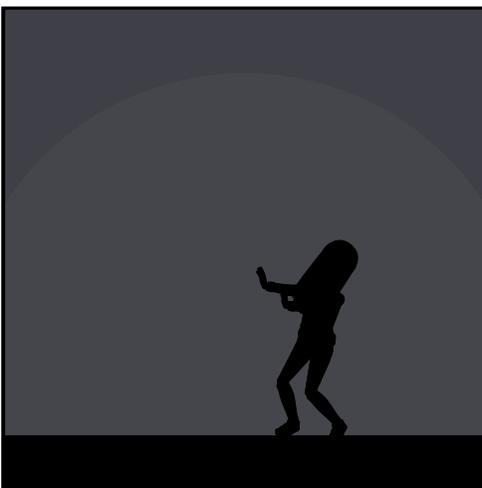
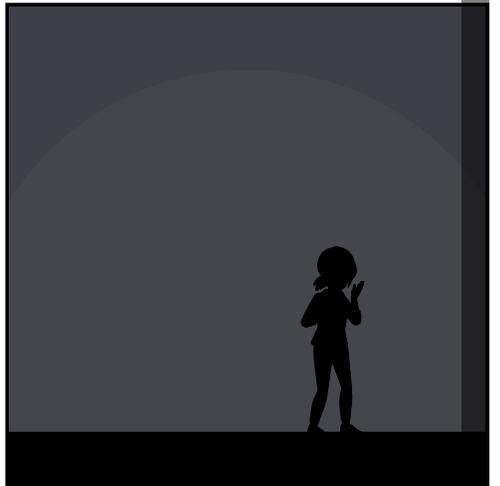
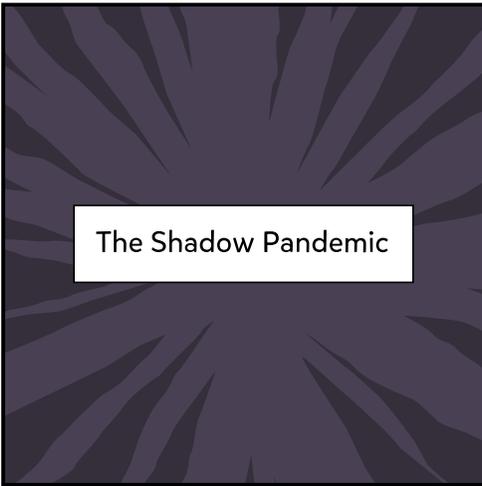


# The Shadow Pandemic

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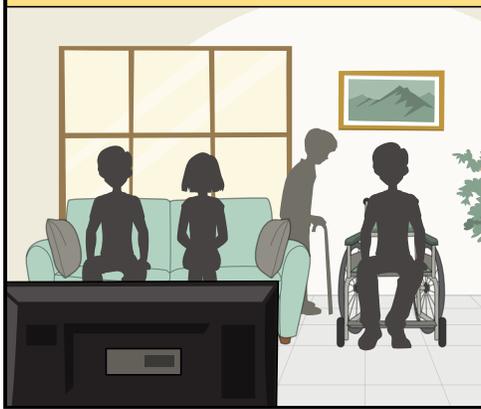
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The following presentation discusses topics of sexual assault and violence against women and can be sensitive and /or triggering. Viewer discretion is advised.

Since COVID-19 started, a lot of measures were implemented, but biggest of all; stay at home orders.



Everyone locked themselves at home to be protected from the virus, but not everyone is surviving the same way.



Heading back out into the world, some struggles are more obvious than other.



Sandra is transitioning back to in person learning for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.



She notices that her teacher, Ms. Moreno, isn't how she remembered.



Ms. Moreno now has bags under her eyes and is acting distant.



What Sandra doesn't know...



...is that Ms. Moreno's husband has also been acting differently.



Since his layoff as a result of the pandemic, Mr. Moreno is more irritable and seems to be easily derailed.



He has been yelling at her a lot and has even hit her on a couple occasions.



Ms. Moreno isn't the only one who has noticed a change in their partner since the start of the pandemic.



From the pooled estimates for 13 countries, nearly 6 in 10 women (63%) think the incidence of physical or verbal abuse by a spouse/partner violence has increased during the pandemic in the area where they live.



About 2 in 5 women who experienced physical violence at the hands of a partner in the past 12 months...



...only started to experience it after the start of the pandemic.

