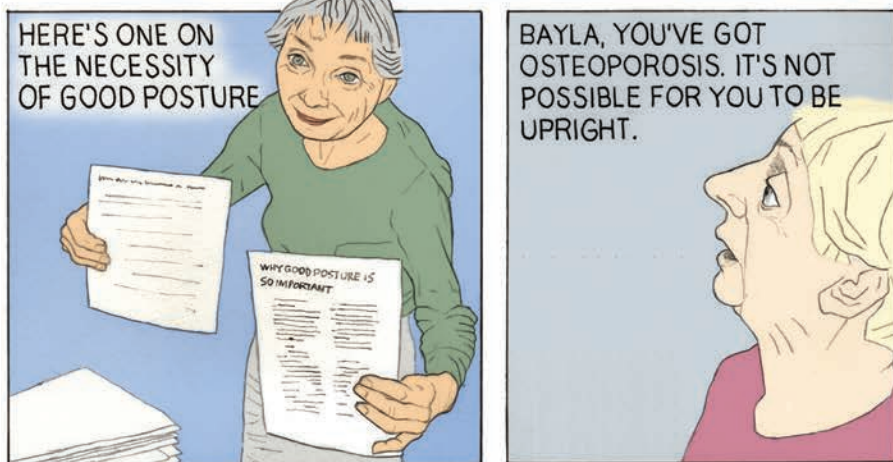
WHAT IF I NEED THESE PAPERS IN THE FUTURE?



panic attack







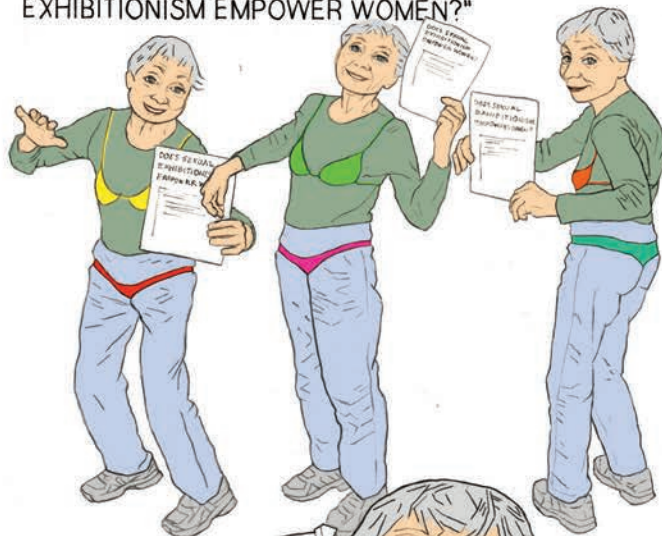
THIS PIECE  
DESCRIBES HOW  
WOMEN ARE  
GRIEVING THE  
LOSS OF  
HILLARY CLINTON.



SHE'S AN AMERICAN!  
JUST LET IT GO!



A CURRENT FEMINIST PAPER: "DOES SEXUAL  
EXHIBITIONISM EMPOWER WOMEN?"



BAYLA, ARE  
YOU PLANNING  
TO EXHIBIT  
YOURSELF!??

DO YOU  
REALLY  
NEED THAT  
PIECE OF  
PAPER?



**I NEED  
THEM  
ALL!!**



IT'S BEEN AN  
ABSOLUTE  
PLEASURE  
WORKING  
WITH YOU.

NOW DO ME  
A FAVOUR.  
GO DUMP  
YOURSELF!







## **BAYLA'S DILEMMA**





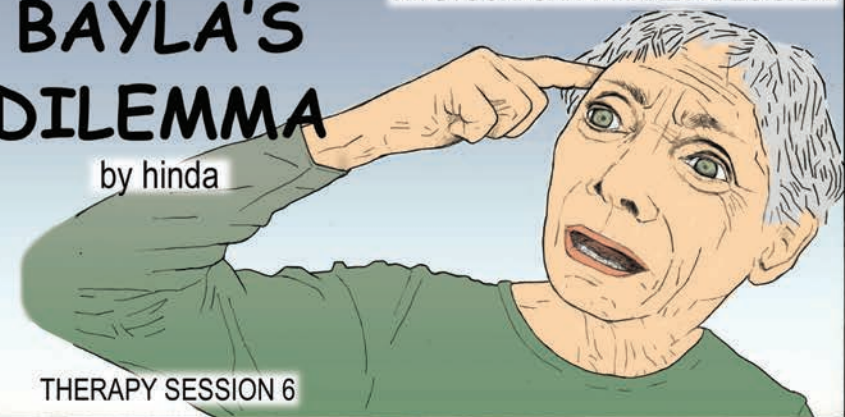


# BAYLA'S DILEMMA

by hinda

THERAPY SESSION 6

I'M STUCK! CAN'T MAKE A DECISION.



