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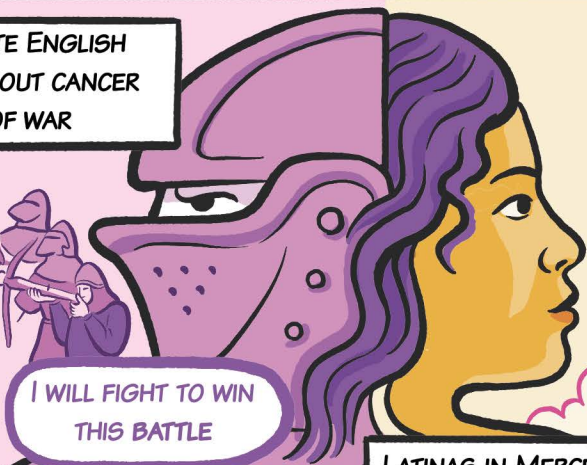
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NOT A CANCER FIGHT

CENTERING LATINAS' METAPHORS IN BREAST CANCER NARRATIVES

METAPHORS REVEAL SPEAKERS' ATTITUDES, VALUES, AND IDEOLOGIES AROUND HEALTH AND HOW THEY PORTRAY THEMSELVES, THEIR FAITH, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES CONCERNING DISEASES.

IN CANCER DISCOURSE, WHITE ENGLISH SPEAKERS TYPICALLY TALK ABOUT CANCER TREATMENT IN TERMS OF WAR



I WILL FIGHT TO WIN THIS BATTLE

LATINAS IN MERCED COUNTY PREFER JOURNEY METAPHORS THROUGH WHICH THEIR SPIRITUALITY AND COMMUNITY ARE EMBEDDED.

I WILL CONTINUE FORWARD

WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT THIS

WARS CREATE DIVISION AND DOMINANT/SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS.

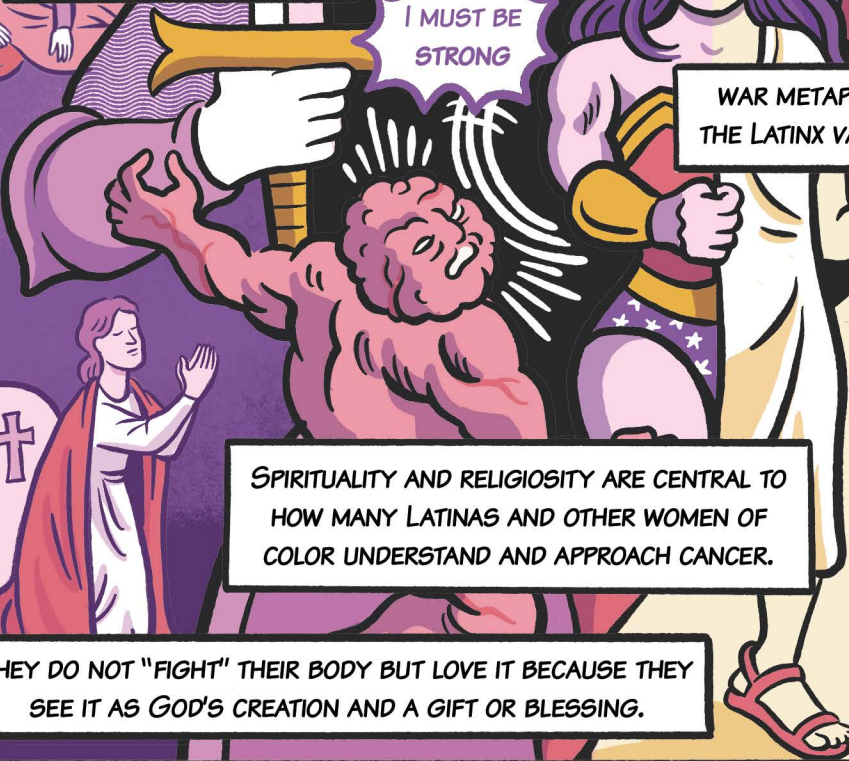


I MUST BE STRONG

WAR METAPHORS CONFLICT WITH THE LATINX VALUE OF COLLECTIVISM.

GOD IS REALLY WALKING ME THROUGH THIS

IT'S A REAL HARD ROAD TO GO THROUGH



THERE IS A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGIOSITY ARE CENTRAL TO HOW MANY LATINAS AND OTHER WOMEN OF COLOR UNDERSTAND AND APPROACH CANCER.

THEY DO NOT "FIGHT" THEIR BODY BUT LOVE IT BECAUSE THEY SEE IT AS GOD'S CREATION AND A GIFT OR BLESSING.

ENHANCED TRAINING OF PROVIDERS SHOULD INCLUDE RESEARCH ON PATIENTS' SPIRITUAL VIEWS AROUND CANCER TO CREATE MORE WELCOMING SPACES IN HEALTHCARE, ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN OF COLOR WHO FACE DISADVANTAGES AND MISUNDERSTANDING IN HEALTHCARE.

I'M GONNA TRY TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN UNTIL THE LORD CALLS ME HOME