Ms. Moreno hasn't been able to control her worrying since the onset of her husband's actions.



On her way to the grocery store after school, Sandra takes a call from her cousin, Achar.

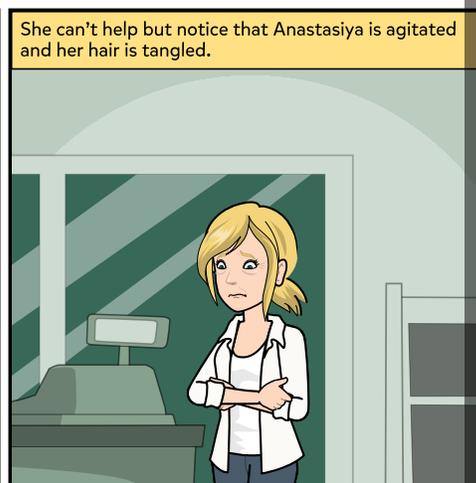
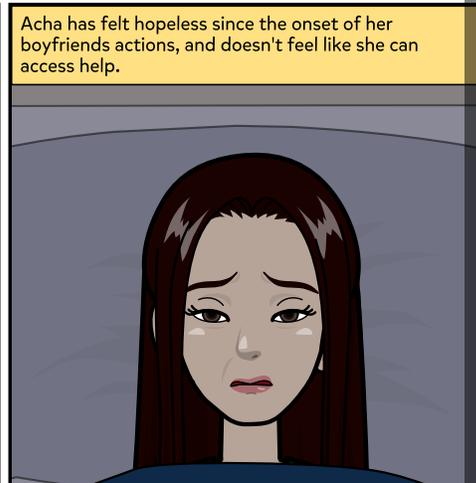
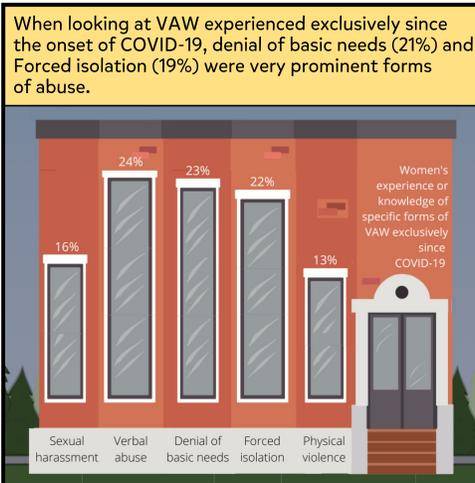
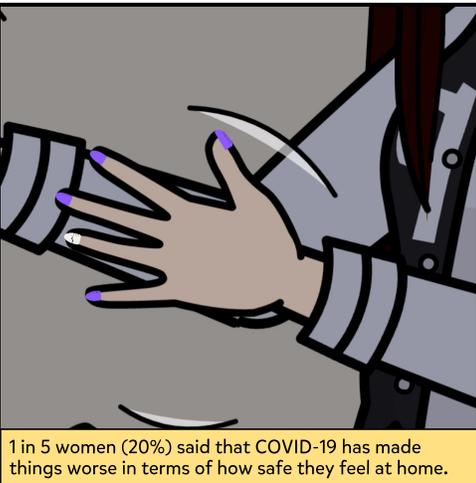
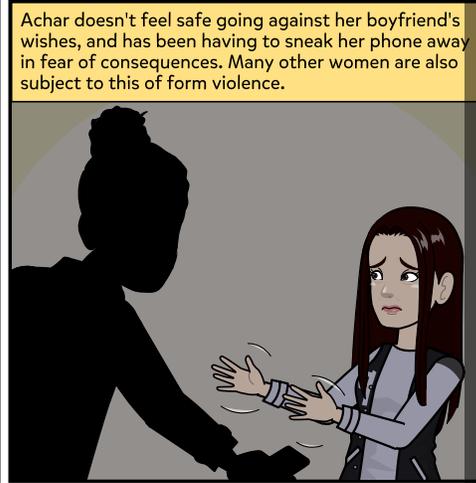


