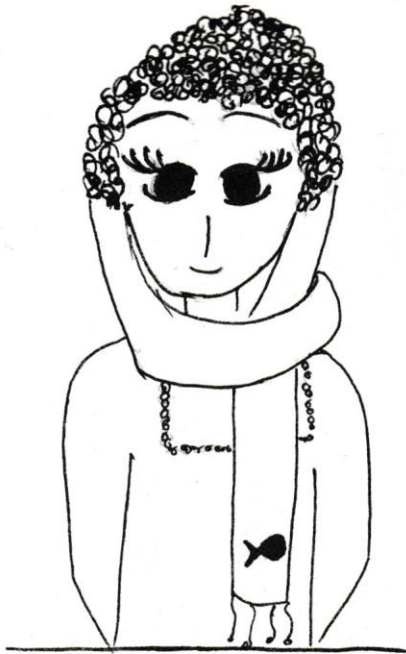
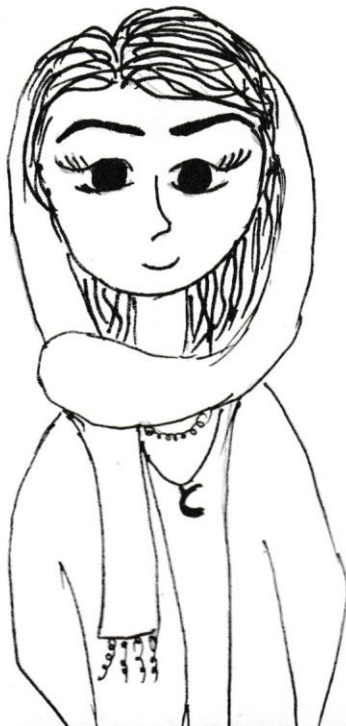


This story is about me
and my friend. We used to
work together as biology
teachers in Iran.



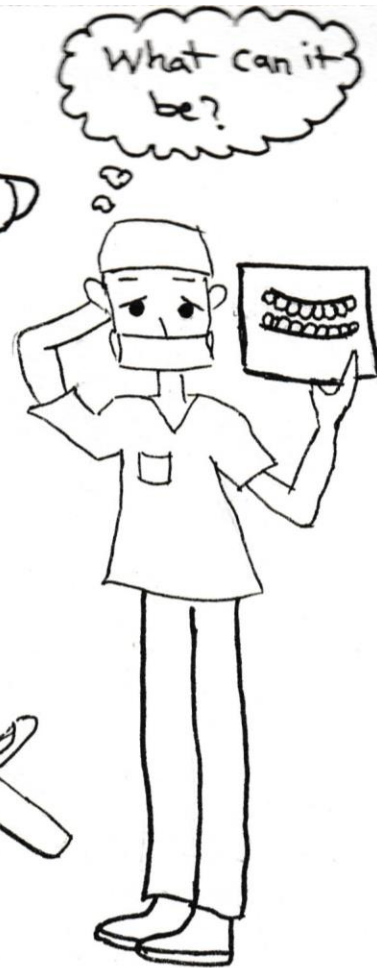


SARA
zoologist, writer,
translator,...



Elnaz (me)
Dentistry Student

The n^{th} session, at the dentist's (#3), after trying different treatments on different teeth, there's still the pain...



I occasionally
asked her to
cover for me.
When I was
late for the
early morning
classes, but
once:

< (EA)
Elnaz

Ahoy! Where are
you? I'm gonna be
a bit late! 😊

What? No! I'm on
my way, off from
the dentist's.

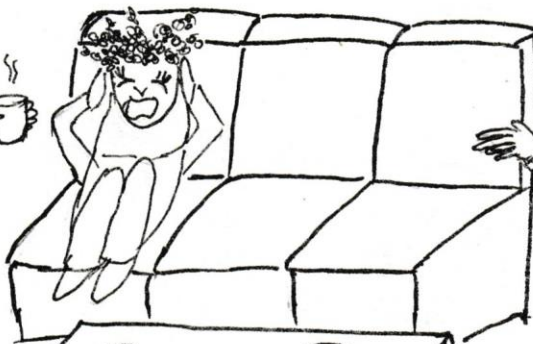
Good. Got rid of
that pain?

