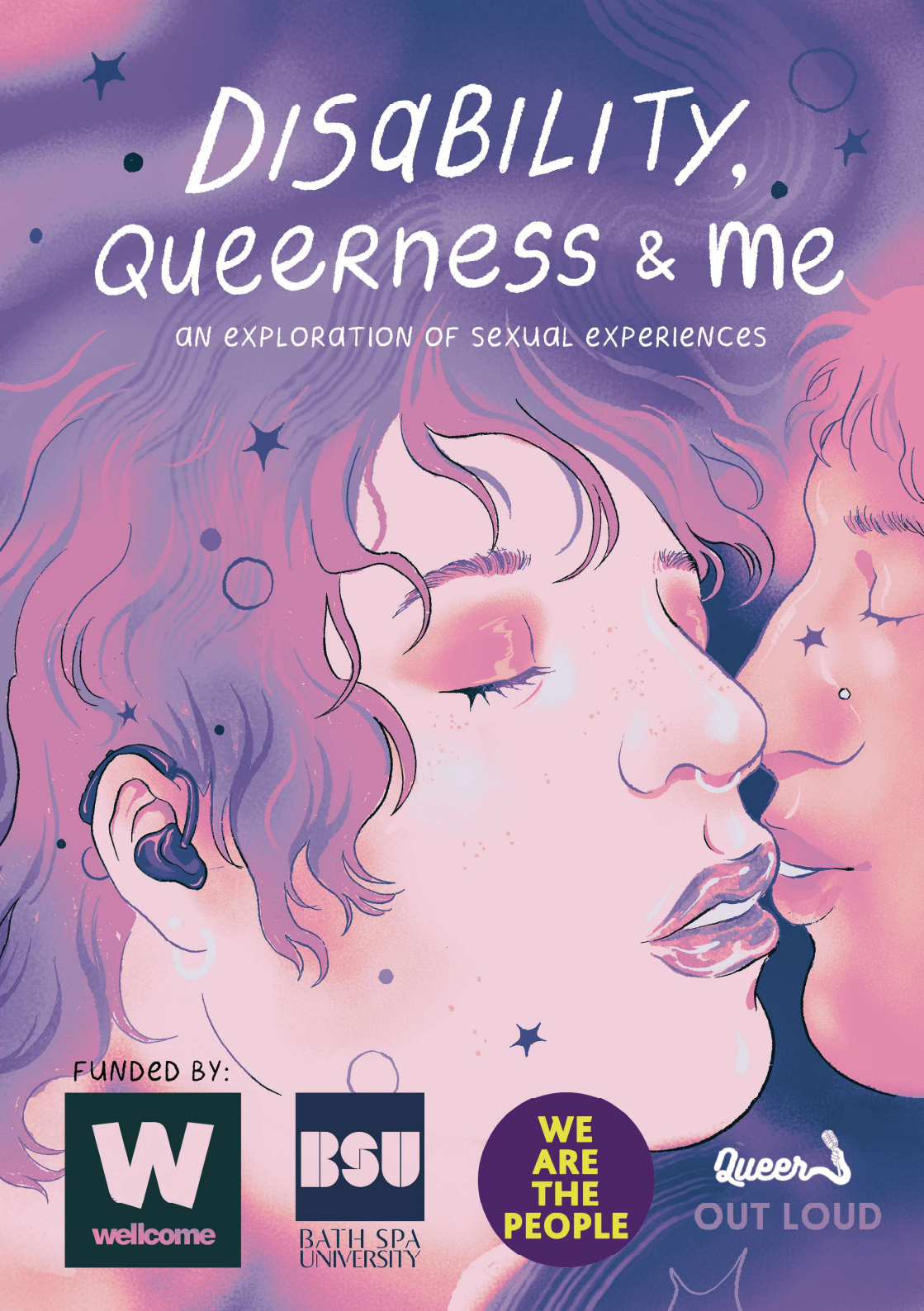




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ON DATING APPS, ALL
THE CONVERSATIONS
ARE IMMEDIATELY
CENTRED AROUND MY
DISABILITY, NOT WHO I
AM AS A PERSON



HAVING ADHD, MY BRAIN JUST DOESN'T STOP. SOMETIMES I'M WATCHING TV IN MY HEAD WHILE HAVING SEX.

