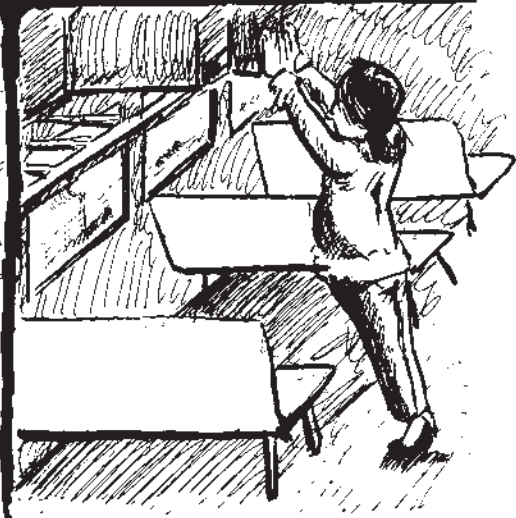
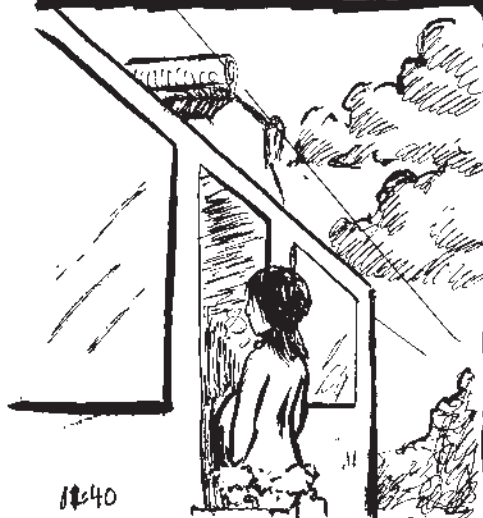


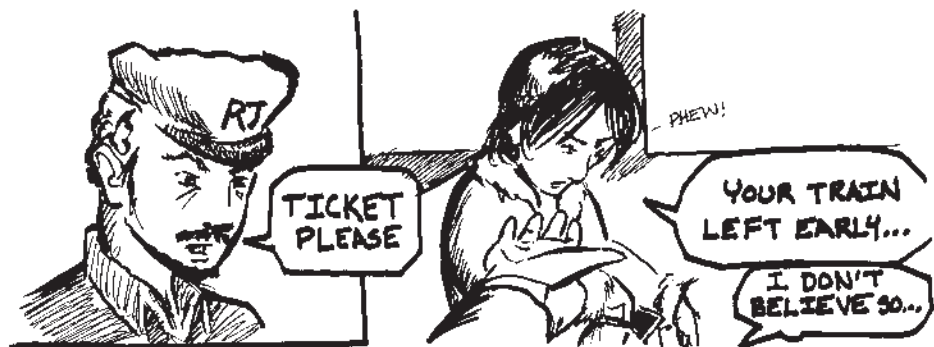
# A LITTLE SOMETHING INSIDE

A  
(NEARLY!)  
24-hr  
Mini-Comic



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'BOUT TIME  
YOU SHOWED UP.  
THOUGHT  
YOU CITY FOLK  
WERE PUNCTUAL...



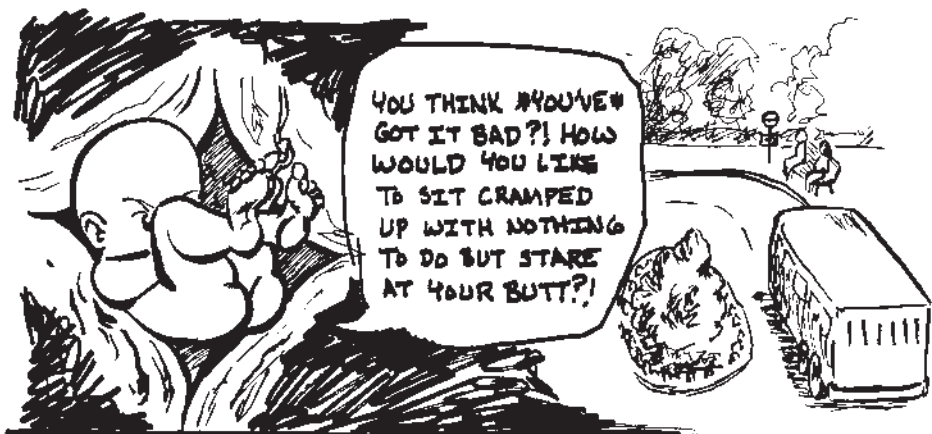
THE BUS  
SHOULD BE  
HERE  
SHORTLY...