SHOULD I BUY THE TWO BEDROOM CONDO?



BAYLA, WHAT DO YOU NEED TWO BEDROOMS FOR?



DR. KATE  
[Bayla's therapist]

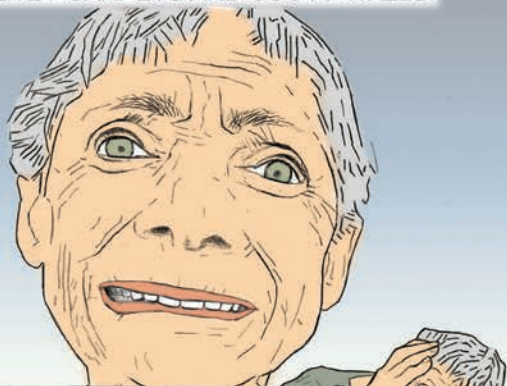
I WANNA BE A FAMOUS ARTIST! THE SECOND BEDROOM COULD BE MY ART STUDIO.



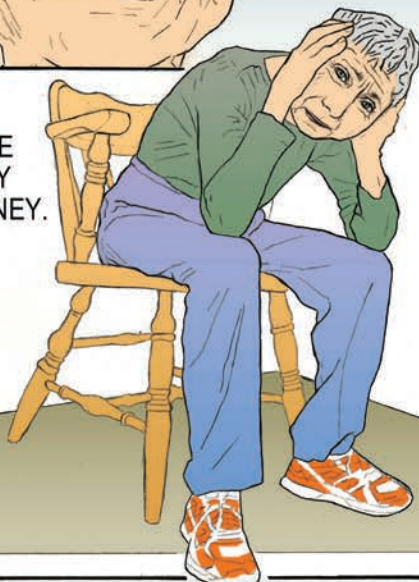
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY ART IN AGES! NOW YOU'LL DO IT?



THE PROBLEM IS THE CONDO HAS  
SHMUTZY CARPETS AND SOOTY WALLS.



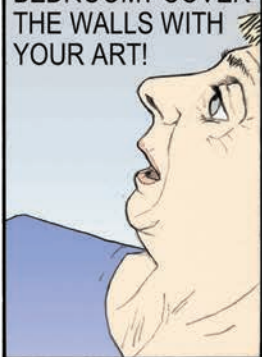
I DON'T HAVE  
THE ENERGY  
OR THE MONEY.



SO RIP THE  
CARPETS OUT  
AND REPAINT!



DO YOU NEED TO  
PAINT THE SECOND  
BEDROOM? COVER  
THE WALLS WITH  
YOUR ART!



BUYING THE CONDO WILL SHORTEN MY LIFE.



BAYLA, SO WHAT?  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
THAT MANY YEARS  
LEFT ANYHOW!







IT'S OVER-PRICED.  
IT WILL LEAVE ME  
IMPOVERISHED!



BAYLA, YOU'RE  
CATASTROPHIZING!



I'LL END UP  
ON THE STREET,  
HOMELESS!!



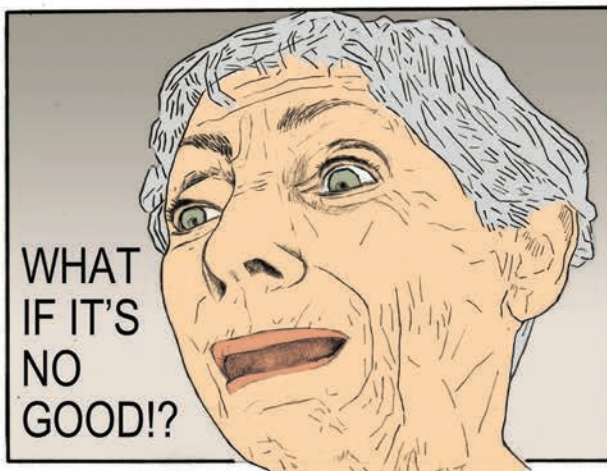
YOU COULD DO  
GRAFFITI. GET  
YOUR FAME  
THAT WAY.



