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a different story.
That is something
worth hearing.■



OLD HEROES SOLVE MYSTERY

STORY & ART BY GWEELI SUI

SINGAPORE — Those
sleepy HDB apartment
blocks at Lorong Ah Pek
have not enjoyed good
attention in a long time.
All that changed when
three elderly men from
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Nurifah spoke much
about how wonderful
the trio's discovery
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"Now I can go home
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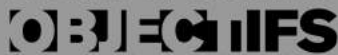


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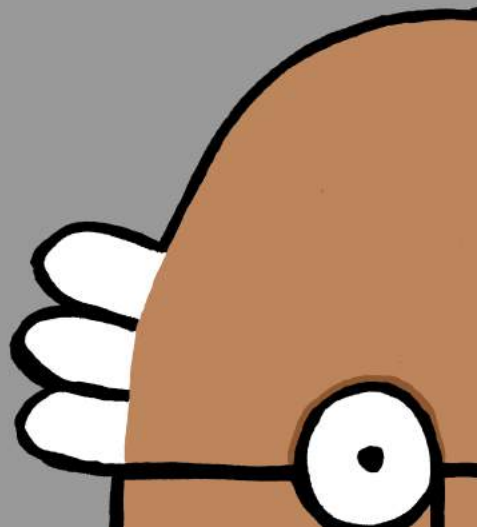
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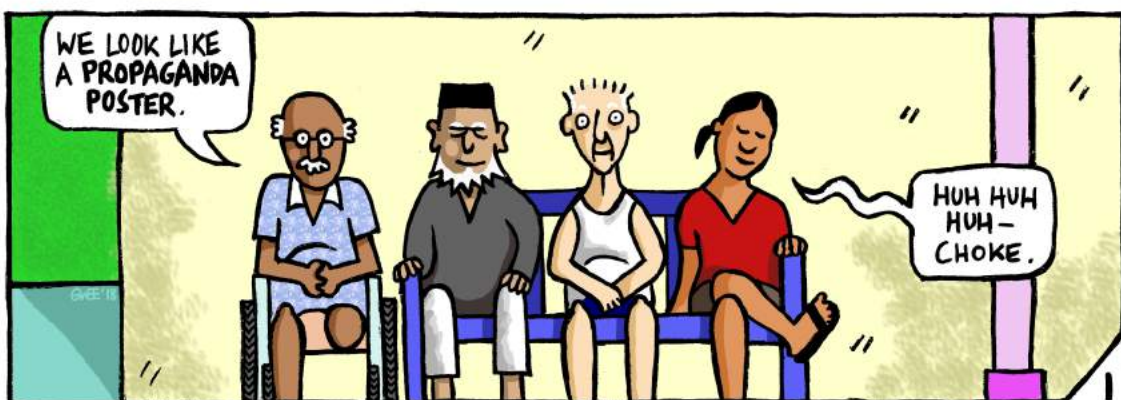
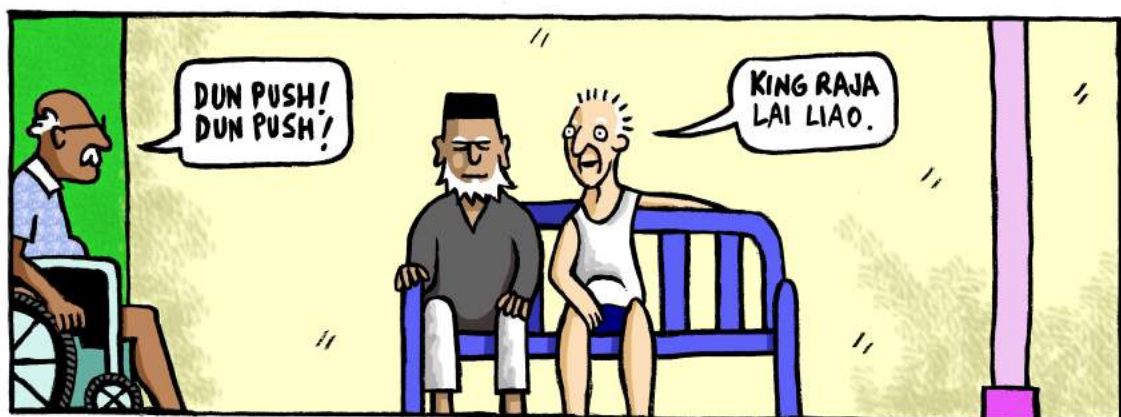