HAVE YOU BEEN  
WELL, MOTHER?

WELL!? OF COURSE  
I'M NOT WELL!  
WHY MUST THE YOUNG  
ALWAYS ASK THE OLD  
IF THEY ARE "WELL"!  
MY ARTHRITIS IS  
ACTING UP IF  
YOU MUST KNOW...





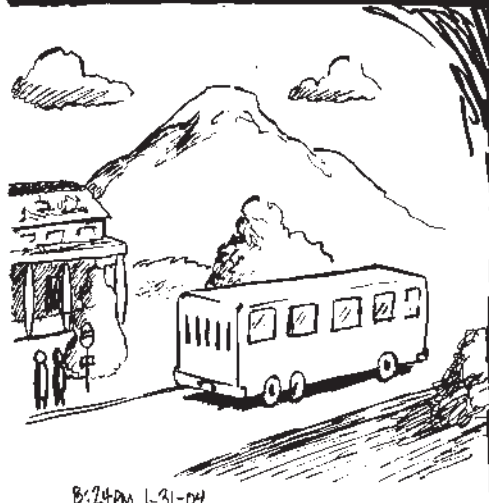
YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT IT BAD?! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT CRAMPED UP WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT STARE AT YOUR BUTT?!

LATER...



SO I TRUST YOU SAW MY SON OFF TO THE AIRPORT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP WITH THESE COMPANIES NOW ADAYS...

A MONTH-LONG TRIP TO AMERICA - WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?!



WHAT? YOU'RE NOT TIRED, ARE YOU?

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, WE NEVER LET A PREGNANCY SLOW US DOWN...

COME, I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM.

MOTHER! WHAT'S THIS HOLE?

OH, PAY IT NO MIND. JUST A TREE THAT FELL IN YESTERDAY'S STORM... I CALLED THE CARPENTER ALREADY.

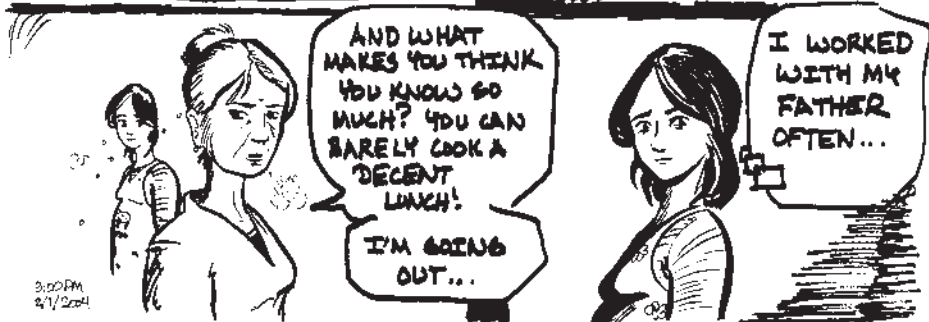
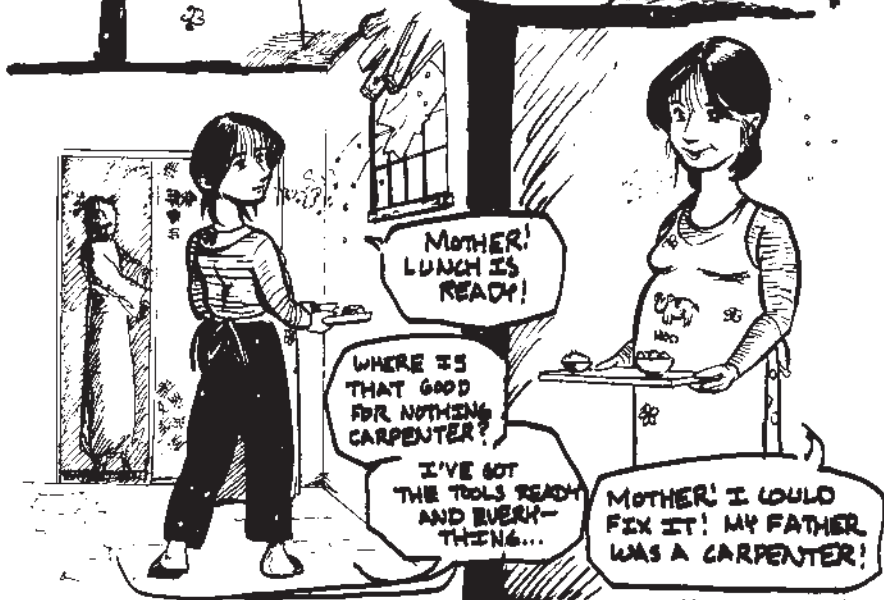
WHAT! DID THEY SAY HOLES?!  
OH NO! DON'T DO!

