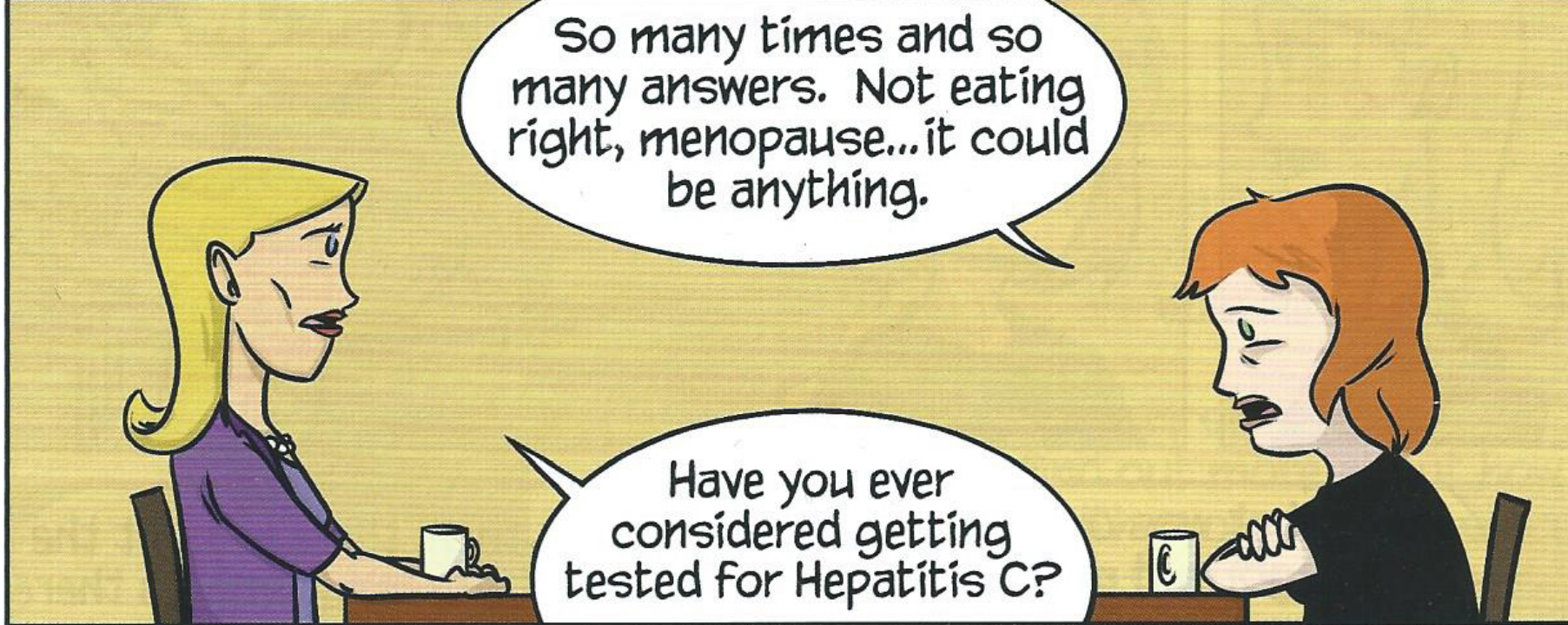


the **Coffee Break**

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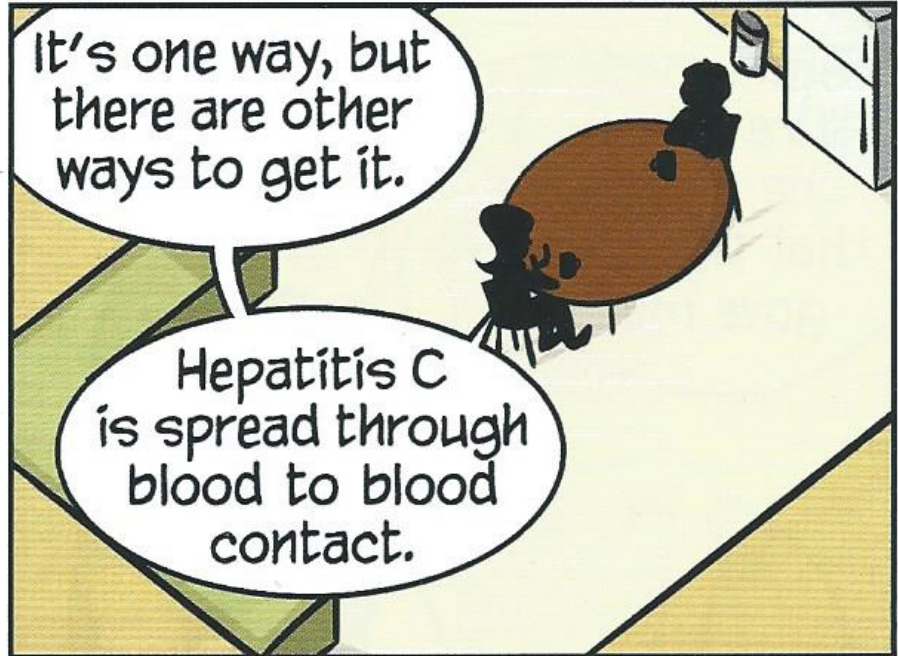


So many times and so many answers. Not