THERE'S SO MUCH SHAME ATTACHED TO HAVING SEX WHILE NEURODIVERGENT.

I DO THE SAME! AS MUCH AS I'M ENJOYING MYSELF IT'S HARD TO BE 100% PRESENT.

IT'S GREAT TO TALK ABOUT THIS STUFF WITH SOMEONE WHO GETS IT.



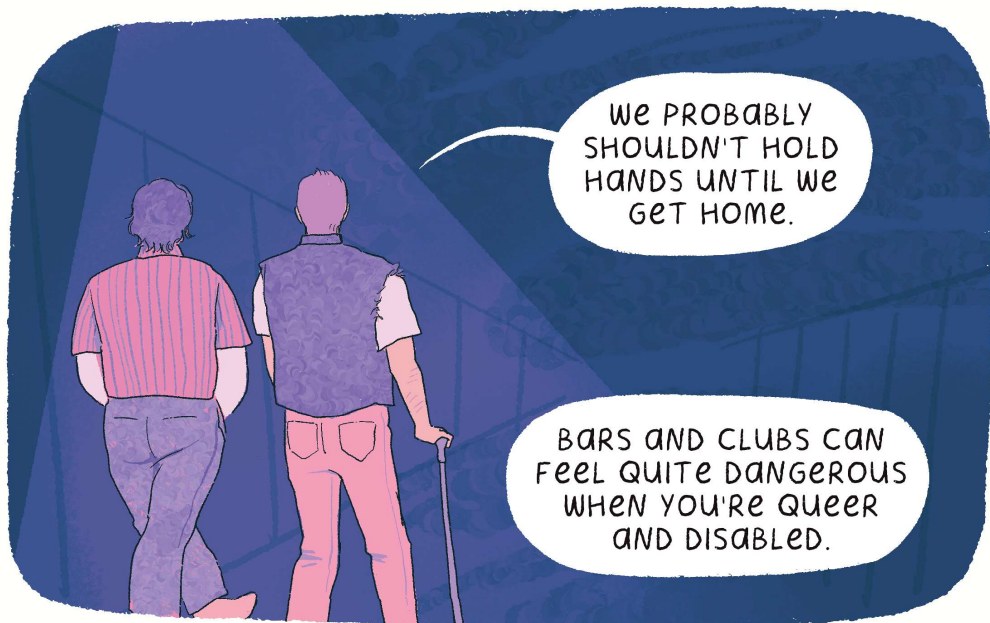


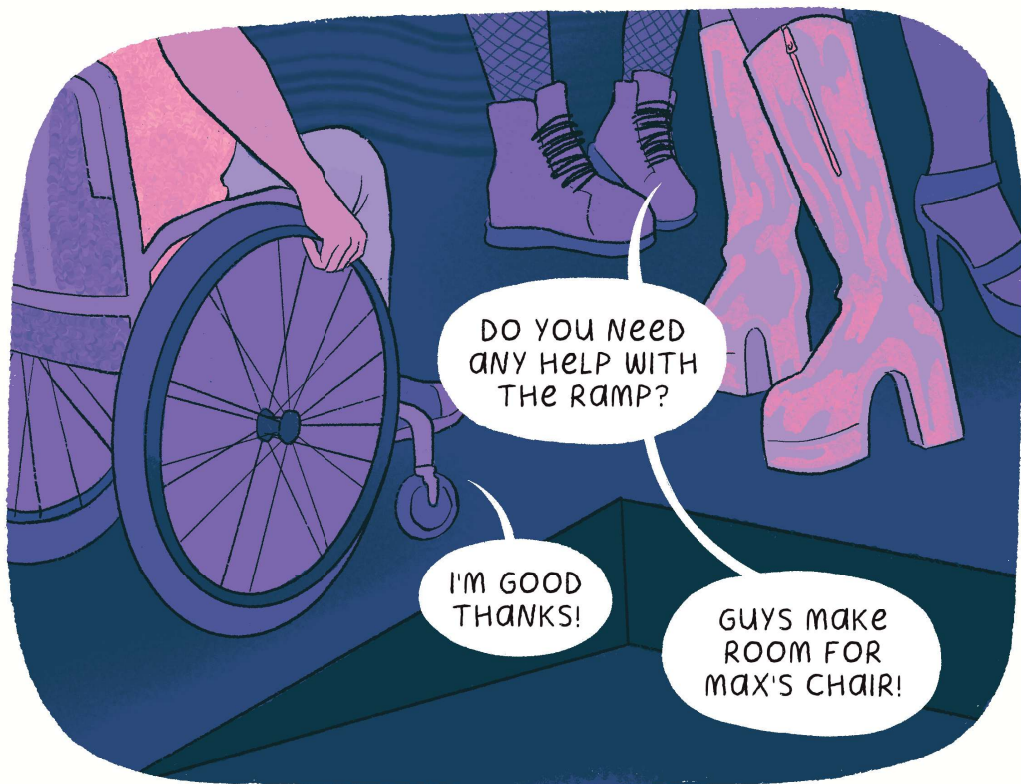
I WISH PEOPLE DIDN'T
ASSUME THAT I HAVE
NO EXPERIENCE OR
INTEREST IN SEX

I WAS TAKEN OUT
OF CLASS DURING
SEX EDUCATION.
THEY ASSUMED I
WOULDN'T NEED IT.











WHEN SOCIAL SPACES
ARE DESIGNED WITH
MY NEEDS IN MIND, I
CAN GET ANYWHERE
AND DO ANYTHING.



I JUST SAW THIS
AND IT MADE ME
THINK OF YOU ♡

BABE YOU SMELL
SOOO GOOD



I'M RELEARNING WHAT
INTIMACY AND SEXUAL
EXPRESSION LOOKS
LIKE FOR ME

WE DON'T NEED TO BE
NAKED TO FEEL CLOSE
TO EACH OTHER



I'VE OFTEN STRUGGLED
TO BE OPEN ABOUT
HOW MUCH PAIN I'M IN
DURING SEX

I'M ENJOYING THIS BUT
IT'S STARTING TO HURT...

CAN WE TAKE A
BREAK AND SEE HOW
I FEEL IN A BIT?

YES PLEASE.
THANK YOU BABE.

DO YOU WANT
TO STOP?

OF COURSE! SHALL I
GRAB YOUR HOT
WATER BOTTLE?





I ALWAYS WORRY
THAT I'VE MISSED
SEXUAL CUES AND
INITIATED WHEN
MY PARTNER
DIDN'T WANT IT.

THEY SAY I'VE NEVER
MADE THEM FEEL
UNCOMFORTABLE,
BUT I STILL THINK
ABOUT IT A LOT.



