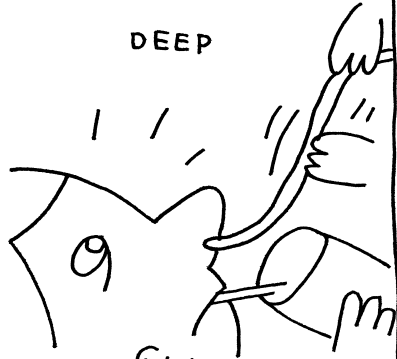


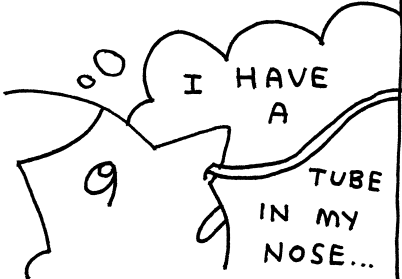
THE TUBE'S GONNA GO THROUGH YOUR NOSE and INTO YOUR STOMACH... WHEN I TELL YOU TO DRINK, DRINK... and KEEP SWALLOWING TIL I TELL YOU TO STOP...



ALL RIGHT... DRINK!  
DEEP  
GULP GULP



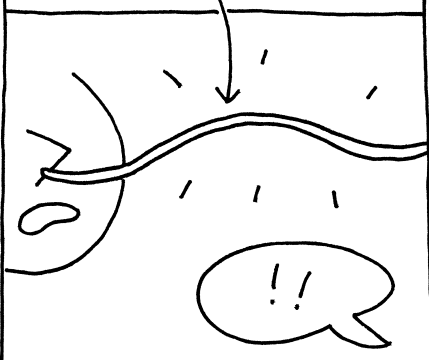
DRINK... KEEP DRINKING... KEEP DRINKING...  
O.K.A.Y.  
I HAVE A TUBE IN MY NOSE...



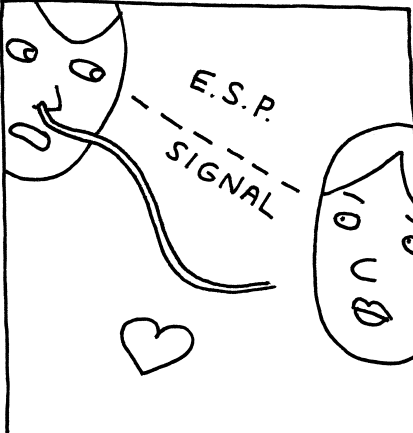
DEEP  
SNORK  
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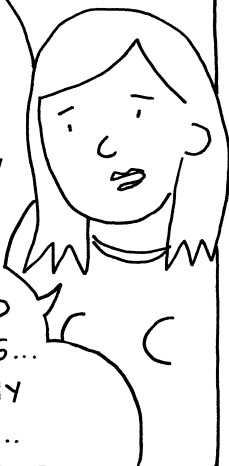
IT'S ALL BLACK  
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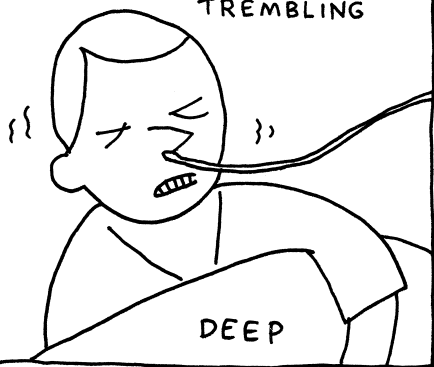
E.S.P. SIGNAL  
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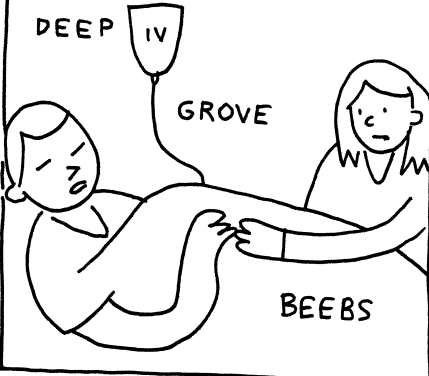
HE TOOK CHARCOAL PILLS THIS AFTERNOON, CUZ HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE FOOD POISONING... THAT'S WHY IT'S BLACK...