I DON'T DESERVE  
A BIGGER PLACE!



WHERE'S THAT  
VOICE COMING  
FROM? IS IT  
YOUR MOTHER?









**BAYLA'S  
AFFAIR**





I HAVE A NEW RELATIONSHIP!

# BAYLA'S AFFAIR

by hinda

THERAPY SESSION 7



WITH A CROW!



WHAT? A CROW?  
BAYLA, YOU CAN'T  
FIND A MAN?  
OR A WOMAN?

DR. KATE  
[Bayla's Therapist]



I THOUGHT IT WAS  
A MONOGAMOUS  
RELATIONSHIP.

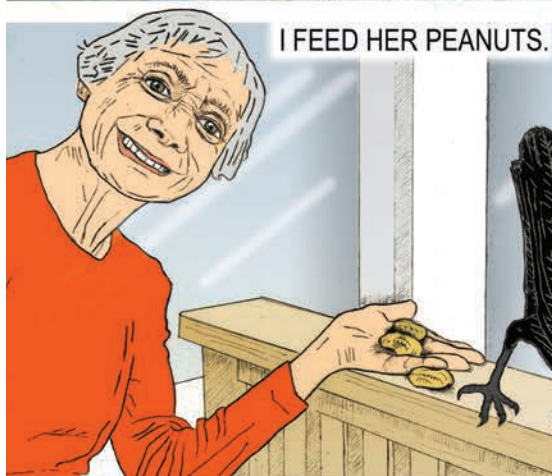


SINCE WHEN ARE  
CROWS  
MONOGAMOUS?



CROW ALSO SEES MY NEIGHBOURS.

SHE'S UNFAITHFUL!



BAYLA, SHE'S COMING FOR THE PEANUTS. NOT YOU.

SHE PECKS ON MY WINDOW WHEN SHE WANTS HER PEANUTS.

SO SHE PECKS ON YOUR WINDOW. BIG DEAL.



SHE'S EXCEPTIONAL!  
NO OTHER BIRD DOES THAT.



I'M SURE THERE  
ARE OTHERS.



CROW PREFERS I DON'T  
LOOK AT HER, OR TALK.  
AND I HAVE TO STAY  
3 FEET AWAY.



YOU CAN'T LOOK  
AT HER? YOU CAN'T  
TALK? OR TOUCH?  
WHAT KIND OF  
RELATIONSHIP  
IS THAT?



I THINK I'M FALLING IN LOVE TOO FAST.



CROW'S  
BLACK.  
YOU'RE  
OFF-WHITE.



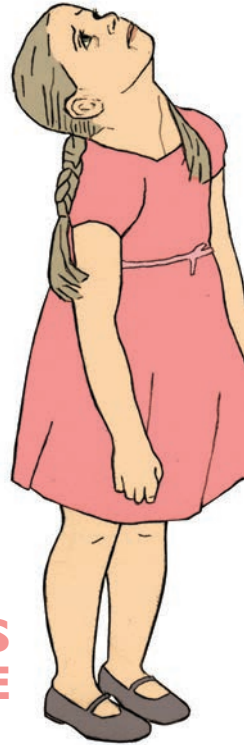








## **BAYLA'S BAGGAGE**





# BAYLA'S BAGGAGE

by hinda

THERAPY  
SESSION 8

I'VE BEEN CARRYING  
A LOT OF BAGGAGE  
SINCE CHILDHOOD.



THE FIRST THING  
I LEARNED FROM  
MY MOTHER WAS  
THAT THE WHOLE  
WORLD HATED  
ME BECAUSE I  
WAS JEWISH.

HER FAMILY WAS  
KILLED IN THE  
HOLOCAUST.

THE **WHOLE**  
WORLD! WOW!  
WHAT A GLOBAL  
PERSPECTIVE!



DR. KATE  
[Bayla's therapist]

I WAS THE ONLY JEWISH KID  
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.  
DID MY FRIENDS HATE ME?

MY MOTHER ALSO TOLD  
ME THAT GENTILES THINK  
JEWS ARE DIRTY, AND THAT  
WE WANT TO TAKE OVER  
THE WORLD.



WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH TAKING  
OVER THE  
WORLD? DIRTY I  
UNDERSTAND.  
WHO WANTS TO  
BE DIRTY?



SCHOOL ADDED TO MY MISERY.  
EVERY MORNING I HAD TO SAY  
THE LORD'S PRAYER OUT LOUD.

I TRIED TO HIDE I WAS JEWISH  
BUT HAD TO MISS SCHOOL  
DURING THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS.  
THE TEACHER WOULD HATE ME  
WHEN I GAVE HER THE NOTE  
SAYING WHY I'D BEEN AWAY.

YOU SHOULD  
HAVE JUST  
MOUTHED IT.



THE WORST TIME WAS EASTER.  
THAT WAS WHEN THE JEWS KILLED  
JESUS. I FELT LIKE A MURDERER.



THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I COULDN'T DO BECAUSE I WAS JEWISH. I WANTED TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BE WITH MY FRIENDS.

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE SAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER?



I WANTED TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND WAS SO HAPPY WHEN I FOUND A BRANCH FROM A CHRISTMAS TREE.



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HER IT WAS A HANUKKAH BUSH?

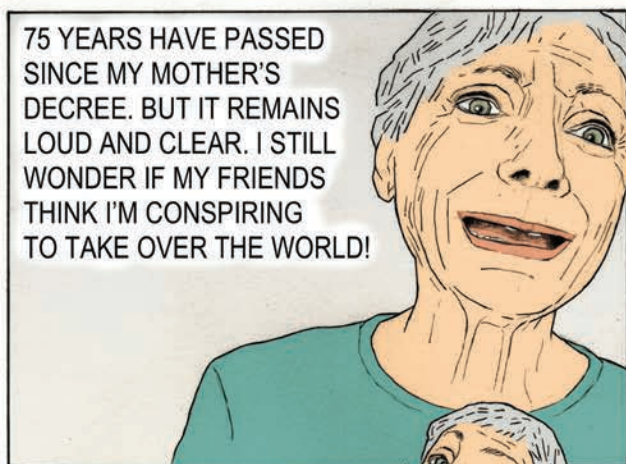
I BROUGHT THE BRANCH HOME AND ASKED MY MOTHER TO PUT IT UP. SHE HAD A MASSIVE MELT-DOWN AND THREW IT OUT.





WHEN I WAS 13, KENNY HANSON ASKED ME OUT. MY MOTHER FORBADE IT. HE WASN'T JEWISH. IT WAS THEN I REALIZED HOW MUCH POWER MY MOTHER HAD OVER ME. I BEGAN TO HATE HER.

**NO!**



75 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE MY MOTHER'S DECREE. BUT IT REMAINS LOUD AND CLEAR. I STILL WONDER IF MY FRIENDS THINK I'M CONSPIRING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!



BUT YOU DON'T HAVE LEADERSHIP SKILLS!



I'VE NEVER LIKED BEING JEWISH. WHAT'S TO LIKE?



WHAT ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP? OH, BUT YOU'RE VEGETARIAN!





**BAYLA'S  
WRINKLES**







# BAYLA'S WRINKLES

by hinda

THERAPY SESSION 9

I'M OBSESSED WITH MY WRINKLES.



THEY'RE  
ALL  
OVER  
MY  
FACE!



BAYLA, YOU'RE AN OLD JEWISH WOMAN. YOU'RE NO SPRING CHICKEN.



DR.  
KATE IS  
BAYLA'S  
THERAPIST.

THEY'RE  
IN A  
CROSS-  
HATCH  
DESIGN.



AT LEAST  
THERE'S A  
DESIGN  
TO THEM.



THEY'RE  
SPREADING  
AND  
DEEPENING.

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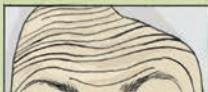
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I'M NOT  
SUPPOSED  
TO HAVE  
THEM!

EVERYWHERE I TURN I'M PRESSURED  
TO GET RID OF THEM.

FOREHEAD  
LINES



BEFORE



AFTER

FROWN  
LINES



BEFORE



AFTER

CROWS  
FEET



BEFORE



AFTER

BAYLA,  
THINK COST!







I HATE MYSELF  
FOR BEING  
OBSESSED  
WITH MY  
WRINKLES.

MY THOUGHTS  
SHOULD BE  
WITH  
FOMENTING A  
FEMINIST  
REVOLUTION!