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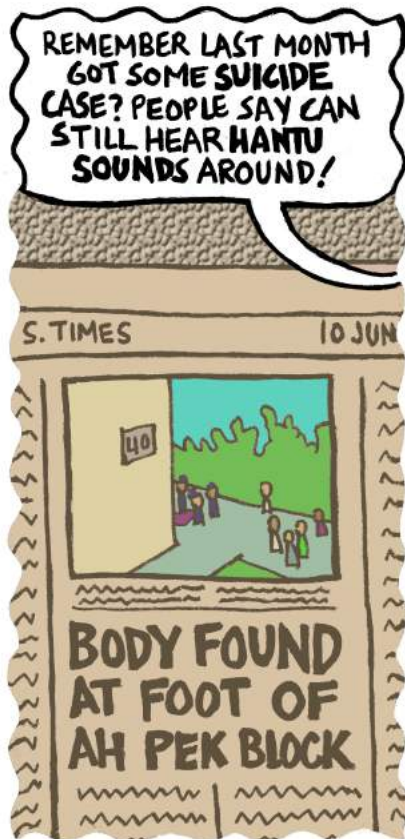


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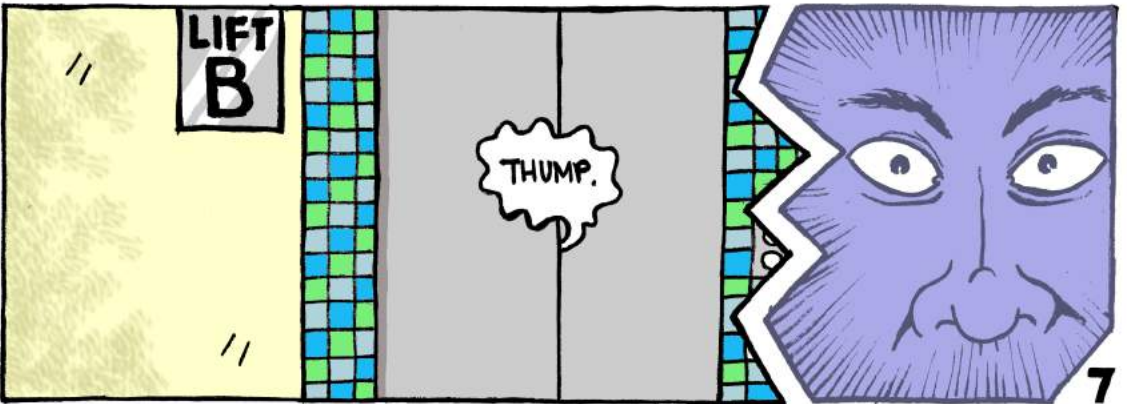
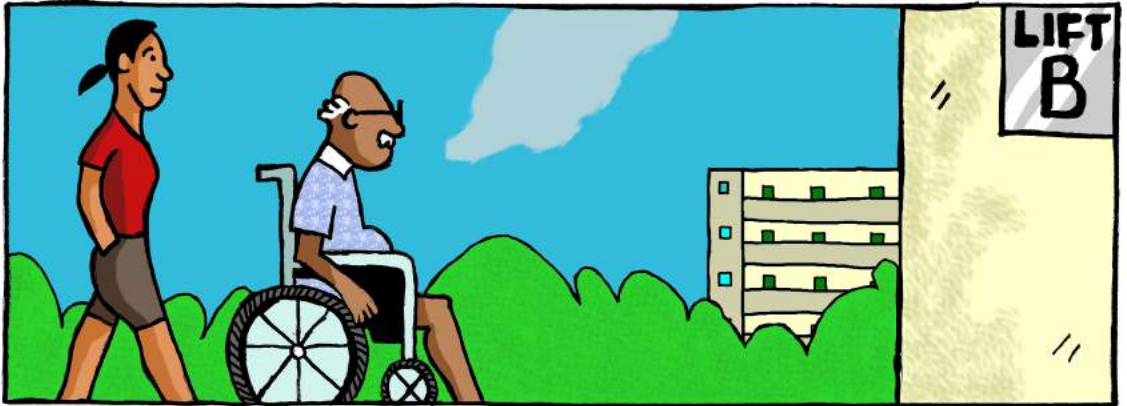
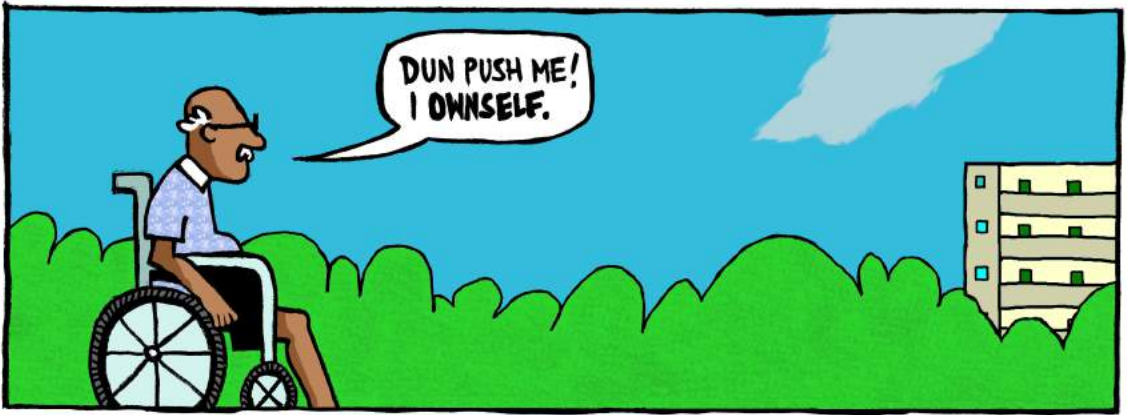
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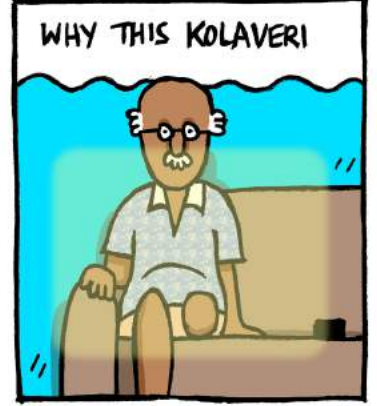
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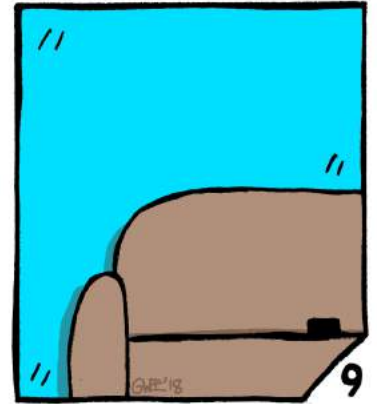


