

CHOICES





OH NOOOOO, JESSIE, WHAT IF I'M PREGNANT??

I DON'T EVEN REALLY KNOW HOW THIS ALL HAPPENED...

THAT PARTY WAS CRAZY...

I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE JIMMIE THERE, BUT I WAS DRINKING A LOT AND NOW...WHAT IF I'M...

WELL, I AM DEFINITELY NOT PREGNANT!

I DIDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING...I FELT SO AWKWARD.

AND, DAVIDEE'S FRIENDS WERE ALL LOOKING AT ME...

WHAT IF DAVIDEE HATES ME?

I JUST WASN'T READY TO...YOU KNOW...UGH! SINCE THAT PARTY, NOTHING MAKES SENSE...



FUN PARTY LAST WEEK, EH, ANNIE?

EV-ER!

YOU AND JIMMIE WERE GETTING PRETTY CLOSE...



DOES EVERYONE
AT SCHOOL KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED?
I HATE THIS!

"FUN?" THAT
PARTY WASN'T
FUN. I WAS
SCARED...

JESSIE,
YOU NEVER HAVE
TO DO ANYTHING YOU
DON'T WANT TO.

ARGH, LOOK
AT MY SITUATION NOW!
I COULD BE PREGNANT
AND I'M SCARED...

I WANT TO
FINISH SCHOOL NEXT
YEAR AND MOVE OUT OF
MY PARENTS'
HOUSE...



II, I KNOW.
I NEVER HAVE TO DO
ANYTHING I DON'T
WANT TO.

BUT, DAVIDEE
AND I HAVEN'T TALKED
SINCE SATURDAY. AND,
I HEARD HIS FRIENDS
MAKING FUN OF HIM
BECAUSE HE HASN'T
DONE IT YET.

MAYBE I SHOULD
JUST DO IT, TOO, BUT I
FEEL WEIRD. I LOVE HIM, BUT
HE WAS SO PUSHY AT THE
PARTY WITH HIS FRIENDS
AROUND...



ILA, DAVIDEE HAS NO RIGHT, YOU KNOW? NO RIGHT TO PRESSURE YOU.

NO MATTER WHAT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO HIM.

HE HAS SEEMED DIFFERENT LATELY, FOR SURE, BUT WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH HIM SINCE KINDERGARTEN...

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. AND...WHAT ABOUT YOU? LET'S TALK TO YOUR BIG SISTER! SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO.



IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, ANNIE.



HEY, DAVIDEE!
HOOK UP WITH ANYONE
ON SATURDAY? HEHE, I SAW
JESSIE LOOKIN' FINE! DID YA
SEAL THE DEAL? NOT EVEN!
AHAHAHA...

NO, I DIDN'T.
@\$\$\$. WHAT IS WRONG
WITH ME?? EVERYONE ELSE IS
DOING IT EXCEPT ME. I JUST
WANT TO BE NORMAL!



AND NOW I MADE JESSIE MAD AT ME...

DAVIDEEEE! CATCH UP, MAN. LET'S GET TO THE STORE BEFORE BREAK IS OVER.



ARGH! THAT GUY'S SUCH AN IDIOT!



HE SAYS THAT I'M A FREAK JUST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD...
YOU KNOW... ARGH! MAYBE I AM A FREAK...

NAH, I
WOULDN'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT.

IF YOU THINK
YOU'RE A FREAK, WAIT
UNTIL YOU HEAR
ABOUT ME.

ARGH! I NEED TO
TELL *SOMEONE* THAT I
THINK I'M GAY SOON
OR ELSE I'M GONNA
LOSE MY MIND.

BUT...HOW?
WHAT IF MY FRIENDS
TOTALLY REJECT
ME?



HEY, JESS! HEY, ANNIE!
WHAT'S UP?

HEY,
BIG SIS.

WHOA...
WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING.
I'M JUST TIRED,
COULDN'T SLEEP
LAST NIGHT
I GUESS.

COME ON,
ANNIE. WHAT'S BUGGING
YOU? YOU CAN
TALK TO ME.





OH, ANNIE,
I'M HAPPY YOU
TOLD ME.

I THINK WE
SHOULD GO TO THE HEALTH
CENTRE AFTER SCHOOL. YOU
CAN GET A FREE PREGNANCY
TEST THERE WITHOUT AN
APPOINTMENT.

AND, THEY'LL
BE ABLE TO TEST YOU
FOR A FEW OTHER
THINGS—

NO. WAY.

