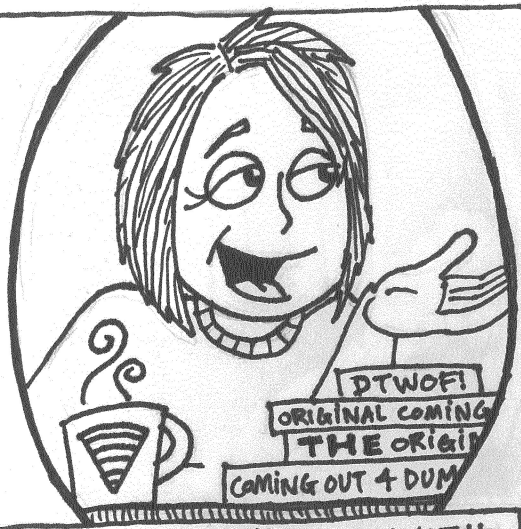


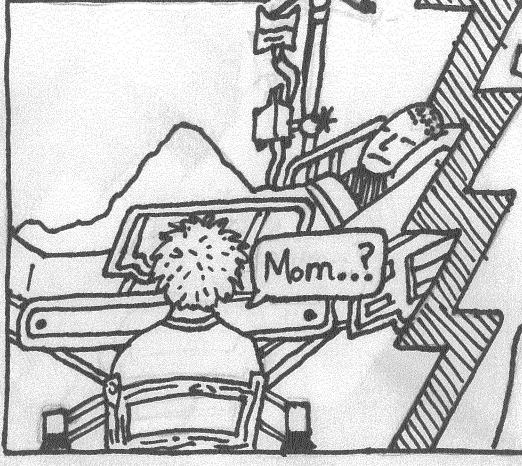
LOOKING BACK NOW, MY COMING OUT ANNOUNCEMENT HADN'T...



GONE EXACTLY WELL WITH EITHER ONE OF MY PARENTS.

* Third Time's a charm *

MY DECLARATION COMING, ALWAYS, TOO LATE...



OR TOO SOON.



WITH GRAM THOUGH, IT WAS DIFFERENT. AS THE LAST UNAWARE MEMBER OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY, I HAD ONLY ONE CHANCE.



*GRAM NEVER MISSES THE STATE LOTTO OR WHEEL OF FORTUNE!

*COINCIDENTALLY, MY 2ND WORD WAS 'VANNA!'

ALREADY SOBING, I PREPARED FOR THE DREADED FOLLOW-UP QUESTION:



Right there, in front of Tat Sajack & Vanna White, I came out to my 83 year old grandmother, and she still loved me - if not more. Sometimes, the pieces do align & fit.

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