eating right, menopause...it could be anything.

Have you ever considered getting tested for Hepatitis C?

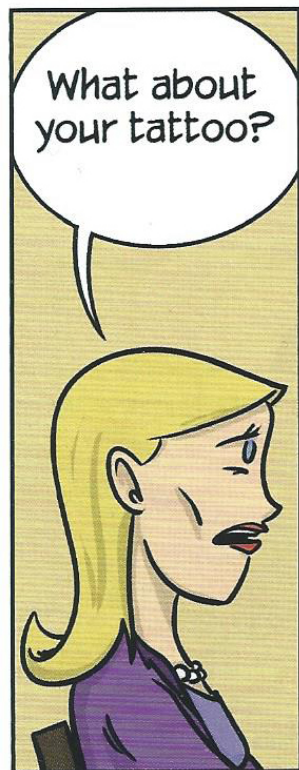
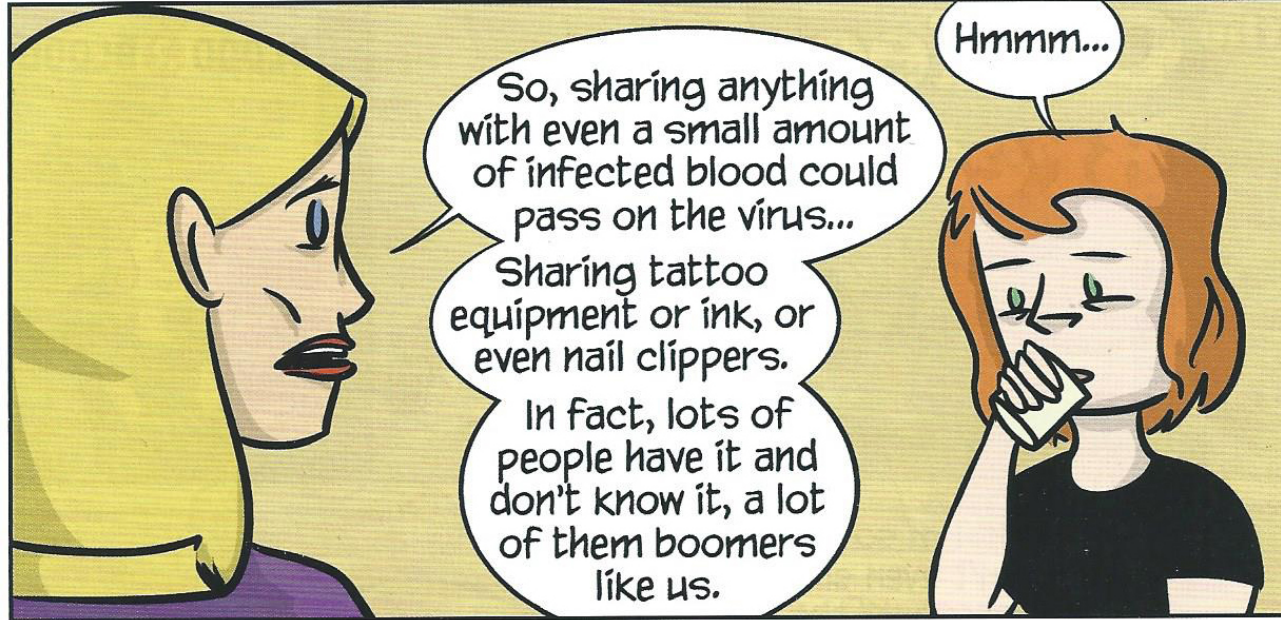