WHY-EEE??
ANNIE! SERIOUSLY,
THEY'LL GIVE YOU GOOD
INFORMATION—

YEAH, AND
THEY'LL GIVE ME
A LECTURE,
TOO!

MAYBE NOT.
SOME OF THE NURSES
ARE REALLY COOL.

IT'S NOT THEIR
JOB TO JUDGE YOU.
I THINK YOU SHOULD GET
TESTED FOR SEXUALLY
TRANSMITTED
INFECTIONS.

YOU WANT
TO KNOW IF YOU'VE
CAUGHT SOMETHING,
RIGHT? GET
TESTED.

I'LL GO
WITH YOU. YOU
SHOULD COME, JESS.
SOUNDS LIKE YOU COULD
LEARN A FEW THINGS,
TOO!

OKAY...

ATTII. AFTER
SCHOOL?

YUP! WE
CAN ALL GO
TOGETHER.





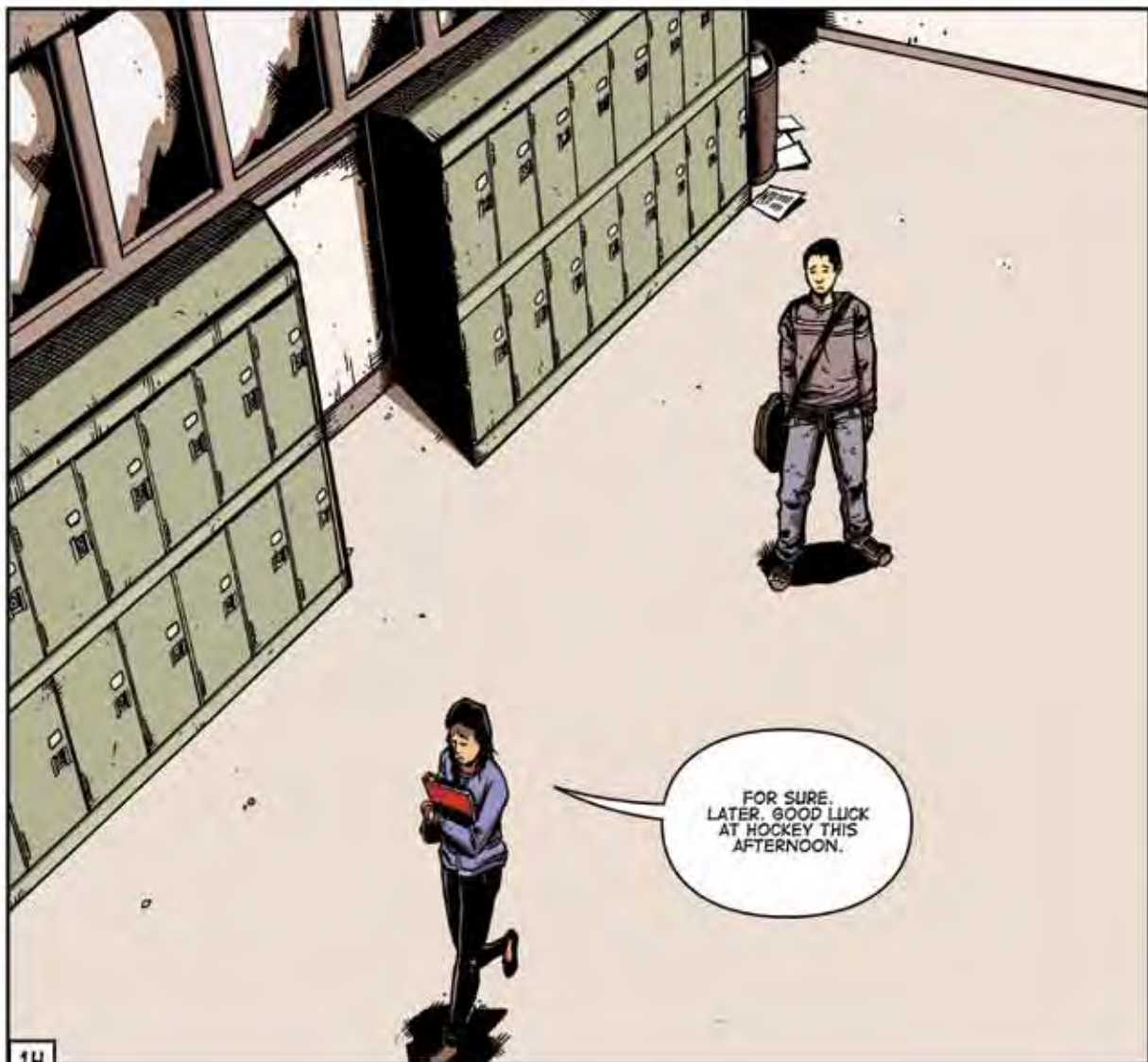




WELL...
I HAVE TO GO
TO CLASS.