Not really. You gotta
give me some advice.

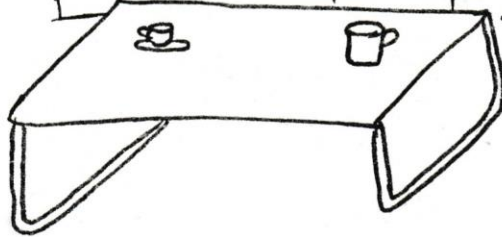
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Teachers Lounge

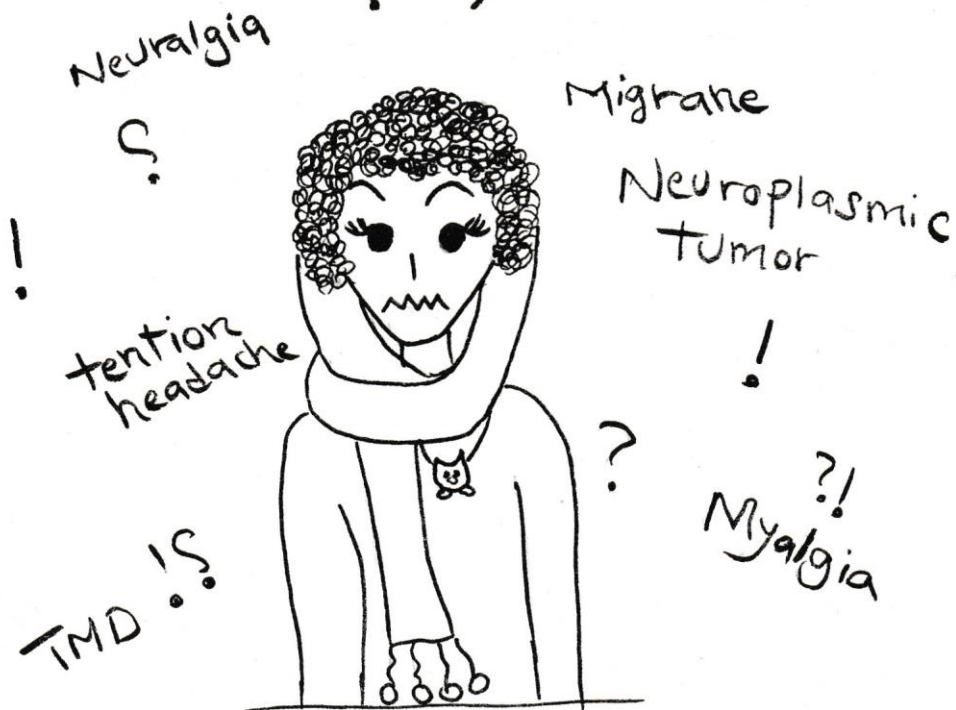
A relaxing tea?