EACH OF US HAD OUR OWN WRINKLE DESIGN.



A BRILLIANT IDEA WAS SUGGESTED.

LET'S FIGHT THE AGEIST FASCIST FUCKERS!



FUCK ANTI-AGING CREAMS!

I FELT LIBERATED!

BUT HOW  
LONG  
WILL  
THIS  
FEELING  
LAST?



NOT LONG -  
GIVEN YOUR  
WRINKLES.









**BAYLA'S  
TRAVELS**

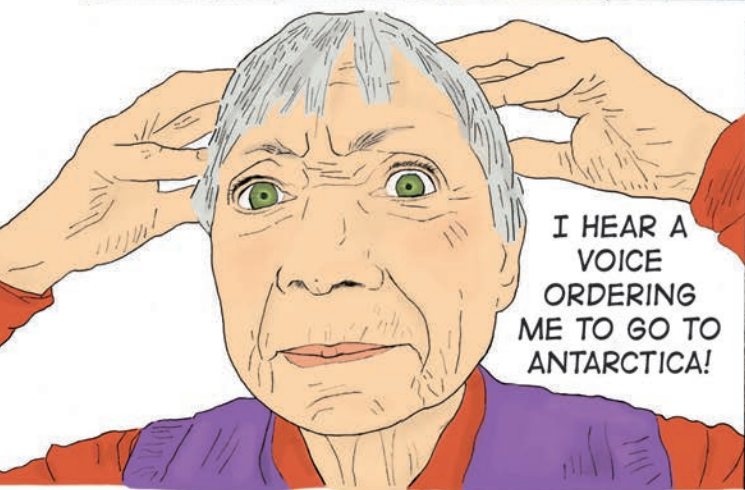




# BAYLA'S TRAVELS

TRAVEL  
MAKES ME  
ANXIOUS!

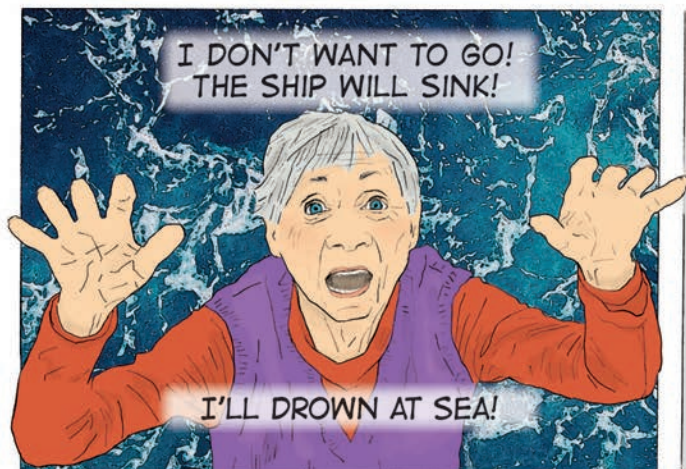
BY HINDA  
THERAPY SESSION 10



I HEAR A  
VOICE  
ORDERING  
ME TO GO TO  
ANTARCTICA!

ANTARCTICA!  
BAYLA, YOU'LL  
FREEZE TO  
DEATH!

DR KATE  
(BAYLA'S  
THERAPIST.)



I DON'T WANT TO GO!  
THE SHIP WILL SINK!

I'LL DROWN AT SEA!

SO DON'T  
THE FUCK GO!





Note: The men on the airplane were last seen in M. Tree quarterly number 1, summer 1990.



SHE DOESN'T  
LIKE HER CABIN  
AND PAYS FOR  
AN UPGRADE

WHAT A RIP OFF!

YOUR  
SPENDING  
MORE MONEY?  
DID YOU NEED  
THAT UPGRADE?

SHE CAN'T CONTROL  
HER SUGAR CRAVINGS.

ALL THIS  
SUGAR IS  
MAKING ME  
MORE  
DEPRESSED.

YOU WERE  
GOING  
TO LIMIT  
YOURSELF  
TO ONE  
DESSERT  
A DAY.

SHE FEELS  
EXPOSED  
EATING BY  
HERSELF.

I SHOULD SIT  
WITH PEOPLE  
DURING MEALS.

BUT WHAT IF  
THEY DON'T  
LIKE ME?

WHY SHOULD  
THEY LIKE  
YOU?