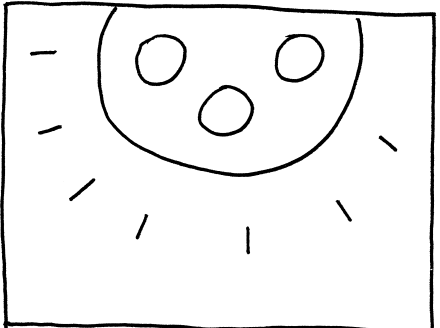
OH... TREMBLING DEEP



WAITING and WAITING DEEP IV GROVE BEEBS

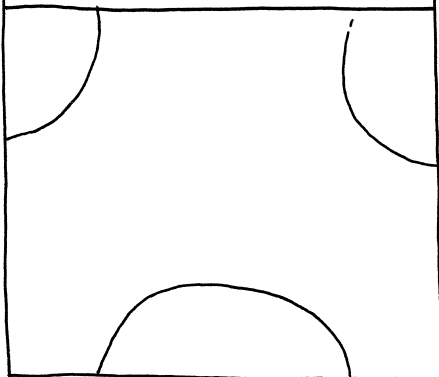


I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "I MIGHT BE DYING..."



NO IGNORANCE OR END OF IT...

NOR *all* THAT COMES  
FROM IGNORANCE



NO WITHERING,  
NO DEATH...

NO END OF THEM

NOR IS THERE PAIN

OR CAUSE OF PAIN

OR CEASE OF PAIN

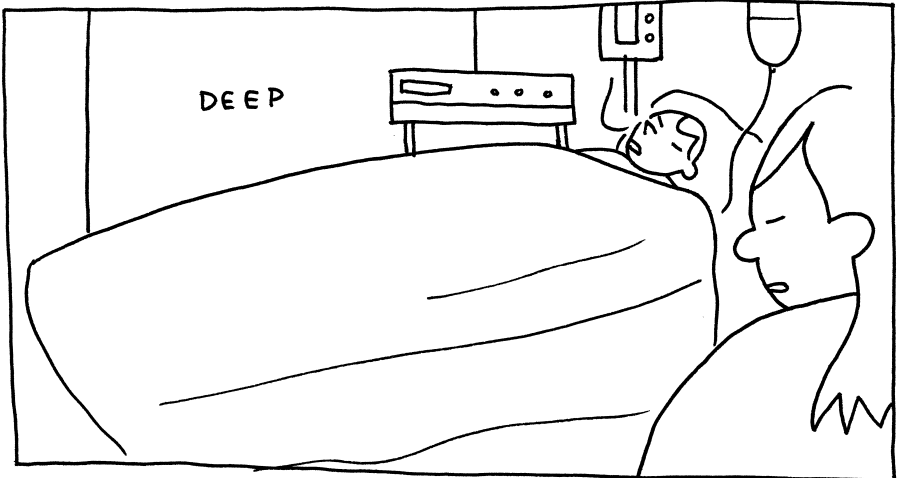
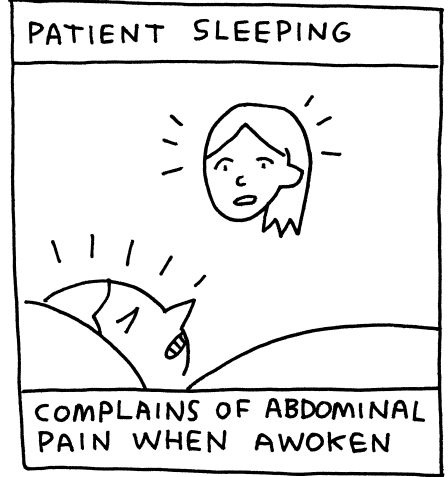
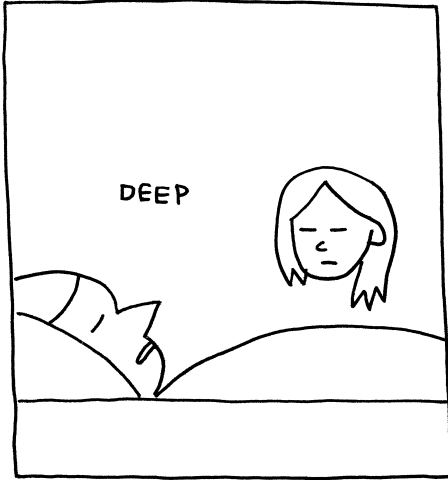


OR NOBLE PATH TO LEAD FROM PAIN...