IT'S HARDER TO MAKE
TIME FOR INTIMACY WHEN
YOUR PARTNER ALSO HAS
TO ACT AS YOUR CARER.

I WISH SHE COULD JUST
BE MY PARTNER, BUT I
DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.



ULTIMATELY, I KNOW
MYSELF, MY NEEDS
AND MY BODY BETTER
THAN ANYONE.

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OUR PROJECT EXPLORED EXPERIENCES OF SEXUAL EXPRESSION AMONG QUEER DISABLED PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTHWEST ENGLAND, INCLUDING SUCCESSES AND BARRIERS IN EXPERIENCING SEXUAL PLEASURE. WE CREATED AN ONLINE SURVEY AND RAN A DISABILITY AND SEXUAL EXPRESSION WORKSHOP, THIS COMIC CONTAINS FICTIONALISED EXAMPLES OF THE STORIES SHARED BY QUEER DISABLED PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART.

WE HOPE THAT OUR RESEARCH WILL HELP RAISE LOCAL AWARENESS ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF DISABILITY, SEX, AND QUEER IDENTITIES AND THE EXPERIENCES OF QUEER DISABLED PEOPLE. OUR GOAL IS THAT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DISABILITY AND SEXUAL EXPRESSION BECOME NORMALISED, WITHOUT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING FEAR OR STIGMA.

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