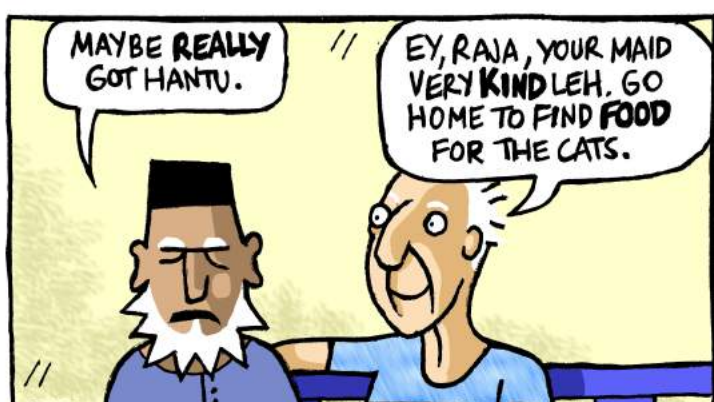




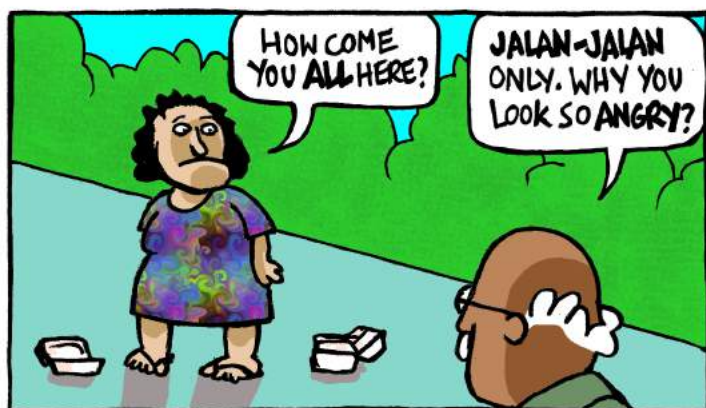
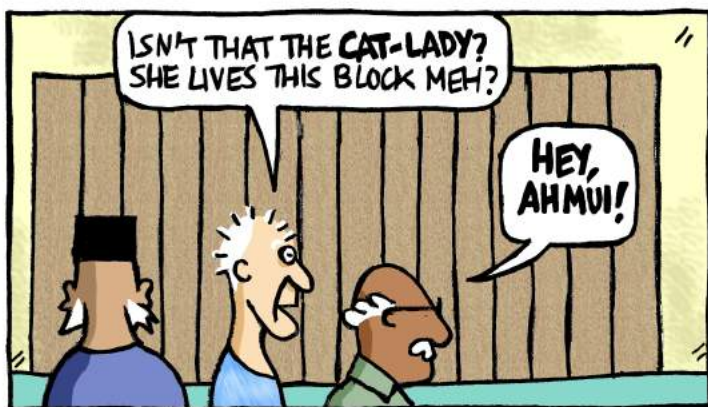