DO YOU
WANNA WALK
LATER? I COULD MEET
YOU WHEN YOU'RE
OFF WORK.

YEAH.
SOUNDS GOOD.
SEE YOU
THERE?



FOR SURE.
LATER. GOOD LUCK
AT HOCKEY THIS
AFTERNOON.



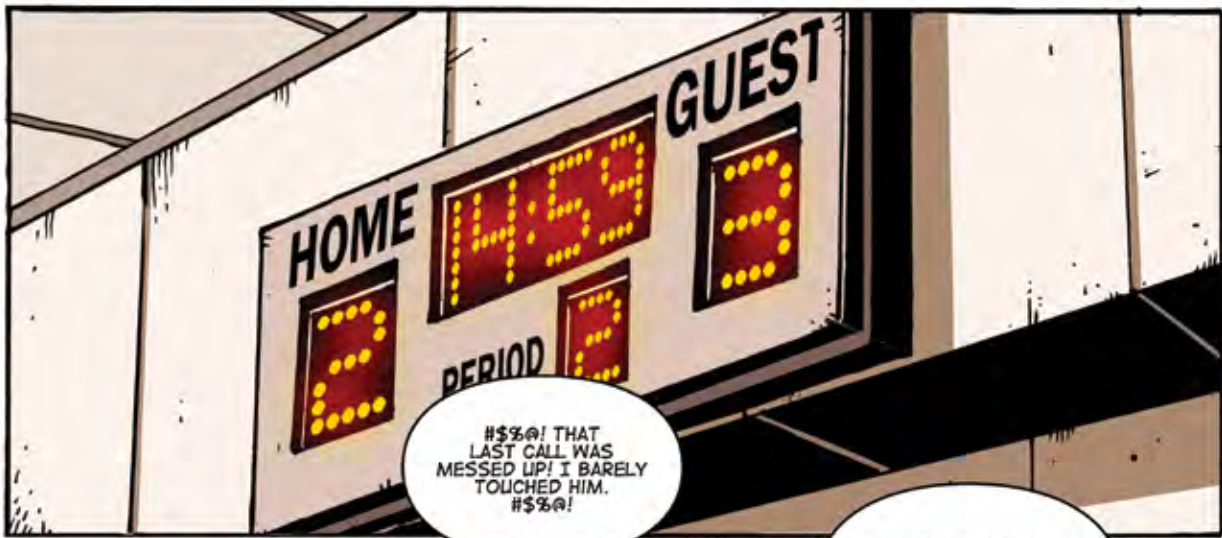
WHAT AM I
GONNA DO?

I'M TOO
SCARED TO TELL,
BUT I FEEL LIKE I'LL GO
CRAZY IF I DON'T TALK TO
SOMEONE. I CAN'T TAKE
THIS ANYMORE...



OKAY,
I HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THIS.

I AM WHO I AM.
I'M GONNA CALL
THE ANONYMOUS
HELP LINE TO TALK
TO SOMEONE.



#\$%&! THAT
LAST CALL WAS
MESSED UP! I BARELY
TOUCHED HIM.
#\$%&!

WHOA, DAVIDEE,
TAKE IT EASY. IT'S
JUST A GAME. WHY ARE
YOU FREAKING OUT?



STILL NO
ACTION, EH DAVIDEE?
ARE YOU AFRAID TO TELL
JESSIE WHO'S IN
CHARGE?

SHUT IT,
JIMMIE.

DAVIDEE,
MAN...CHILL. OUT.
FOR REAL.





HEY, DAVIDÉE!

HEY, SAM. WHAT'S UP?

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, MAN? SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE HAVING A ROUGH DAY.

WHAT HAPPENED?

ARGH, I DUNNO. ME AND JESSIE... AND MY GAME WAS TERRIBLE TODAY! %\$#@!

I MISSED TWO OPEN NETS AND GOT CALLED FOR CROSS-CHECKING WHEN I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING.