Why? I've never done any serious drugs, needles or anything like that. That's how you get it, right?



It's one way, but there are other ways to get it.

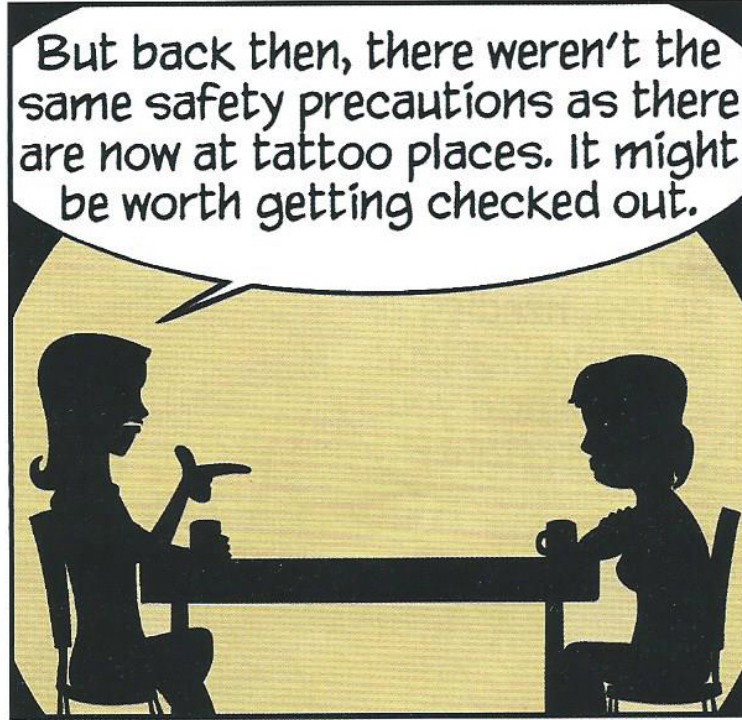
Hepatitis C is spread through blood to blood contact.





But that was over 30 years ago, and my tattoo never got infected!

And I made sure to use the cream that the guy gave me!



But back then, there weren't the same safety precautions as there are now at tattoo places. It might be worth getting checked out.



So, I was talking with my colleague and she told me to get tested for Hep C, because I'm tired all the time.

She said I could have gotten infected from my tattoo.

We start with a test to see if you've ever been in contact with the Hepatitis C virus, that means infected blood getting into your own blood stream.

If you have been exposed, then we do a second test to see if the virus is still alive.



What happens if I have it?



There is treatment available. And many people who go through it are able to clear the virus.

But first we'd want to find out more about how healthy your liver is, since Hep C affects the liver.





What should I do now?



We'll make an appointment to go over the results. For now, here's some info on Hep C for you.

BACK AT THE OFFICE...



So I'm waiting for my results. The doctor says we won't know until the results come back. Thanks for your help.

How come you know so much about Hep C, anyway?

I have Hep C. I got it in the eighties from a blood transfusion, so I know what you're going through. I'm here if you ever need any support.



Thanks. It helps knowing there's someone I can turn to while I'm going through this.



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