

FAT MONOLOGUE

I'M SUSPICIOUS OF MY THIN FRIENDS.

I THINK THEY THINK THEY'RE BETTER THAN ME BECAUSE I'M FAT.

THEY MUST THINK THAT!

ALTHOUGH THEY'D LIKE TO SAY WHAT THEY'RE THINKING IN BARRY.

FAT PRO!

THEY WERE RAISED IN THIS SOCIETY. THEY'VE HEARD APPROXIMATELY TEN BILLION MESSAGES SAYING THIN PEOPLE ARE BETTER...

YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING THAT THE REAL ISSUE IS I WAS RAISED IN THIS SOCIETY. SO AT SOME LEVEL I THINK MY THIN FRIENDS ARE BETTER THAN ME.

WELL... AREN'T THEY?

OKAY, I KNOW THEY'RE NOT BETTER THAN ME - BUT PART OF ME BELIEVES THEY ARE.

HI, THIN FRIEND!

I'M A FAT PRO!

STOP BASHING YOURSELF!

I SUCK BECAUSE I BASH MYSELF!

THE MOST BASIC WAY THEY GET YOU - FOR ANY DEFINITION OF "THEY" AND "YOU" - IS COLONIZING YOUR BRAIN. THEY'VE DEFINITELY GOT MINE.

THIS IS OURS!

WHAT DO I MEAN BY "A COLONIZED BRAIN"? MY MIND IS FULL OF SELF-HATING CRAP I KNOW IS CRAP, BUT I CAN'T GET RID OF IT!

BONUS COMIC STRIP: WHAT MY INTERNAL EDITOR IS TELLING ME AS I DRAW THIS!

NO ONE WANTS TO READ A FAN PAGE ABOUT BEING FAT!

WHY SHOULD ANYONE CARE, UNLESS PEOPLE HAVE WORSE THAN YOU?

YOU'LL BE HANGRY IF YOU DISPLAY THIS COMIC IN PUBLIC.

THERE IS A FAT-LOVE, SO YOU MUST HAVE SOME MATHS. PEOPLE WILL LIKE YOU.

THE PERSISTENCE IS THE WORST PART OF HAVING A COLONIZED MIND. I DON'T THINK IT'LL EVER STOP.

I'M DISGUSTING AND NO ONE WILL EVER LOVE ME.

IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS AGO

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS AGO

IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS AGO

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS AGO

IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR AGO

I'M DISGUSTING AND NO ONE WILL EVER LOVE ME.

YEEESH! THIS IS DEPRESSING!

LIFE'S NOT BAD, FOR GOD'S SAKE! THIS SOUNDS LIKE SAKI! THIS SOUNDS LIKE MY LIFE REVOLVES AROUND MY BELLY. IT DOESN'T. THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY... FRIENDS... MAKING COMICS...

YOU KNOW, I SPENT YEARS NEVER DRAWING A FAT PERSON IN MY COMICS, EXCEPT FOR VILLAINS? I DIDN'T CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE NOT TO... I JUST DIDN'T DRAW AN ORDINARY, DECENT FAT PERSON FOR YEARS.

SOMETHING'S MISSING, BUT WHAT?

I KNOW I'LL DRAW ONE IN THE FUTURE!

I DREW THE WORLD AS IF PEOPLE LIKE ME DON'T EXIST.

COLONIZATION OF THE BRAIN IN ACTION!

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT COMICS! LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT FEMINISM TELLS US ABOUT FAT.

THIS IS WHILE A FEMINIST LOOKS LIKE

FEMINISM HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT HOW SOCIETY TREATS FAT WOMEN, BUT THAT'S NOT MY POINT.

(BUT HOLY FLUCK! FAT WOMEN HAVE TO SAY ABOUT HOW SOCIETY TREATS FAT MEN, THE SHIT SOCIETY HEAPS ON FAT WOMEN IS UNBELIEVABLE!)

BUT LIKE I SAID, NOT MY POINT. INSTEAD, TAKE A LOOK AT THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD TENET OF MODERN FEMINISM.

"THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL"

-CAROL HANUSH 1969

LEFTISTS HAVE OFTEN TAKEN "THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL" AS A LICENSE TO CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE'S PERSONAL CHOICES, SUCH AS SHAVING ONE'S LEGS, OR BUYING AN INSUFFICIENTLY HOMOGENEOUS COFFEE, OR LIKING THE "WRONG" KIND OF SEX.

THAT'S NOT WHAT HANUSH MEANT!

WHAT I MEANT

BY HANUSH

THE POINT OF "THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL" IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT "PERSONAL" PROBLEMS ARE OFTEN CAUSED BY A SCREWED-UP SOCIETY.

THIS ISN'T JUST FAT!

IT'S SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE TO ME.

HAS REALIZING THIS HELPED AT ALL? WILL IT HELP ME NOT JUST KNOW BUT BELIEVE I'M NOT DISGUSTING?

WILL IT HELP DE-COLONIZE MY BRAIN?

LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUAL...

FAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON THAT...

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