YEAH, I HEAR YOU. SOME DAYS YOU'RE ON AND SOME GAMES ARE JUST TOUGHER...



JUST GOTTA ROLL WITH IT, RIGHT? JUST LEARN FROM TODAY'S GAME AND THEN MOVE ON. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE EXTRA TOUCHY TODAY...

...IT'S JUST THAT...



IT SEEMS LIKE I'M THE ONLY GUY IN MY GRADE WHO HASN'T, UM, YOU KNOW... DONE IT!

I'M SUCH A LOSER.

JESSIE AND I GOT INTO A FIGHT ABOUT IT ON SATURDAY AND WE HAVEN'T REALLY TALKED SINCE.



WELL, FOR ONE THING, I AM SURE YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.

AND, WHEN IT COMES TO SEX, THERE IS NO GOOD REASON TO RUSH.

TRUST ME, SEX IS ABOUT A LOT MORE THAN WHAT PEOPLE IN YOUR GRADE MIGHT THINK, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEIR OPINIONS. NOT ONE BIT.

WHAT DID YOU AND JESS FIGHT ABOUT?

WELL... I GUESS I KINDA PRESSURED HER...

YOU KNOW, PEOPLE WERE WATCHING US, AND I JUST FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO GET IT OVER WITH.



WHOA, WHOA, WHOA... SEX IS NOT SOMETHING YOU JUST "GET IT OVER WITH."

AND, PRESSURING YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS NOT COOL. YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT HER, RIGHT?

YEAH, OF COURSE. SHE'S, LIKE, MY BEST FRIEND.

THEN RESPECT HER. ARE YOU TWO EVEN PREPARED FOR SEX?

I GUESS...

YOU GUESS? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE COMMON STIS ARE? DO YOU HAVE CONDOMS? DOES JESSIE TAKE BIRTH CONTROL?

I DON'T KNOW...



HAVE YOU EVER TALKED TO JESSIE ABOUT THIS STUFF?

NO WAY!

WELL... IF YOU AREN'T READY TO TALK ABOUT IT, YOU ARE NOT READY TO DO IT.

BUT, MY FRIENDS KEEP BUGGING ME...

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS, MAN! IT'S ABOUT YOU AND JESSIE. IT'S ABOUT RESPECTING EACH OTHER AND KEEPING EACH OTHER HEALTHY AND SAFE. TRUST ME, IT'LL BE A LOT MORE FUN THAT WAY.



OKAY, SO HOW DO I LEARN ABOUT THAT STUFF? WHAT IS AN... ST-WHAAA?

TALK TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR A NURSE. GET PAMPHLETS AT THE HEALTH CENTRE. AND, YOU CAN TALK TO ME ANYTIME.

BUT, FOR SURE, YOU GOTTA TALK TO JESSIE. YOU SAID SHE'S YOUR BEST FRIEND. CHECK IN WITH HER.

STI. SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION. YOU KNOW, LIKE GONORRHEA AND CHLAMYDIA...

THOSE ARE THE TWO MOST COMMON ONES IN NUNAVUT. YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT THIS STUFF FROM A LOT OF PLACES. WHATEVER YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. CHECK ONLINE.

YEEEAH... I KNOW... YOU'RE RIGHT.

SIGH.
THANKS, MAN.







IT'S OK, FILL OUT THIS SMALL FORM AND BRING IT BACK TO ME. YOU CAN THEN HAVE A SEAT AND A NURSE WILL COME GET YOU SHORTLY.

DO YOU GIRLS WANT TO SEE SOMEONE TOO?

NAH, WE'RE JUST HERE FOR SUPPORT.



OH... UH... WOW... THESE PICTURES ARE INTENSE.

A PAMPHLET ON STIS. WITH PICTURES! ACK!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

YUP, IT HAPPENS, JESS. LOTS OF PEOPLE GET THEM FROM HAVING UNPROTECTED SEX.



HMM, THIS ONE IS ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL. OPTIONS LIKE THE PILL, THE PATCH... LOOKS GOOD.


LET ME SEE THAT.



ANNIE?

MY NAME IS JEN AND I'M ONE OF THE NURSES.

HI.



ANNIE EXPLAINS TO THE NURSE WHAT HAPPENED. SHE ALSO ANSWERS THE NURSE'S QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF HER PREVIOUS SEXUAL EXPERIENCES.

I KNOW THIS MUST BE DIFFICULT, ANNIE. LET'S TALK ABOUT SOME OF YOUR CONCERNS TODAY.

