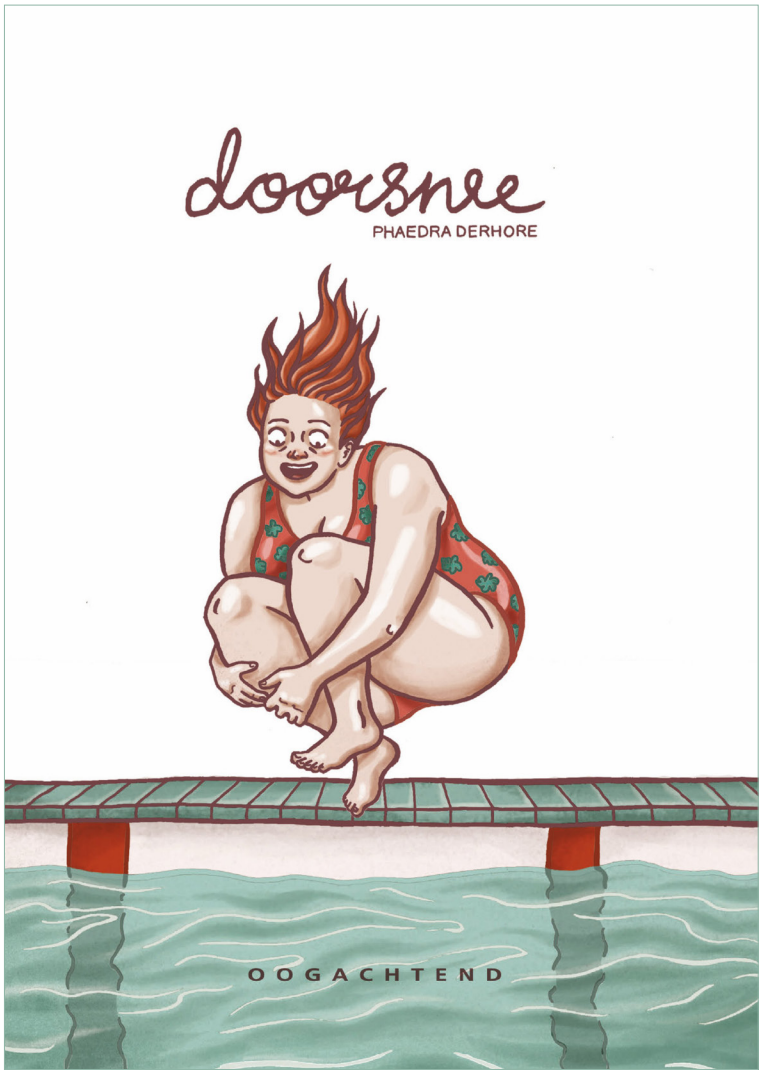


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PHAEDRA DERHORE

Phaedra looks in the mirror, and wants to see something else. On top of that, she is fed up with people's prejudices. She takes a drastic decision in order to lead a "normal" life : a gastric bypass. From the uncertain lead-up to the operation, to her friends' reactions afterwards : in this open and honest graphic novel Phaedra shares the story about how her weight messed up her relationship to food, and how she came to the radical decision to change the course of her life profoundly.

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"Doorsnee is an extremely personal, but very accessible and optimistic story. [. . .] She made it into a mature and excellently drawn comic, it doesn't have a word too many and is graphically clever."

Guido Magazine

Phaedra Derhore (Bonheiden, 1990) *studies illustration at the Saint Lukas academy in Ghent, after which she attains her Master Graphic Storytellig at the Saint Lukas academy in Brussels. Her short comic "Killing Time" is included in the book Incubator, a selection of work from art academy students the world over. Doorsnee is her first graphic novel and is published at Oogachtend in 2018. Besides working on her next graphic novel, Phaedra works as a freelance illustrator and cartoonist, and gives workshops in comic design. Out of these workshops "Graph-ik", a collection of short comics, was born.*



