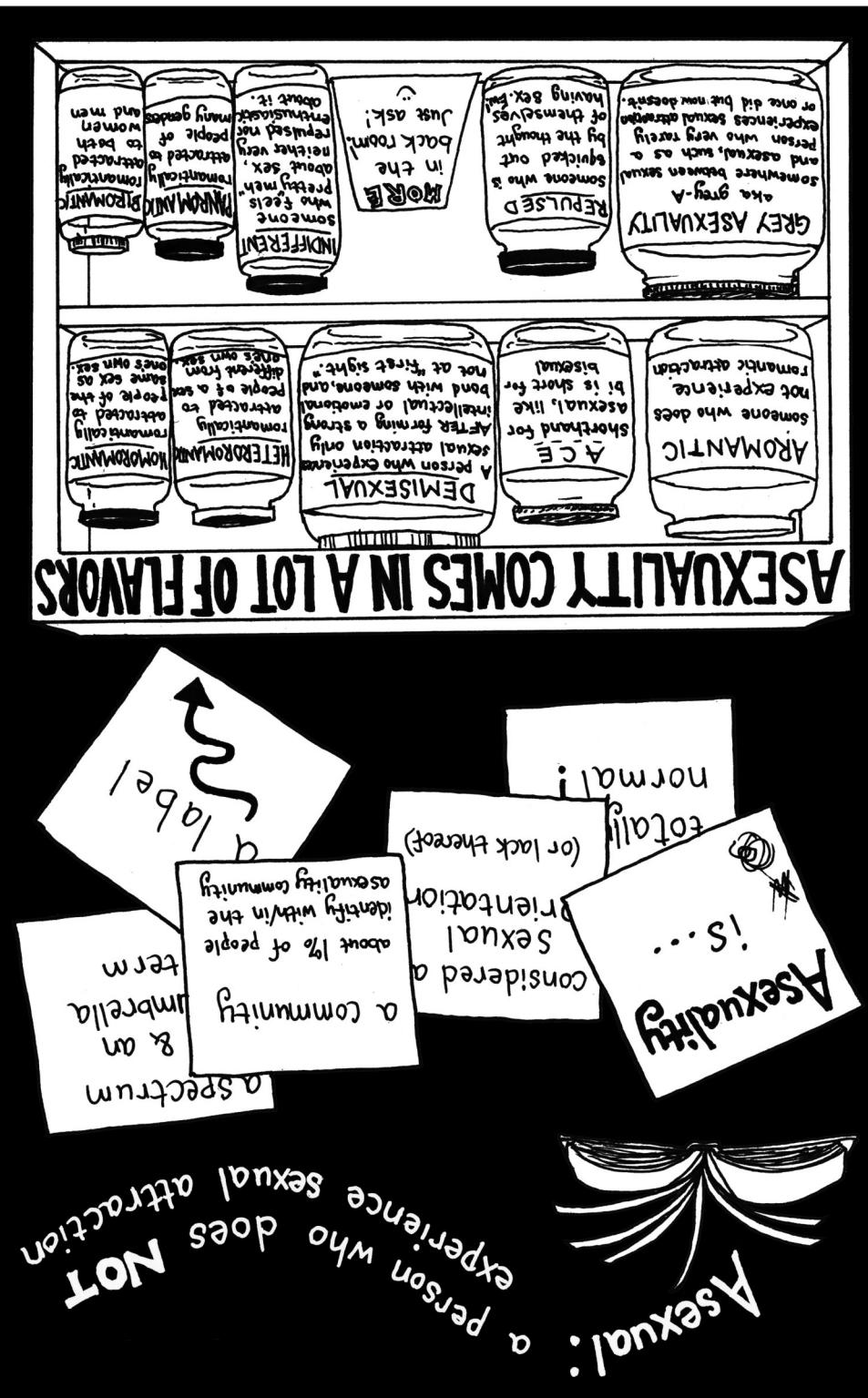


Asexual: a person who does not experience  
SEXUAL ATTRACTION





This zine was produced in 2012. Alter, excerpt, copy, & distribute at will.

