

## Twitter Thread by Sall Grover



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**I left Hollywood after 8yrs & moved to NYC. I needed to be away from the toxicity of Hollywood (& sexual harassment/assault) but I wasn't ready to give up. NYC was my middle ground. I needed a room to rent. I went on all the apps. Men were like "Do you need a boyfriend too?■"**

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Others were all "You can live here rent free if you walk around naked ■" & I was like, "SERIOUSLY? CAN I JUST DO 1 THING WITHOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT?!"

When I returned to ■■ & was in therapy recovering, my mum & I would chat. She had the idea for Giggle - as a roommate app.

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She wanted there to be a place for women to find accommodation without sexual harassment. Then I was like, "Oh, what about freelance work?" Then we started talking about all the areas women need a female support network, which was what I was simultaneously learning in therapy.

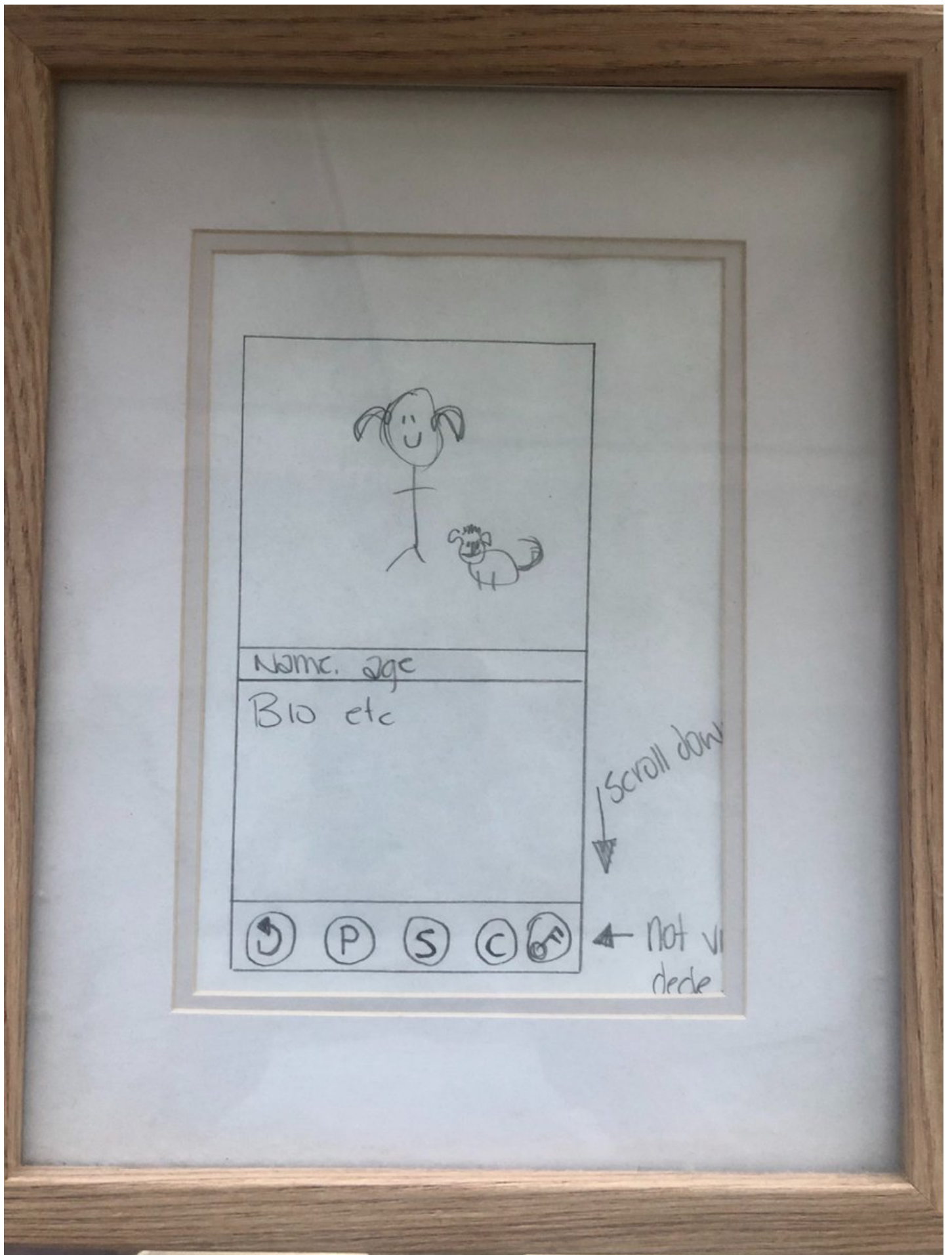
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So we started developing Giggle. My Dad started waking up at 4am before work to teach himself how to create a prototype, because he knew that we needed one to be taken seriously. I would draw him ridiculous pictures to interpret. We worked together every day for 6 months.

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This is one of my "drawings" from the early days. It sits on my desk and I frequently look at it, remembering the fights Dad & I would have because I was all, "What do you mean it isn't clear!?!?!"

I'm a very stubborn gal & hideous artist.



As did the misogyny. I am a female CEO of a female company. Behind the scenes, there has been constant misogyny. A lot of shits and less giggles, so to speak.

It's exhausting.

## From a man to my DAD:

However, as an investor, I feel it is necessary to say one thing plainly - I have real fears for the success of the Giggle enterprise if you and [redacted], two proven business people who know how to execute and deliver, do not find a way to manage Sall.