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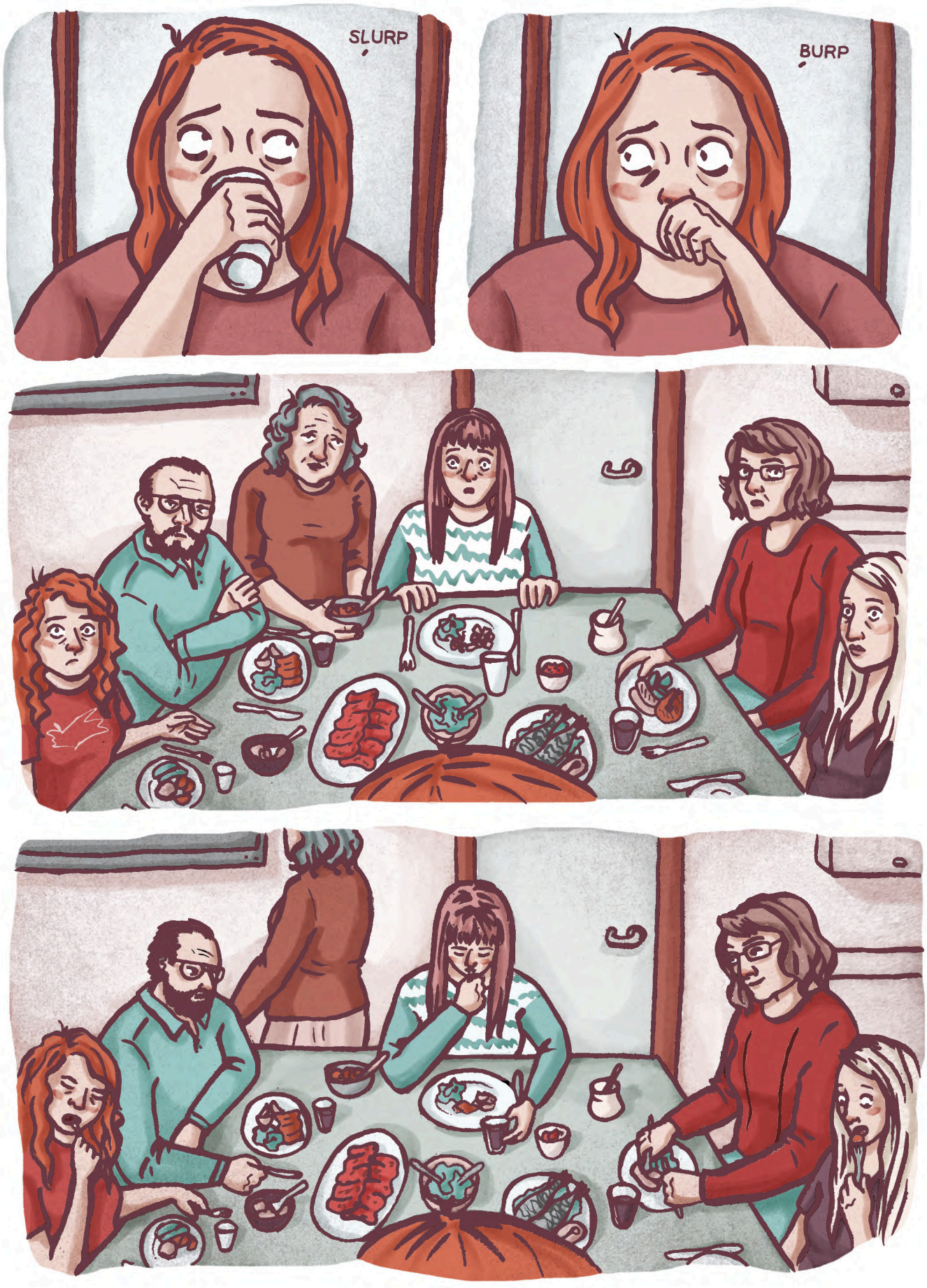
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I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HOME AGAIN
SO ARE WE.
OH OK. I AM TIRED THOUGH.
DO WE HAVE EVERYTHING FOR THE BBQ?
BBQ?
WELL, NOW THAT YOUR AUNT AND UNCLE ARE HERE, WE CAN TRY OUT THE NEW BBQ.
HI AUNTY.
HI PHAEDRA, ARE YOU DOING OK?
SURE.
YOU STILL LOOK GOOD.


CLINK CLANK
HMMMMM
HAHAHA
SMELLS GREAT.
WOW, IT ALL LOOKS SO DELICIOUS, NICK.
HAHAHA HAHA
CAN I HAVE ANOTHER SAUSAGE?
UGH






SLURP
BURP


BLAH
BLAH


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BLAH
HAP
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HMMM