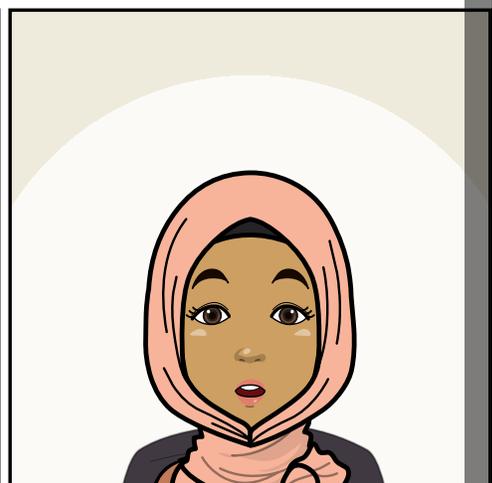
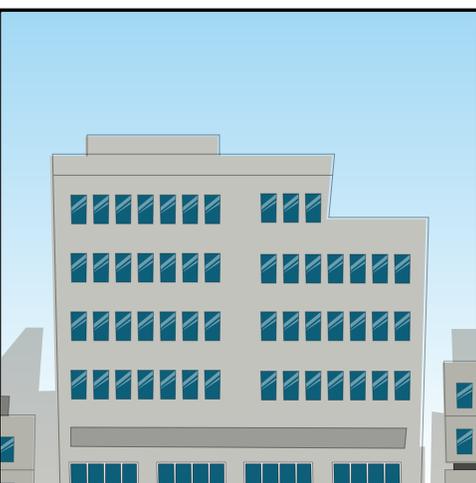
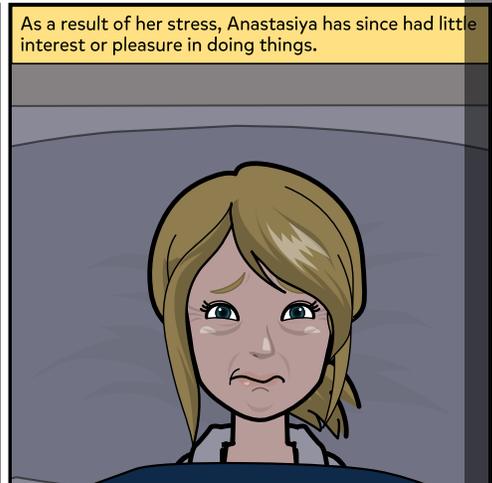
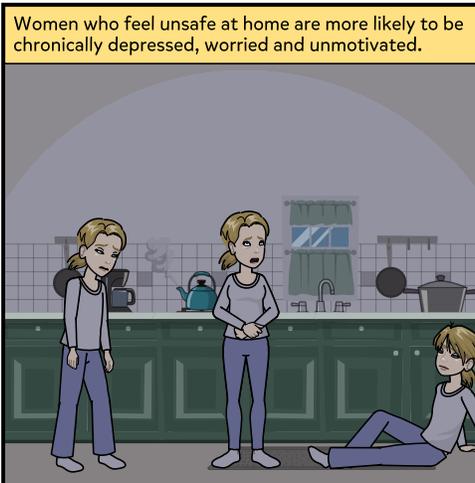
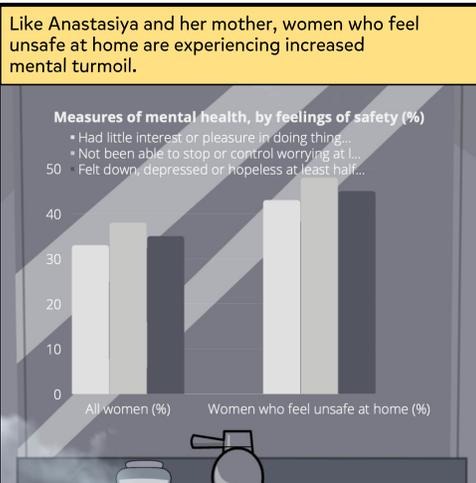
Sandra has noticed that every time she calls, she can barely hear her cousin.



Even with the volume turned all the way up, Achar is always whispering.







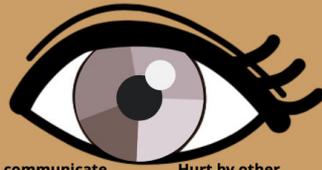
Among women, almost half advise other women who are victims of VAW to seek help from their families...



**Seek support from family (51%)**

Where women expect women who are victims of VAW will seek help (%) (among women who reported that sexual harassment victims will seek help)

and yet, shockingly, the primary source of violence against women is family members.



**Unable to communicate or reach out for help (18%)**

**Hurt by other family members (29%)**

Reasons for not feeling safe at home (%) (among women who reported feeling unsafe at home)

Yet, we notice also that the first source of violence against women is the home/family.