[tinyurl.com/maihsuacomic](http://tinyurl.com/maihsuacomic)

**Lifelines** (an autobio webcomic that updates at random)

Online at [tinyurl.com/sextalkcomic](http://tinyurl.com/sextalkcomic)

-**Sex Talk**: a comic about communication, consent, & getting it on

## OTHER WORKS of the ILLUSTRATED SORT

**GRAAB BALA:** Social Justice, tea, dinosaurs, kids, crafts, webcomics, chocolate, bicycling, singing along very badly, vegetarian cooking, gardening, community work

asexual, queer, cisgender, white  
able-bodied, femme-ish, female

**.assorted identity tags:**

• Location: Portland, OR

at the time of this writing!  
I am not a vampire and I do age.

In the spirit of responsible sociological methodology, I believe transparency about my subject position is very important. I am by no means an authority on sexuality, nor should this zinc be viewed as the final word on or ultimate guide to asexuality. I definitely didn't cover everything about asexuality in 10 pages, and I may have even goofed some stuff up. I'm human and my work is colored by my perspective and experience (though it be in black and white).

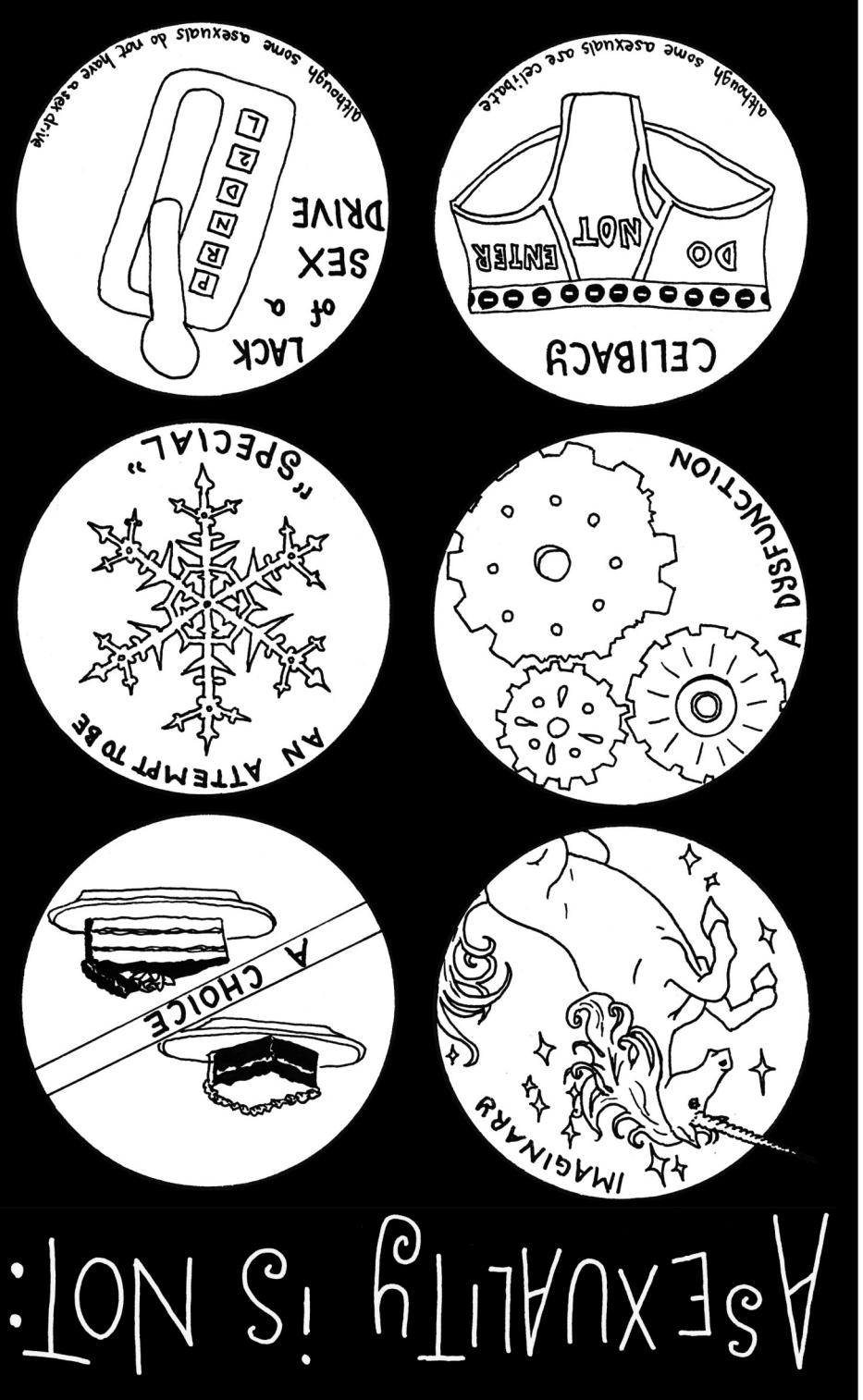
My name is  
Maisha.  
Hello!

