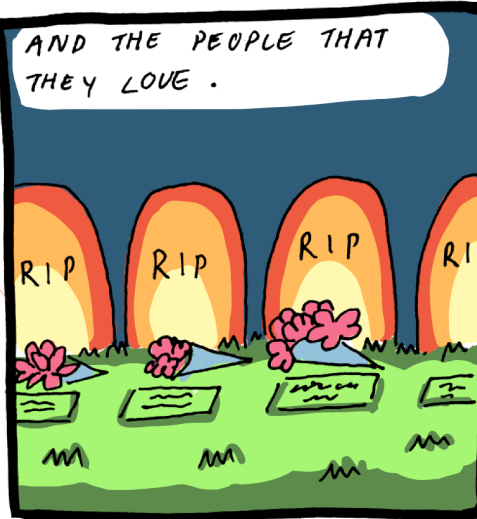


WITH COVID I SAW THOSE AROUND
ME MOURNING THE LIVES THEY
LIVED.



AND THE PEOPLE THAT
THEY LOVE.



AND WITHIN ALL
OF THE SADNESS
IN THE WORLD,



I BEGAN TO
FEEL SMALLER.



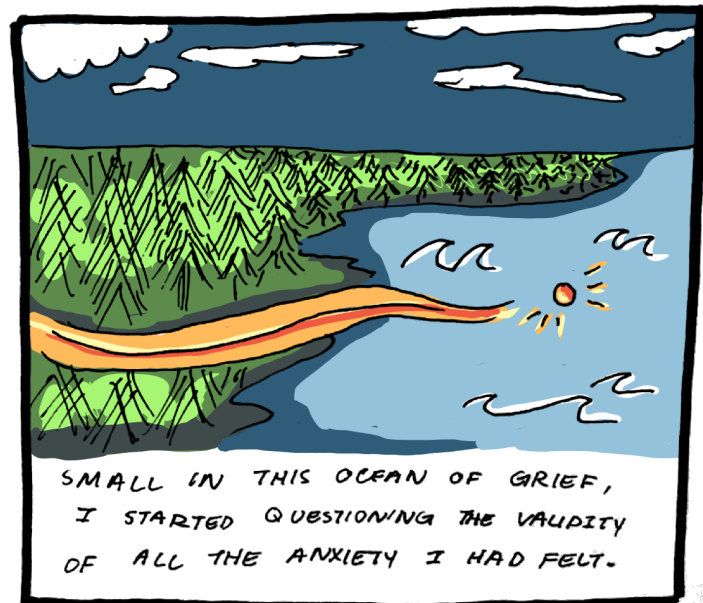
AND
SMALLER



LIKE A
FLOATING
SEED.



SMALL IN THIS OCEAN OF GRIEF,
I STARTED QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY
OF ALL THE ANXIETY I HAD FELT.



COVID BLUES

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