AFTER SEVERAL  
DAYS AT SEA,  
BAYLA  
EXPERIENCES  
STRANGE  
SENSATIONS.

I LIKE  
LIVING ON  
THE SEA!

I LIKE BOUNCING  
ON ICY WATERS!

I LIKE  
ICEBERGS!

I LIKE THEIR  
SHAPES!

BAYLA,  
THEY'RE  
MELTING!

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
GO HOME!

I'LL  
DROWN  
IN DEPRESSION!

AHH, THE OLD  
BAYLA!







**BAYLA'S  
OLD FLAME**





# BAYLA'S OLD FLAME

WAS IT  
REALLY HIM?

BY HINDA  
THERAPY SESSION 11

I COULDN'T  
BELIEVE MY  
EYES!

I  
HADN'T  
SEEN  
HIM IN  
YEARS!

BAYLA,  
CALM DOWN.  
YOU'LL HAVE  
A STROKE.

DR KATE  
(BAYLA'S  
THERAPIST.)

IT BROUGHT  
BACK SO MANY  
MEMORIES.  
HE WAS TALL,  
BLOND, BLUE  
EYED. SMART  
AS ALL HELL.  
I THINK HE  
WAS A  
CLOSET  
NEO-NAZI.



WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING  
WITH A NAZI?  
YOU'RE  
JEWISH!



HIS LOOKS  
AND  
SMARTS  
SUCKED  
ME IN.

MMM SO  
GOOD!

HIS SOUP  
SEDUCED  
ME.

WOW  
MAN

COOL  
MAN

WE BECAME  
HIPPIES.  
GREW  
OUR HAIR  
WORE HEAD  
BANDS.  
GOT  
HIGH ON  
HALLUCINOGENS.



HIS SOUP  
SEDUCED  
YOU?!  
NOT HIS  
-----?!



HALLUCINO-  
GENS? WHAT  
ABOUT HIS  
SOUP?



HE DUMPED  
ME FOR  
A PRETTY  
YOUNG RED  
HEAD. HER  
HAIR WAS  
THICK AND  
WAVY.



WAS SHE  
JEWISH?



I FOUND OUT WHERE SHE LIVED  
AND BARGED IN!



YOU SHOULD  
HAVE  
THOUGHT  
THAT ONE  
THROUGH.



I YELLED  
AND  
SCREAMED  
MY HEAD  
OFF!

I LOOKED  
AWFUL.



HE SWORE AS HE  
CLIMBED OUT OF  
THE BED.  
BUT IN A SICK  
SORT OF WAY  
I THINK HE  
ENJOYED MY  
PERFORMANCE.

SHIT, JUST  
WHEN I WAS  
ABOUT TO  
SCORE.



WAS HE  
NAKED?



FIFTY YEARS  
LATER I BUMP  
INTO HIM AT A  
PADDLE CLUB.  
THEY PADDLE  
BOATS, NOT  
EACH OTHER.



DID HE  
RECOGNIZE  
YOU? YOU'RE  
AN OLD LADY  
NOW.



HE RECOGNIZED  
ME ALRIGHT.  
HE SWORE LIKE  
HE DID FIFTY  
YEARS AGO.

SHIT, THERE  
SHE IS AGAIN.



AT LEAST HE'S  
CONSISTENT.



HOW DO  
YOU FEEL  
NOW THAT  
YOU'VE  
SEEN  
HIM?



SO YOU'RE  
CONSISTENT  
TOO.



I WANT THE SHIT-HEAD BACK!







**BAYLA'S  
CURE**







# BAYLA'S CURE

BY HINDA

THERAPY  
SESSION 12

I'VE BEEN A  
RELENTLESS  
SELF CRITIC  
FOR YEARS.

IT'S NO FUN  
BEATING  
MYSELF OVER  
THE HEAD.  
SO I'M  
SWITCHING  
FROM SELF-  
CRITICISM TO  
SELF-  
COMPASSION!

THE BOOK  
COST ME  
\$39.99.

BAYLA, MY  
THERAPY  
WOULD'VE  
BEEN A  
BETTER  
INVESTMENT.

DR KATE  
(BAYLA'S  
THERAPIST.)

## SELF COMPASSION

HOW TO STOP  
CRITICIZING  
YOURSELF IN  
5 EASY  
STEPS

BY GURU GAS, Ph.D.