NOT EVEN WISDOM TO ATTAIN...



ATTAINMENT, TOO,  
IS EMPTINESS





THAT MORNING at ONE A.M., THEY ADMITTED ME TO THE HOSPITAL



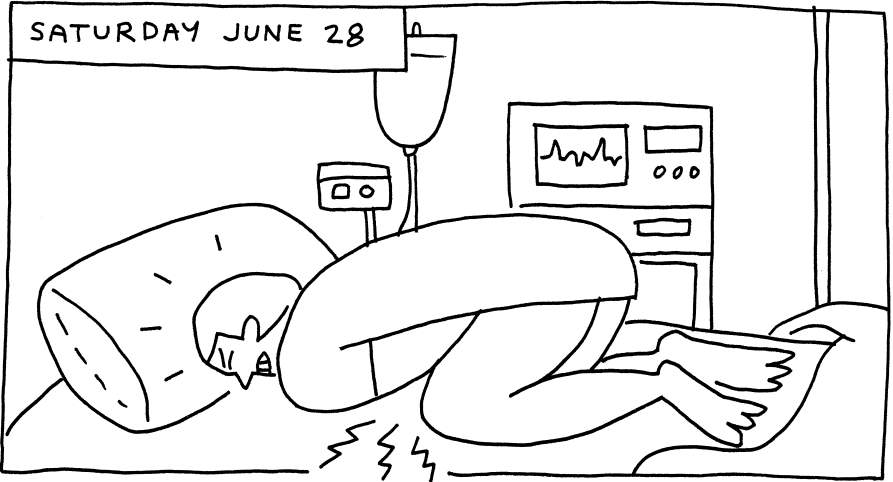
I WAS DELERIOUS WITH PAIN



I'M SORRY, GROVE...



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I LAID LIKE THAT FOR HOURS... IT SEEMED TO HURT LESS THAT WAY... I REMEMBER KERA GETTING FED UP, MURMURING IN THE HALLWAY...

(CAN'T YOU GIVE HIM SOMETHING FOR THE PAIN??)



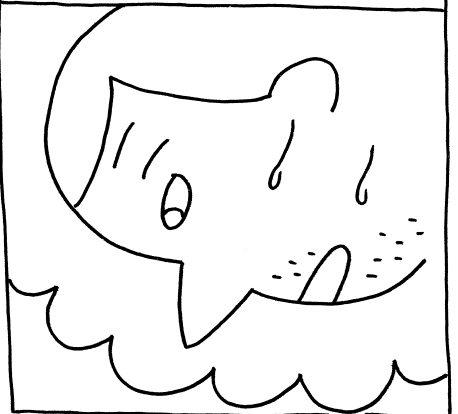
A NURSE CAME IN. I NEVER LOOKED UP...

THIS IS DEMEROL, IT'LL HELP WITH THE PAIN...

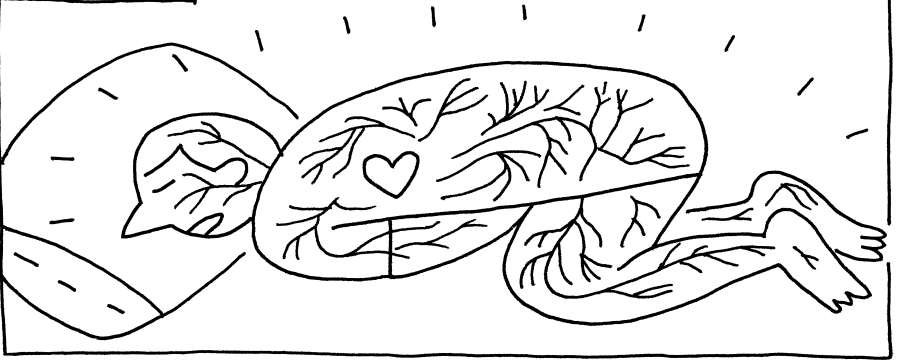
THERE'LL BE A LITTLE STICK...

I GOT A SHOT IN THE ASS

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT



THE DRUG COURSED THROUGH EVERY VEIN IN MY BODY



and EVERYWHERE IT WENT



BLISS

I SLEPT FOR A DAY

