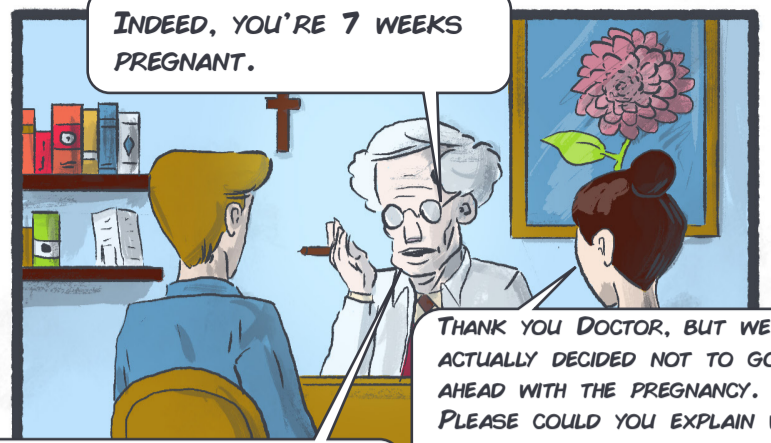


SO, IT'S CONFIRMED - I'M DEFINITELY PREGNANT. I CALLED MY DOCTOR AND HE CAN ONLY SEE US IN A WEEK'S TIME.

I CAN TAKE TIME OFF WORK THAT DAY AND JOIN YOU.

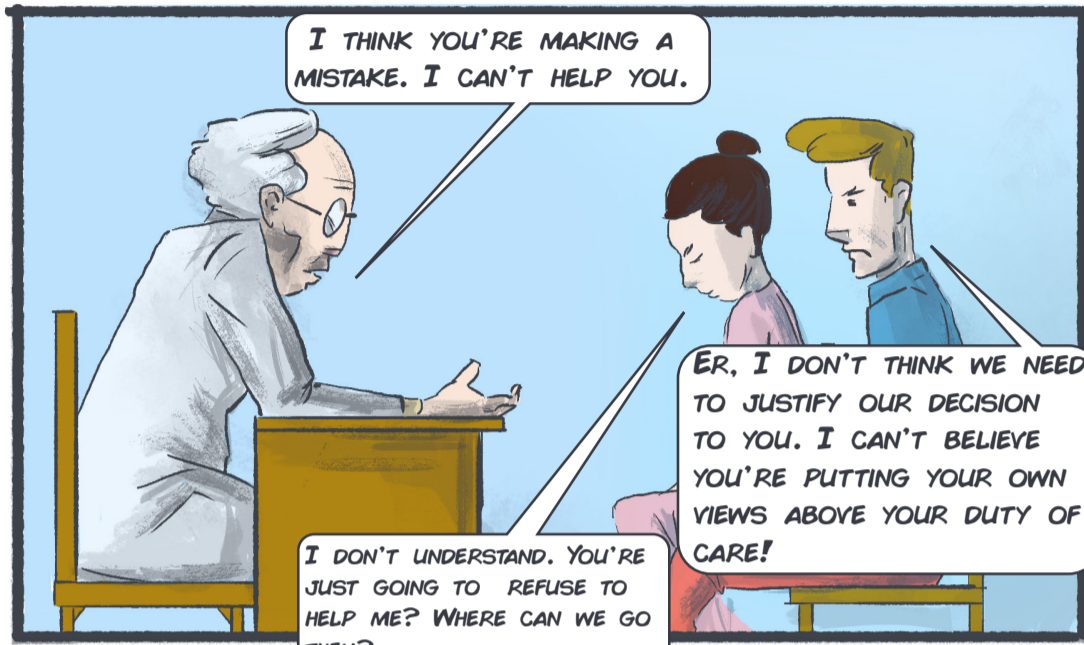
OK, GREAT.



INDEED, YOU'RE 7 WEEKS PREGNANT.

THANK YOU DOCTOR, BUT WE'VE ACTUALLY DECIDED NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PREGNANCY. PLEASE COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE NEXT STEPS ARE TO ARRANGE AN ABORTION?

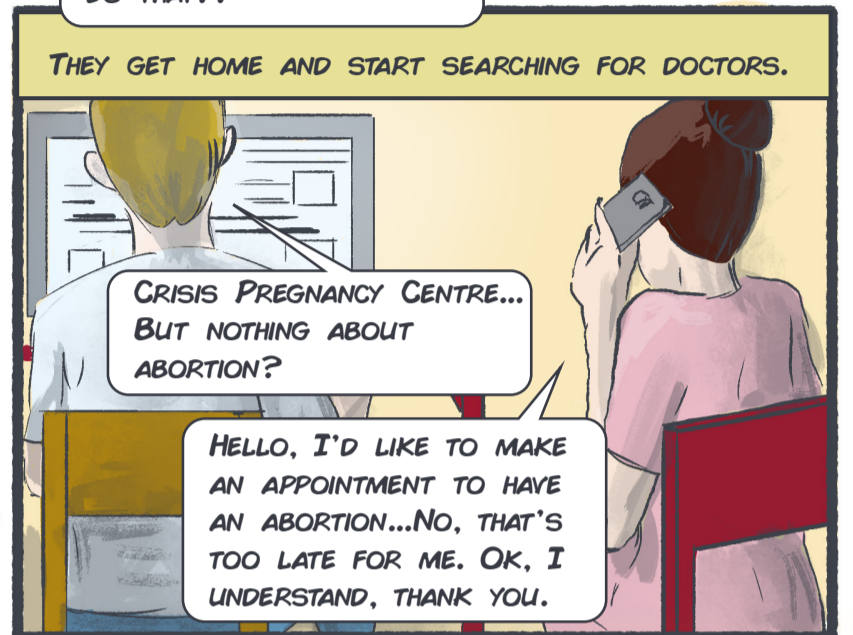
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THAT!?