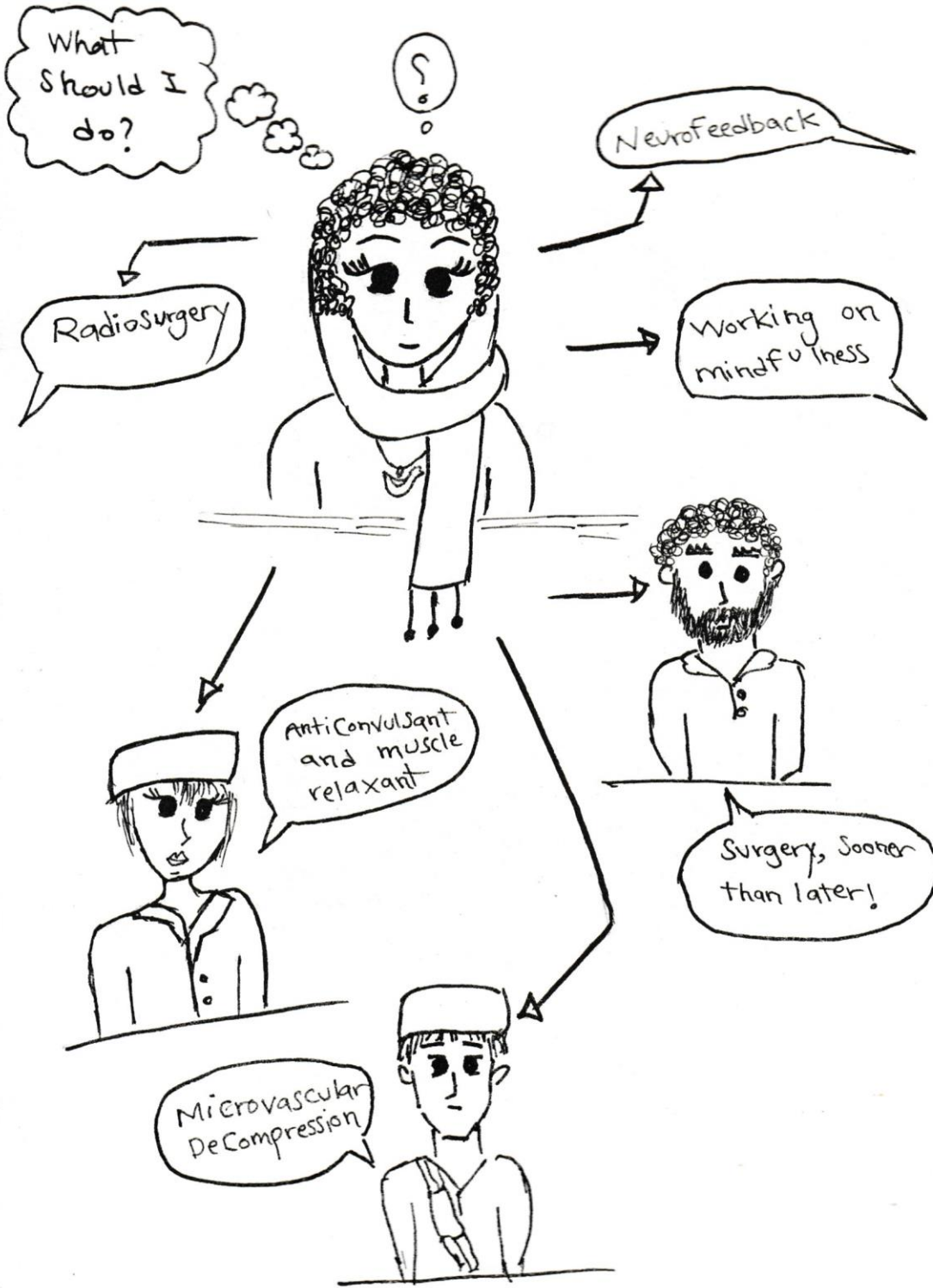


All right.
She should
see a specialist



? CHRONIC PAIN >







We used to hang out in a cozy cafe.

She would talk to me about her treatment,
new approaches like neurofeedback and wanted
me to tell her my opinion. Sometimes she'd tell me
how she gets affected by her chronic pain and
how hard she tries to cope with it.

And Sometimes about Our personal lives ...



We were so good together ...

And She would
tell me how her
Personal life was
affected by her chronic
Pain.



Then my pain episodes started ...



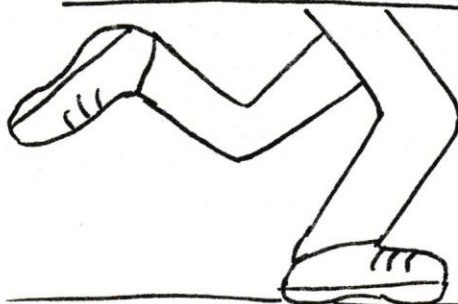
He saw me in pain, crying, and not being able to eat for a while ...