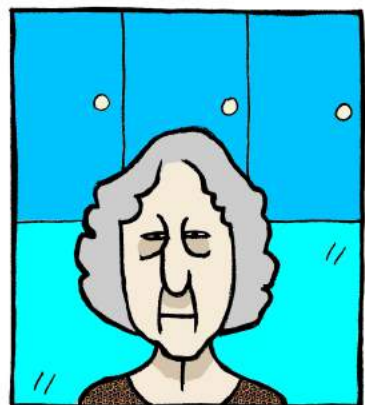


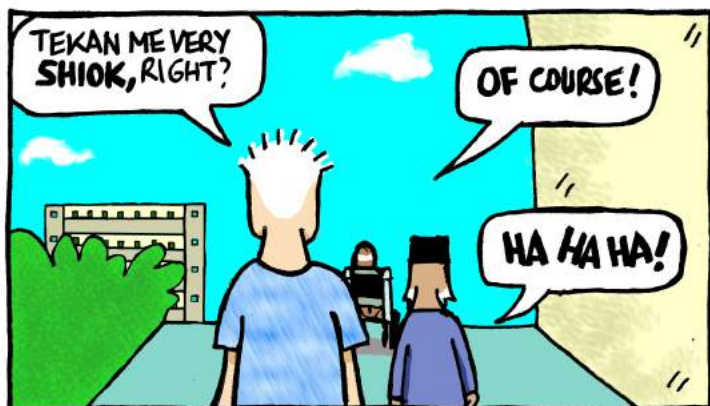
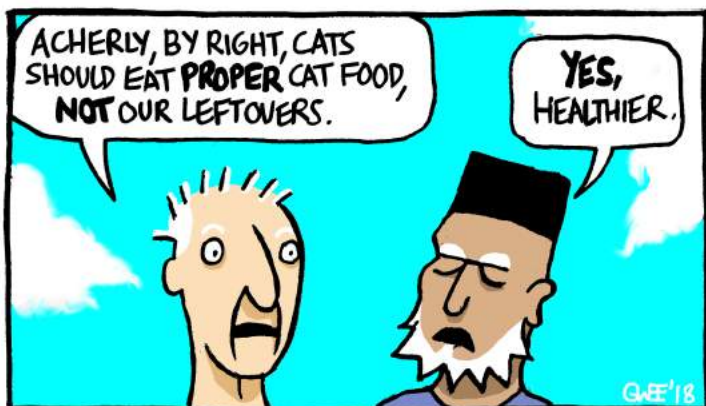