I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE. I CAN'T HELP YOU.

ER, I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO JUSTIFY OUR DECISION TO YOU. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR OWN VIEWS ABOVE YOUR DUTY OF CARE!

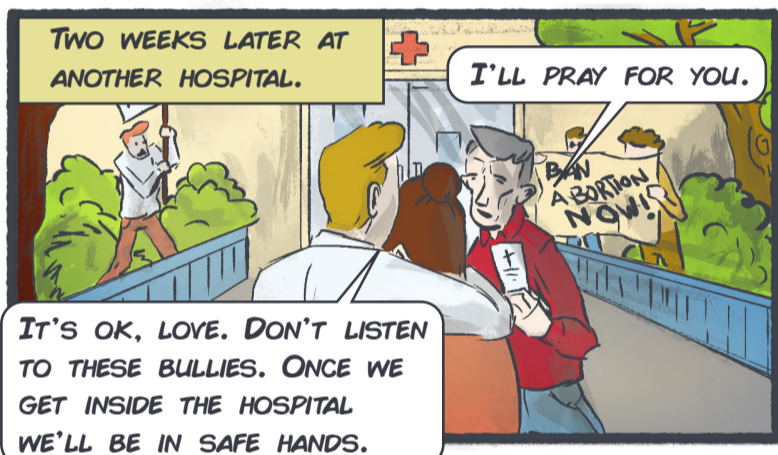
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO REFUSE TO HELP ME? WHERE CAN WE GO THEN?



THEY GET HOME AND START SEARCHING FOR DOCTORS.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE... BUT NOTHING ABOUT ABORTION?

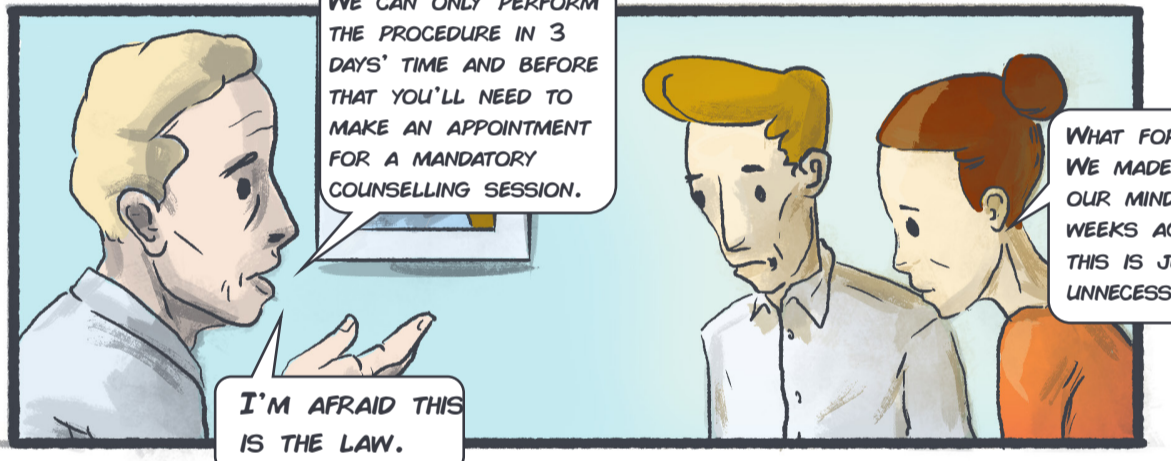
HELLO, I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE AN ABORTION...NO, THAT'S TOO LATE FOR ME. OK, I UNDERSTAND, THANK YOU.



TWO WEEKS LATER AT ANOTHER HOSPITAL.

I'LL PRAY FOR YOU.

IT'S OK, LOVE. DON'T LISTEN TO THESE BULLIES. ONCE WE GET INSIDE THE HOSPITAL WE'LL BE IN SAFE HANDS.



WE CAN ONLY PERFORM THE PROCEDURE IN 3 DAYS' TIME AND BEFORE THAT YOU'LL NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A MANDATORY COUNSELLING SESSION.

I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE LAW.

WHAT FOR!? WE MADE UP OUR MINDS WEEKS AGO, THIS IS JUST UNNECESSARY.