# About the Zinemaker

# RESOURCE LIBRARY

ONLINE COMMUNITIES			
LOVE FROM THE ASEXUAL UNDERGROUND asexualunderground.blogspot.com	ASEXUAL EXPERIENCES asexualexperiences.tumblr.com	ACE WATCH acewatch.tumblr.com	ASEXUAL FEMINISMS acefeminisms.blogspot.com
SHADES OF GRAY grassexuality.wordpress.com	ASEXUALITY-EXISTS asexuality-exists.tumblr.com	ASEXUAL STUDIES asexualitystudies.org	ASEXUAL BEAST theonepercentclub.blogspot.com
BLOGS (NON-TUMBLR)			
ASEXUAL EDUCATION asexualeducation.tumblr.com	VIRGIN #1 and #2 alchemistscloset.org/virgin.html	ASEXUAL EXPLORATIONS asexualexplorations.net	ASEXUALITIC: asexual dating site asexualitic.com
GRAY-ASEXUALITY gray-asexuality.tumblr.com	ASEXUAL FEMINISM available from microcosm publishing	DEMISEXUALITY demisexuality.tumblr.com	CAKE YEAH ASEXBUTS cakeyeah.asexbuts.tumblr.com
TUMBLRS			
THE ASEXUALITY CHRONICLES blip.tv/theasexualitychronicles/	(A)SEXUAL: Not everybody's doing it artsengine.net/asexual	THE DAPPER ACE youtube.com/user/TheDapperAce/	ACE SECRETS acesecrets.tumblr.com
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1. **Lift them and believe us!**  
Everyone is the expert of their own experience.
2. **Edit a page in Wikipedia about asexuality.**  
Lots of resources exist. Use them!
3. **Ask people about it.**  
Not all asexuals want to be your asexuality encyclopedist.  
Make sure an asexual is open to questions before asking.
4. **Advocate for asexual visibility.**  
Asexuality gets left out a lot. Include it!  
Support projects that make asexuality visible.
5. **Move up, move back.**  
Know when to talk about asexuality and when to listen to asexual voices.

## HOW TO BE AN ALLY TO ASEXUALS



## TIPS for SEXUALS DATING ASEXUALS

a guest page authored  
by Melissa Sweet

- ~ YOUR PARTNER'S ASEXUALITY is not a reflection of a "failure" on your part to "make" them be sexually attracted to you. You also can't "make" them be sexual. But you can...
- ~ UNDERSTAND that you might not understand each other's different sexualities but talk about it often, and talk to other people about it when it's appropriate. You both need supportive listeners!
- ~ ENCOURAGE your partner to connect with an asexual community.
- ~ CONSENT and OPEN COMMUNICATION are key to an awesome relationship - talk about what sex means for both of you, what you feel like you need in order to be with the other person, and most importantly, be HONEST about what you need and be willing to compromise - but know when you can and can't compromise.
- ~ JUST BECAUSE YOUR PARTNER isn't sexually attracted to you doesn't mean you're not a SEXY BEAST. Your partner's attraction to you isn't indicative of how the world sees you. Appreciate and recognize ways that your partner feels closest to you, which is likely to be nonsexually.
- ~ READ and TALK about asexuality and find good resources to be a great partner and ally.



## ASEXUAL SYMBOLS

Cake is used to welcome newcomers to AVEN, the Asexuality Visibility & Education Network



(an online forum  
and community:  
[asexuality.org](http://asexuality.org))



represents the spectrum of sexual attraction, with black being asexual (at the bottom) and white being sexual, with shades of grey in between.

I like to think of it this way:  
cake is just as good - and maybe  
better than - sex!

$53x + m^3 = \emptyset$   
can be read as  
sex + me = no result



ASEXUALITY FLAG



black stripe represents asexuality  
grey stripe represents grey asexuality & demisexuality  
white stripe represents sexuality  
purple stripe represents community



Aces represent asexuality because asexuals often call themselves "aces" for short.  
Ace of hearts and ace of spades are particularly used.



Asexuality is often not recognized as real or legitimate, framed as a choice or something that can be "cured" or changing. Notice similarities to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer identities.