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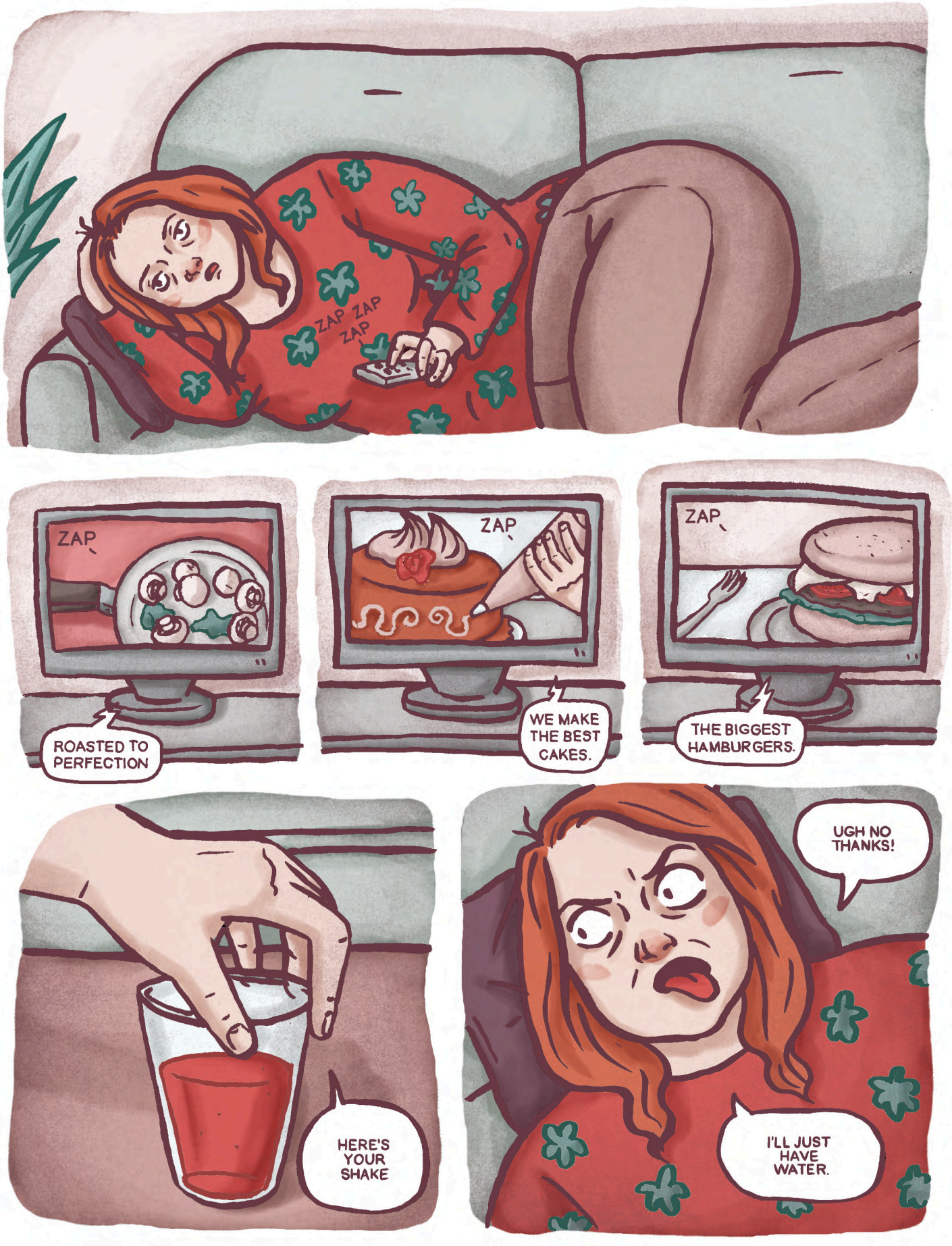