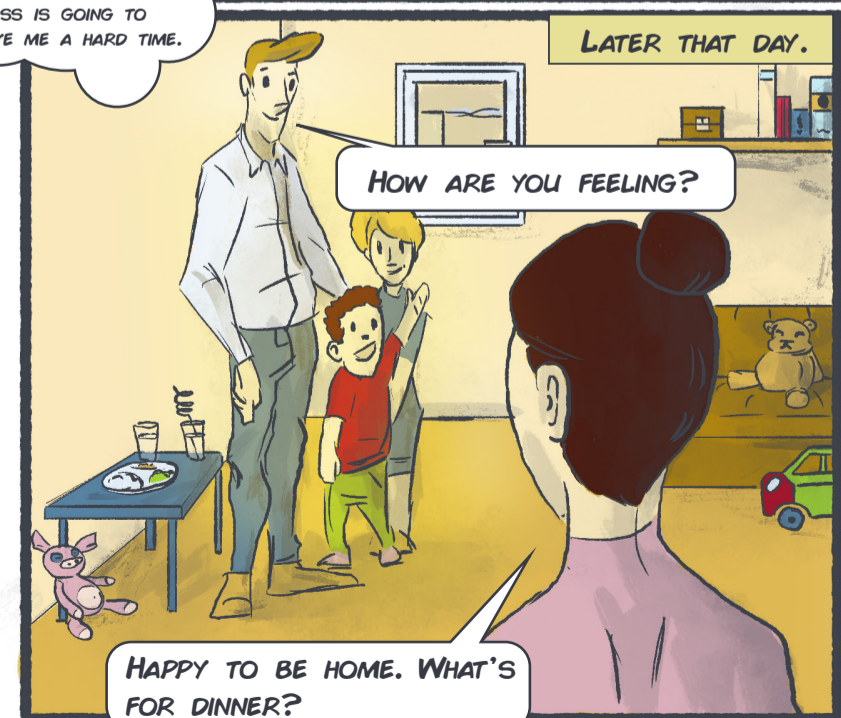


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT HARASSED GOING TO SEE THE DOCTOR! HOW CAN THEY BE ALLOWED TO INTIMIDATE PEOPLE LIKE THAT!

I'LL HAVE TO ASK FOR MORE UNPAID LEAVE TO GO TO ANOTHER APPOINTMENT. MY BOSS IS GOING TO GIVE ME A HARD TIME.



WE'RE READY FOR YOU NOW.

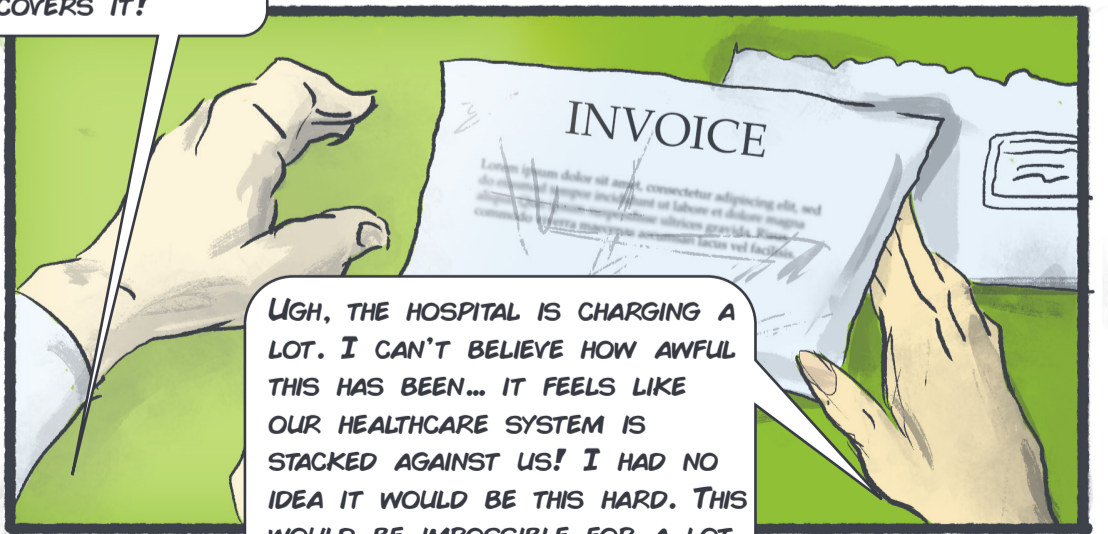


LATER THAT DAY.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

HAPPY TO BE HOME. WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

THE HOSPITAL BILL IS HIGHER THAN I EXPECTED - THE INSURANCE BARELY COVERS IT!



UGH, THE HOSPITAL IS CHARGING A LOT. I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW AWFUL THIS HAS BEEN... IT FEELS LIKE OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS STACKED AGAINST US! I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BE THIS HARD. THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A LOT OF WOMEN.

MANY WOMEN AND FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD FACE DENIAL OF CARE AND ARE SYSTEMATICALLY LET DOWN BY THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WHEN THEY NEED IT THE MOST.