Do you want to put
up with a woman suffering
an unknown illness for
your **WHOLE LIFE?**

He started to freak out, because of...

And happend, what happend:





But she wasn't ...

After a while her pain episodes became more frequent and unpredictable.

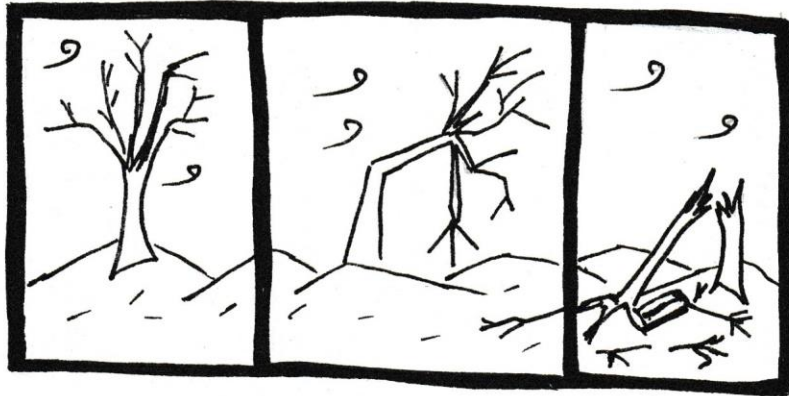


It happened at work. Soon they started to degrade her position there...



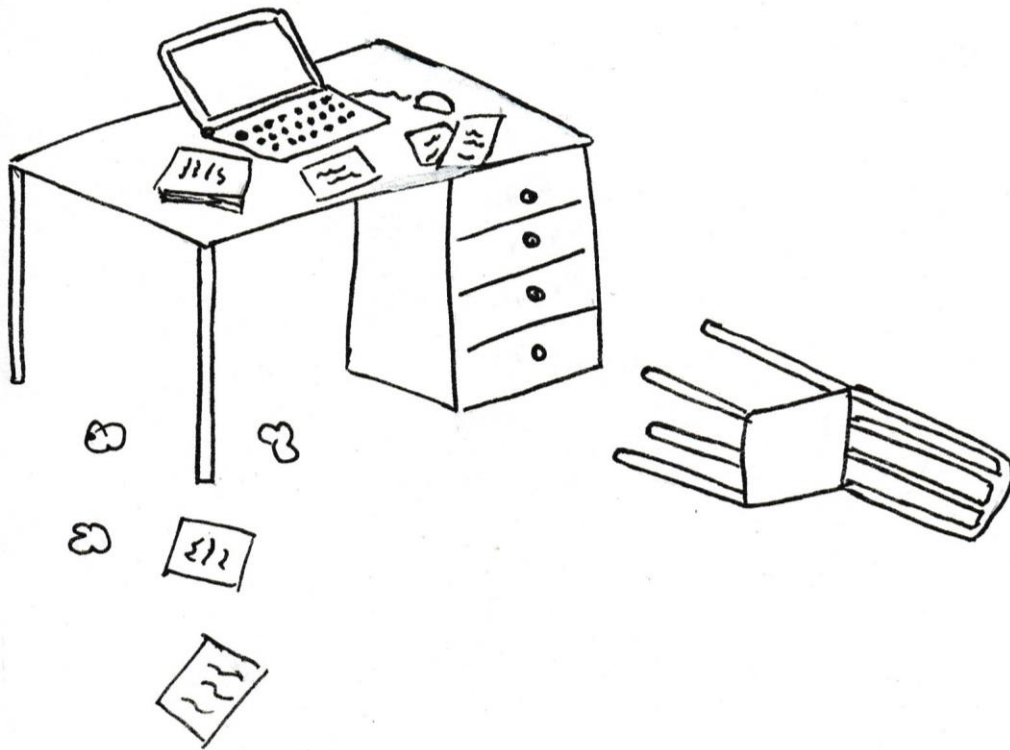
And at parties.