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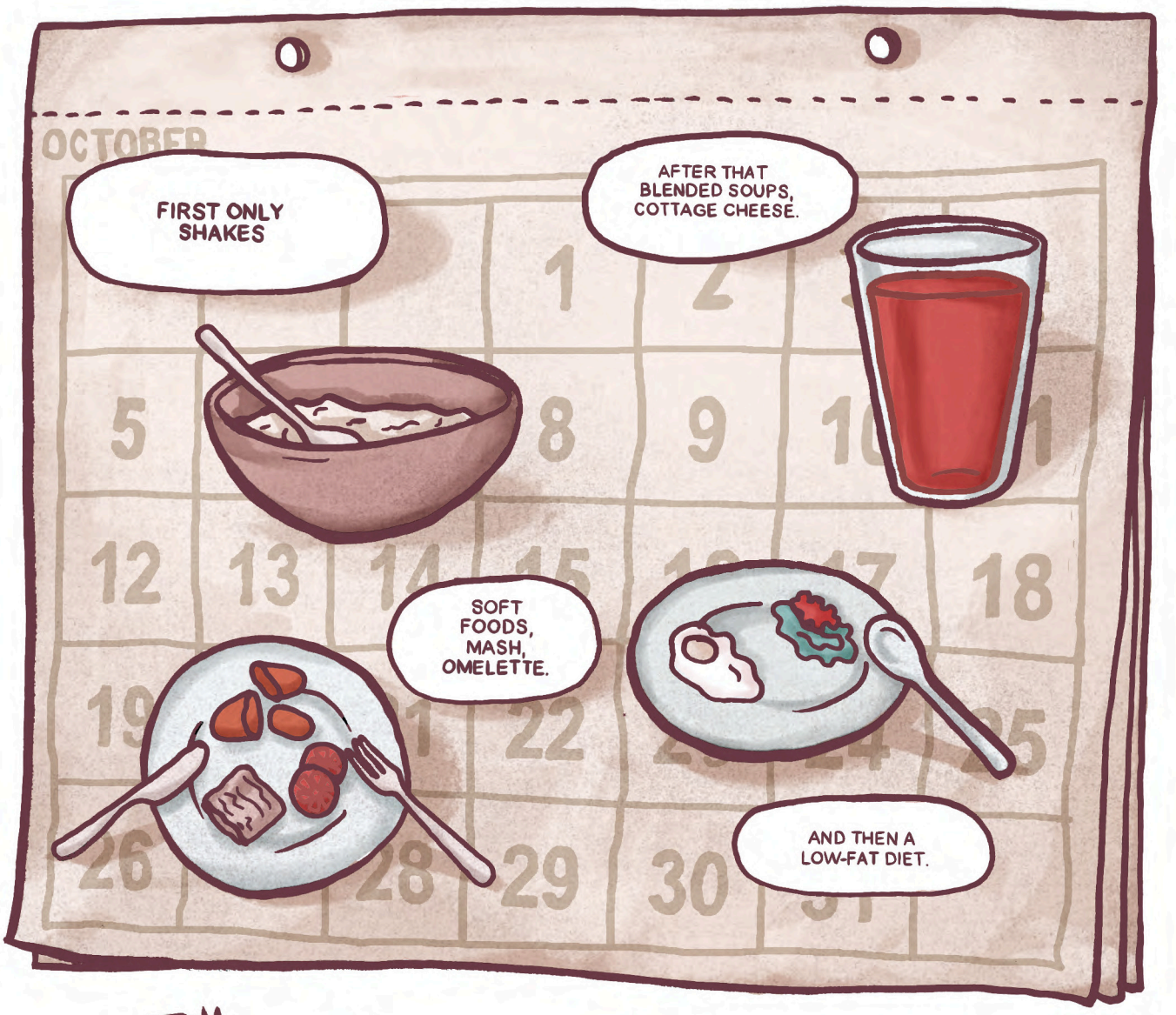

UGH I'M OFF
TO BED


ZAP ZAP ZAP
ZAP
ROASTED TO PERFECTION
ZAP
WE MAKE THE BEST CAKES.
ZAP
THE BIGGEST HAMBURGERS.
HERE'S YOUR SHAKE
UGH NO THANKS!
I'LL JUST HAVE WATER.


YOU'VE ONLY HAD A FEW SIPS THE PAST DAYS, DEAR.
BLEURGH
PROTEIN
SHA
UGH
GROSS!
BURP
I CAN'T DRINK ANY MORE.
SIGH. 2 MORE WEEKS DEAR.


00:00
RIGHT PHAEDRA, 1 WEEK POST OP.
00:00
LET'S WEIGH YOU, OKE?
00:00
SEE HOW YOU'VE DONE.
- 10KG


YESS!
NO, NOT YESS.
ERM
THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH, PHAEDRA.
DID YOU DRINK ALL YOUR SHAKES?
EUH
NO, NOT AT ALL.
BUT... BUT THEY MAKE ME FEEL SICK.
YOU HAVE TO DRINK THEM OR YOU'LL LOSE TOO MUCH MUSCLE.


OCTOBER
FIRST ONLY SHAKES
AFTER THAT BLENDED SOUPS, COTTAGE CHEESE.
SOFT FOODS, MASH, OMELETTE.
AND THEN A LOW-FAT DIET.


GULP
CHEW CHEW


HUH?
I EXPECTED SOMETHING MORE DRAMATIC.


HAP
HAP
HAP
NOT TOO FAST, DEAR.
NO, I'M FINE MOM.
FINALLY, FOOD.
MNN
MNN
MNN
ERM.
HMMMMM
TASTY
GULP
OH-OOOOH


OH DEAR.
URGH
SHIVER.
BRRRRRR
YOU ALRIGHT, PHAEDRA?
IT'S CALLED 'DUMPING SYNDROME'.
BLERGH
SIGH.
I KNEW IT.
THIS IS NOT GOING GOOD.
I FEEL A LOT BETTER ALREADY.