I'VE TAKEN GREAT PAINS TO SEAL UP ALL THE HOLES INTO HERE!

NICE AND COMFY AND WARM I AM AND THAT'S HOW I'LL STAY!

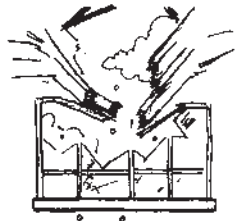
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...



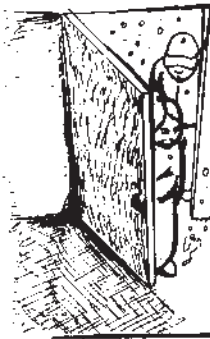




AHH... MUCH BETTER... MUST BEIN THE BLOOD...



LATER...



HELLO! WE'RE HOME! LOOK WHO HAS COME TO VISIT!

THE CARPENTER IS HERE!

MOTHER! I'M IN HERE! COME SEE - I'M ALMOST DONE!



IS THIS HOW YOU SHOW RESPECT TO YOUR HUSBAND'S MOTHER?! DEFY MY WISHES?! WILLFUL GIRL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY SON EVER SAW IN -

AHEM? IT'S NOT BAD...

WHAT?



I SAID, IT'S NOT BAD! YOU'VE GOT SKILL!

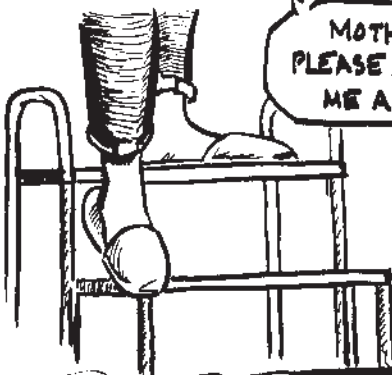


MOTHER I'M SORRY IF I'VE HURT YOU...

I'M ONLY TRYING TO HELP...



HMPH?



MOTHER, PLEASE... GIVE ME A CHANCE!



OH NO! SHE'S OUT COLD! QUICK! DRIVE US TO THE HOSPITAL!



DRIVE MY DAUGHTER AND I TO THE HOSPITAL!



WHAT AN EARTHQUAKE...

ONE MONTH  
LATER...

**KNOCK  
KNOCK!**

IT'S GOOD TO  
BE HOME... WHAT'S  
FOR DINNER?

**HONEY!  
YOU'RE HOME!**

NOTE:  
STILL  
PREGNANT

**SLAP**

OH... HELLO MOTHER...

DON'T YOU  
"HELLO MOTHER"  
ME? IS THAT  
ANY WAY TO  
TREAT YOUR  
WIFE?!

I'M  
ASHAMED...

PUSH TO  
EXIT

HMM... SOUNDS  
INTERESTING  
OUT THERE...

HEE  
HEE