Soon she got less invitations than before...



Sometimes she thought that her life was
empty of happiness and joy...

And she was so depressed that she left
her novel unfinished.



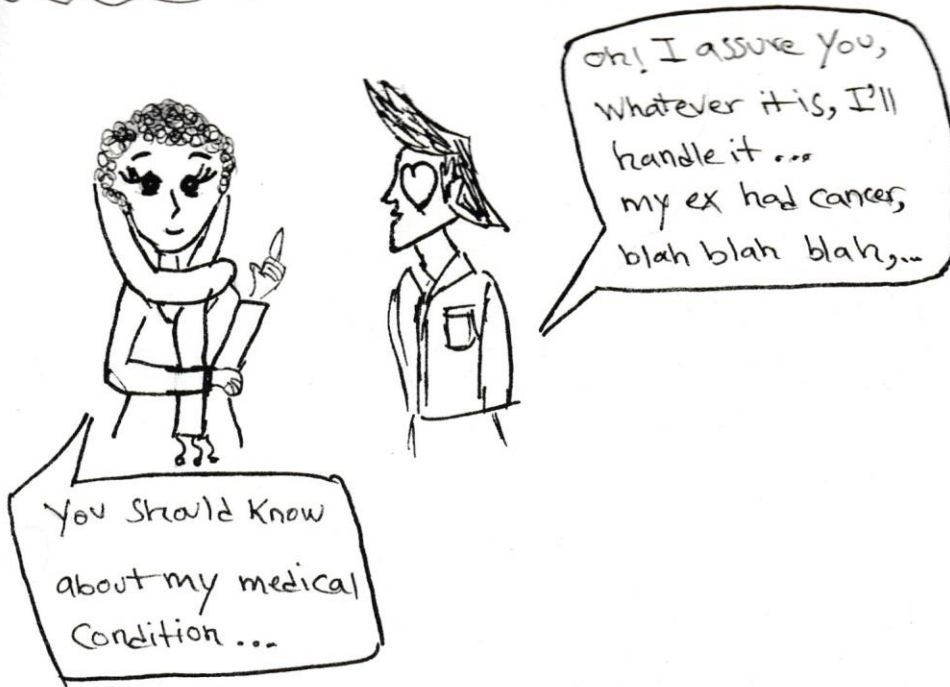
The time passed. After years, Sarah learned how to manage her life and cope with pain episodes.

She found the support, made the right choices regarding her job and career. She keeps her motivation in spite of her bumpy path..

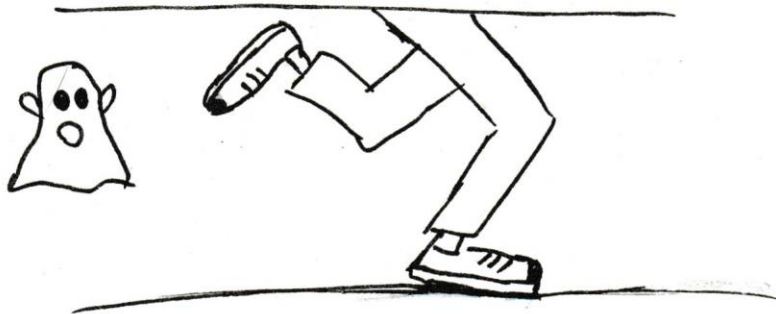
She calls me once in a while and we laugh at our problems together.



I started to see someone



But after a while ...



Years later, I moved to Canada. But we kept in touch.

So just postponed the surgery for Covid-19?

Yes, I hope this is the right treatment



I'm Sure you made the right decision.

Thanks!
I also have a good partner, he supports me...

Pandemic finally slowed down. Sarah had the surgery.



Sarah recovered from the surgery
and still can't believe that the pain is
really gone...

Now, she is trying to get used to
living without pain, after living with it
for 12 years. And she says, life is just
great again!