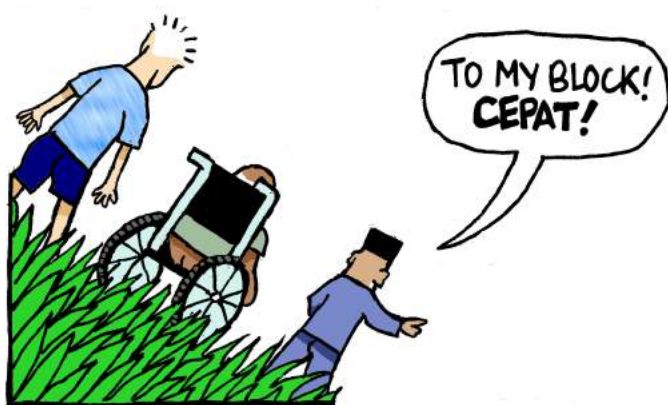


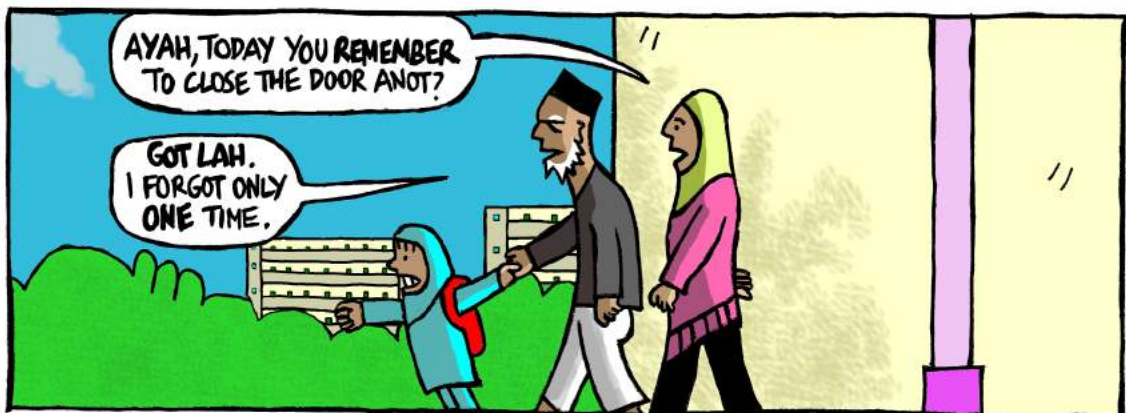


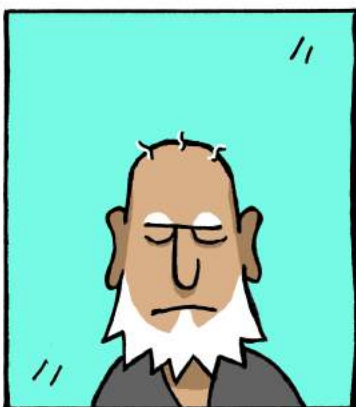
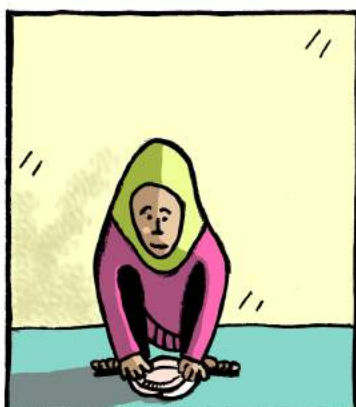
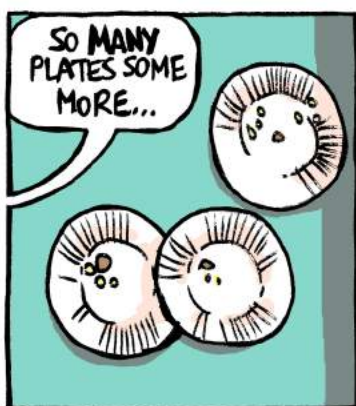