## STEP 1

BLAME YOUR  
ANCESTORS  
FOR ALL YOUR  
CRAZINESS.  
YOU'VE  
INHERITED  
THEIR GENES!

IT'S ALL  
YOUR  
FAULT!

JEWISH WOMAN  
DURING BIBLICAL TIMES.

**STEP 2**  
BE KIND TO  
YOURSELF.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW TO  
DO THAT.

YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
TOO SELF-  
ABSORBED.

START BY  
REPEATING  
THIS MANTRA:  
"MAY I WIPE  
OUT MY  
ANCESTOR'S  
GENES FROM  
MY BRAIN'S  
PATHWAYS."

MAY I WIPE  
OUT MY  
ANCESTOR'S  
GENES FROM  
MY BRAIN'S  
PATHWAYS.  
MAY I WIPE...

NOW YOU'LL  
HAVE ROOM  
TO BE KIND  
TO YOURSELF.

MY BRAIN  
ALWAYS  
DID FEEL  
CLOGGED.

CLEARED PATHWAY  
CLEARED PATHWAY  
CLEARED PATHWAY

BAYLA, YOU  
THINK YOU  
CAN JUST  
WIPE OUT  
YOUR  
BILLIONS OF  
NEURONS?!



## STEP 3

APPRECIATE  
YOURSELF. YOU  
CAN BREATHE,  
EAT AND DRINK.  
THESE ARE GREAT  
ACHIEVEMENTS!

WOW! ALL  
I NEED  
TO DO IS  
BREATHE,  
EAT AND  
DRINK.

I CAN THINK  
OF MORE  
DESERVING  
ACHIEVE-  
MENTS.

I'M REWARDING  
MYSELF BY  
INDULGING IN  
GIANT MUFFINS  
AND HUGE MUGS  
OF DARK ROAST.

BAYLA,  
YOU'RE  
FEEDING  
YOUR  
ADDICTIONS!

I'M GETTING  
DEPRESSED

YOU WERE  
GOING TO  
CUT BACK  
ON SUGAR  
AND  
CAFFEINE.

## STEP 4

STOP FEELING  
YOU NEED TO  
BE PERFECT.  
IT'S OKAY TO  
BE IMPERFECT.



THEN IS IT OKAY  
TO HATE MYSELF  
AND EVERYBODY  
ELSE?  
? ? ? ? ?

## STEP 5

FILL YOUR  
HEAD AND  
HEART WITH  
LOVE AND  
COMPASSION.  
DON'T LEAVE  
ANY ROOM  
FOR YOUR  
BAD AND  
UGLY  
THOUGHTS.



BAYLA,  
YOUR HEART  
IS A PUMP!  
IT'S NOT  
A CAR  
YOU FILL  
WITH GAS.



HOW DO  
YOU FEEL  
NOW THAT  
YOU'VE  
DONE THE  
STEPS?



I'M STILL CRITICIZING  
MYSELF FOR:

HATING  
JUDGING  
DISTORTING  
RETAILIATING  
RESENTING  
LUSTING  
PLAGIARIZING  
STEALING  
LYING  
DECEIVING

**FAILING!**

I TOLD  
YOU IT  
WAS  
A BAD  
INVEST-  
MENT









## **Hinda Avery**

**Hinda Avery has always tried to integrate political and social issues into her artwork and in the 1970s the feminist movement gave her work a particular focus – that of portraying women in a non-stereotypical way. This focus has remained with Avery throughout the years.**

**Avery holds a BFA, MFA and PhD (UBC). Her Doctoral research, in architecture and urban planning education, was from a feminist perspective and for several years she taught Women's Studies. She lives in Vancouver, BC.**

## **Bayla's Got Issues**

**Hinda Avery began creating BAYLA COMICS in 2017. Bayla, the name of the protagonist in all Avery's comics, is an older, muddled unfulfilled woman dealing with aging, anxiety and the need for affirmation in the art world. Each individual comic singles out, with dark humor one of Bayla's many issues.**

**Among Avery's social concerns is the proliferation of highly sexualized images of young women in popular comic books. Few, if any, images of older women, or stories that relate to their lives appear in these publications. BAYLA COMICS are filling a much-needed niche in the mainstream comic art scene.**

**BAYLA COMICS come in three formats: regular sized comics, large wall panels and animated films (directed by Michael Kissinger).**