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After 8 months, we were able to put our MVP version of the app (as it is now) on the App Store & Google Play. We told a select group of women for testing.

Then, suddenly, Giggle was discovered by the TRA corners of Twitter & Reddit. Having control of our launch was impossible.

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I've spoken about this attack a lot. The attacks of transphobia & "KILL TERF" profiles by trans women.

I had fought hard for trans women during the development of Giggle. I was devastated about this.

But, quickly, I refocused to our goal: a misogyny free space for women.

**Kyle Palmer**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 13 February 2020  
You know what you did wrong

**Matthew Diaz**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 9 February 2020  
Bad.

**Mario Sánchez Jiménez**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 9 February 2020  
TRANS RIGHTS

**Brian Cohen**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 13 February 2020  
Straight up ignored adding me to the system for being trans.

**Clare516**, 02/07/2020  
transphobic bio-essentialism is not the way to protect women. the gender verification AI is transphobic and eugenicist.

**Equestrian\_Gal**, 02/07/2020  
lol mmmmm bioessentialis

**alex**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 9 February 2020  
Transphobic, mildly misogynistic garbage The idea that your womanhood can be quantified by how you look is repugnant. The name "Giggle" for a "girls"-only social media platform is also more than a little bit infantilising. no? And why all the pink? This is a 30-something marketing major's idea of an

**JaisjuHahahhahnsnsbbbb**, 02/07/2020  
remove this from the app store This app is a scam and only trying to collect people's personal data, they're using poor technology and they are transphobic and racist to their core

**Lance Faltinsky**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 8 February 2020  
Terrible app. The premise of it is extremely discriminatory and flawed. They assume that you are "safe" because the app is for females only- which is a false assumption because females, too, can pose a risk to one another. This is very misleading and dangerous. Trans women need to go through an additional step to verify. Which sucks and doesn't help anything. The app also has authentication issues and the verification doesn't even work half the time and lets men in and biological women out.

**MSark2012**, 02/08/2020  
Pseudoscience Racist, transphobic crap!

**Orion Daniels**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 8 February 2020  
Eat it, terfs.

**Spencer Pearson**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 7 February 2020  
This app is exclusionary and poorly executed. Their "technology" is absolute bunk. I'm a man and I was able to get verified, why? Because their poor claims at technology is totally baseless. You can't determine someone's gender based on physical appearance. This app is

**Renja Harris**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 8 February 2020  
Was not expecting to see "phrenology is key to protecting women" as a take outside niche radfem circles, but damn someone has been drinking so much pop sci kool-aid about sex and gender that they're resorting to rebranding misogynistic, racist, EUGENICIST science to prove who's "female" or not. The

**ZicklePop**, 02/08/2020  
Racist and Queerphobic Phrenologist Sall Grover has hit rock bottom with her trans exclusionary radical feminist theory of gender that believes that there is only two genders.

**Bardolphers**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 8 February 2020  
Transphobic and privacy invading, not tubular

**ChaserThot**, 02/07/2020  
Transphobic and Really Misogynistic I mean... a chin analyzer? Italian women e

**Star's Tech**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 22 February 2020  
Very problematic, excluding trans women who don't pass is NOT okay.

Connecting girls through Phrenology.  
giggle "safely" and "securely" connects you with girls who share similar interests.

Feb 07, 2020 by Till Kottmann · 2 min read  
**Giggle App: Broken in imaginable way**

**John D Tallarida**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 7 February 2020  
Just a trash app and very transphobic.

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THE VERGE

# This girls-only app uses AI to screen a user's gender — what could go wrong?

It doesn't work if you're trans

**Cia Reeves**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 7 February 2020  
Phrenology is racist and transphobic as well as it just doesn't work and if any of the brainless corporate suits that made this had known better they just wouldn't make something this offensive

**E voray**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 11 February 2020  
Gender verification? Transphobic af

**Mina**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 7 February 2020  
Something radically exclusionary is going on here...

**Bardolphers**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 8 February 2020  
this honestly is just a bad idea in general. "gender identification technology," is not only transphobic, but also racist, as many races have such different facial structures from each other. Facial recognition software is already so flawed when differentiating between people of non-white decent, an

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Now, while I (happily & willingly) fight the battle to ensure females have the right to single sex spaces, I still think back to that initial goal:

Looking for a room to rent without sexual harassment. Freelance work without misogyny. Connecting with other women for support.

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The simple, necessary things that women have to do every day while wading through misogyny, sexual harassment and fear of sexual assault. And this is 'just' the "privileged" women.

Imagine how much worse it is for the women who are not privileged?

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If misogyny didn't exist, there would be no need for single sex spaces. That's the honest truth.

But it does.

This year, UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, said, "Misogyny is everywhere" & stated the goal is to rid the world of it in 80 years.

80 YEARS. I'll be dead.

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So, during our lifetime, we need a refuge from misogyny.

We need a refuge when we want to find a place to live. Get work. Hire women. Talk to each other. Talk about "embarrassing" women's things. Whatever the reason.

A refuge while we live our lives.

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I've never given up on anything.

I used to write screenplays about strong yet flawed women but it became impossible because of sexual harassment.

I was angry that my dream was taken away from me.

Until I realized that no one can ever take away working \*for\* women from me.

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Giggle is personal to me. I will fight for her & all of us.

Whenever I get tired, I think of the women who fought for the right to vote & what was against them (including many women).

They didn't give up & because of that, we can have a voice.

Let's make them proud.