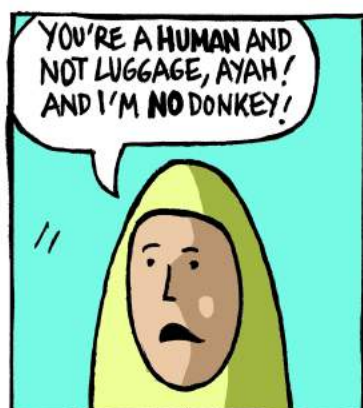


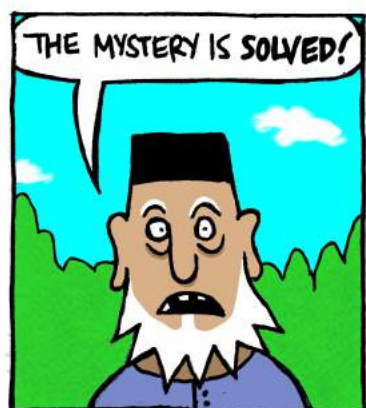








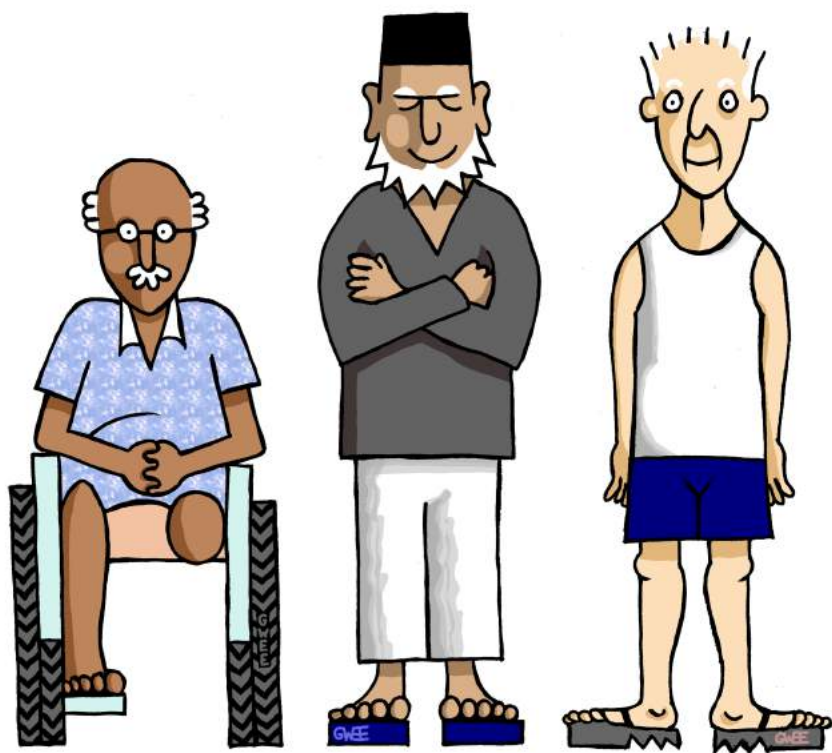








THESE ARE US.





AFTERWORD

WHO ARE CAREGIVERS? WHO ARE CARE-RECEIVERS? THESE WERE MY QUESTIONS AT THE ONSET OF MY WORK ON THIS COMIC. THE RESEARCH TOOK ME TO FAMILIAR ENCLAVES, TO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN VULNERABLE OLD PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HELPERS.

BUT I ALSO NOTE THAT WE OURSELVES ARE **AN AGEING SOCIETY**. THE CURRENT SUPPORT RATIO OF 4 CITIZENS BELOW 65 TO 1 SENIOR CITIZEN IS EXPECTED TO REACH 2 TO 1 IN 20 YEARS. BY THAT TIME, I MAY WELL NUMBER AMONG THOSE WHO NEED CARE TOO! RIGHT NOW, I'M ALREADY ASSISTING MY OWN PARENTS...

SO THE SOONER WE REALISE A SIMPLE TRUTH, THE BETTER: CAREGIVING AND CARE-RECEIVING AREN'T ABOUT OTHER FOLKS. **THEY'VE ALWAYS CONCERNED US.** BECAUSE EVERYONE GROWS OLD, ALL THAT SEPARATES YOU — IF YOU AREN'T ACQUAINTED WITH CARE — YET — FROM THOSE INVOLVED IN CARE IS **TIME**.

KNOWING THIS POINT, ATTITUDES TOWARDS THIS WHOLE SPHERE OF LIFE AND THE DIGNITY OF THE OLD MUST CHANGE. CARE HAS TO BECOME AN INTEGRAL, **POSITIVE** FEATURE OF THE SOCIETY WE ENVISION AS INCLUSIVE AND FUNCTIONAL. FOR THIS PURPOSE, MY COMIC HAS SETTLED INTO WHAT IT IS: MY WAY OF AFFIRMING SOME SMALL COMMUNITY OF CARE I CAN BELONG TO SOME DAY.

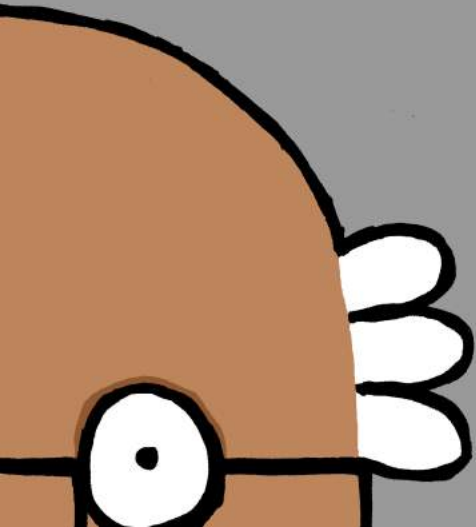
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THINGS MUST SHARE!**