AS FOR A PREGNANCY TEST WE WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU TO COME BACK IN NEXT WEEK.

THE PREGNANCY TEST WOULDN'T SHOW THE RIGHT RESULTS TODAY.

I'M WORRIED...

I KNOW THE FEELING. I HAD A SIMILAR SCARE IN HIGH SCHOOL. IT TOOK ME SOME TIME BUT I EVENTUALLY TALKED TO MY MOM ABOUT IT.

ALTHOUGH I WAS SCARED AT FIRST TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT, SHE ENDED UP HELPING ME GET THROUGH THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES. IT'S GOOD TO TALK TO PEOPLE YOU TRUST.

THAT'S TRUE... CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL?

YUP... YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE PILL OR THE PATCH. THERE ARE A FEW OPTIONS OUT THERE IF YOU WANT TO PREVENT PREGNANCY...

SOOOOO, SEXUALLY TRANSSSSS...

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS?

THAT'S RIGHT. BIRTH CONTROL LIKE THE PILL FOR EXAMPLE DOESN'T PROTECT YOU AGAINST STIs.

YEAH! I NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT NOT TO GET THEM, RIGHT?

USING CONDOMS DURING SEX IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM STIs.

WE ALWAYS HAVE FREE CONDOMS AVAILABLE AT THE HEALTH CENTRE IN CASE YOU NEED SOME.

YOU CAN PEE IN A CUP TODAY TO TEST FOR INFECTIONS LIKE GONORRHEA AND CHLAMYDIA.

THESE INFECTIONS CAN BE CURED WITH ANTIBIOTICS. WE'LL ALSO TAKE BLOOD TO TEST FOR THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.

SOME PEOPLE CALL IT HIV. YOU'LL HAVE TO COME BACK IN THREE MONTHS TO BE RE-TESTED THOUGH, BECAUSE OF THE SLEEPING PERIOD OF THE INFECTION.

IF YOU COME OVER HERE I'LL SHOW YOU SOME MORE INFORMATION ON HIV.

WISH I KNEW THIS BEFORE!





DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, ANNIE?

NO, YOU'VE GIVEN ME A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION. I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

ONE THING TO REMEMBER MAYBE IS THAT ALCOHOL CAN REALLY CHANGE HOW A PERSON MAKES DECISIONS.

IT'S HARD TO THINK CLEARLY SOMETIMES WHEN YOU'RE DRINKING.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!



I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU A FEW PAMPHLETS YOU CAN TAKE TO READ ABOUT OTHER IMPORTANT SEXUAL HEALTH THINGS.

WE CAN GO OVER IT NEXT WEEK WHEN WE GO OVER YOUR TEST RESULTS AND THE PREGNANCY TEST IF YOU WANT.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD. I THINK I WILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS THEN TOO.

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK ANNIE.



SO ARE YOU GONNA TALK TO DAVIDEE TONIGHT?

YEAH, AFTER SUPPER WITH MY GRANDMA. I'M MEETING HIM AT THE GAS BAR WHEN HE'S DONE WORK.

HEY, THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME TODAY. AKULLUK!

ANY TIME, ANNIE. SEE YA TOMORROW. BYE, MIALI!



OKAAAY, I CAN DO THIS. I CAN DO THIS...

LINNUSAKKUT, KAMATSIAGTLUT HELP LINE. THIS IS OOLEEPEEKA SPEAKING.

UM, HI...IS THERE SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO THERE?

YUP! YOU CAN TALK TO ME... I AM THE VOLUNTEER ON THE LINE TONIGHT.

OKAY. GREAT. WELL...I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TRY SAYING OUT LOUD.

YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU NEED TO. I AM NOT HERE TO JUDGE YOU...

OKAY. WELL THEN... I THINK I'M GAY. AND, I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE IN MY LIFE.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

SCARY. BUT GOOD.

WHILE JESSIE EATS SUPPER WITH HER GRANDMA, SHE WONDERS IF HER GRANDMA WOULD UNDERSTAND HER SITUATION WITH DAVIDEE.



LIFE IS SO DIFFERENT NOW FROM WHEN SHE WAS MY AGE. WOULD SHE EVEN UNDERSTAND?

GOOD SUPPER, GRANDMA.





IS EVERYTHING
OKAY, MY
IRNGUTAKULLUK?



YEAH,
IT'S OKAY...

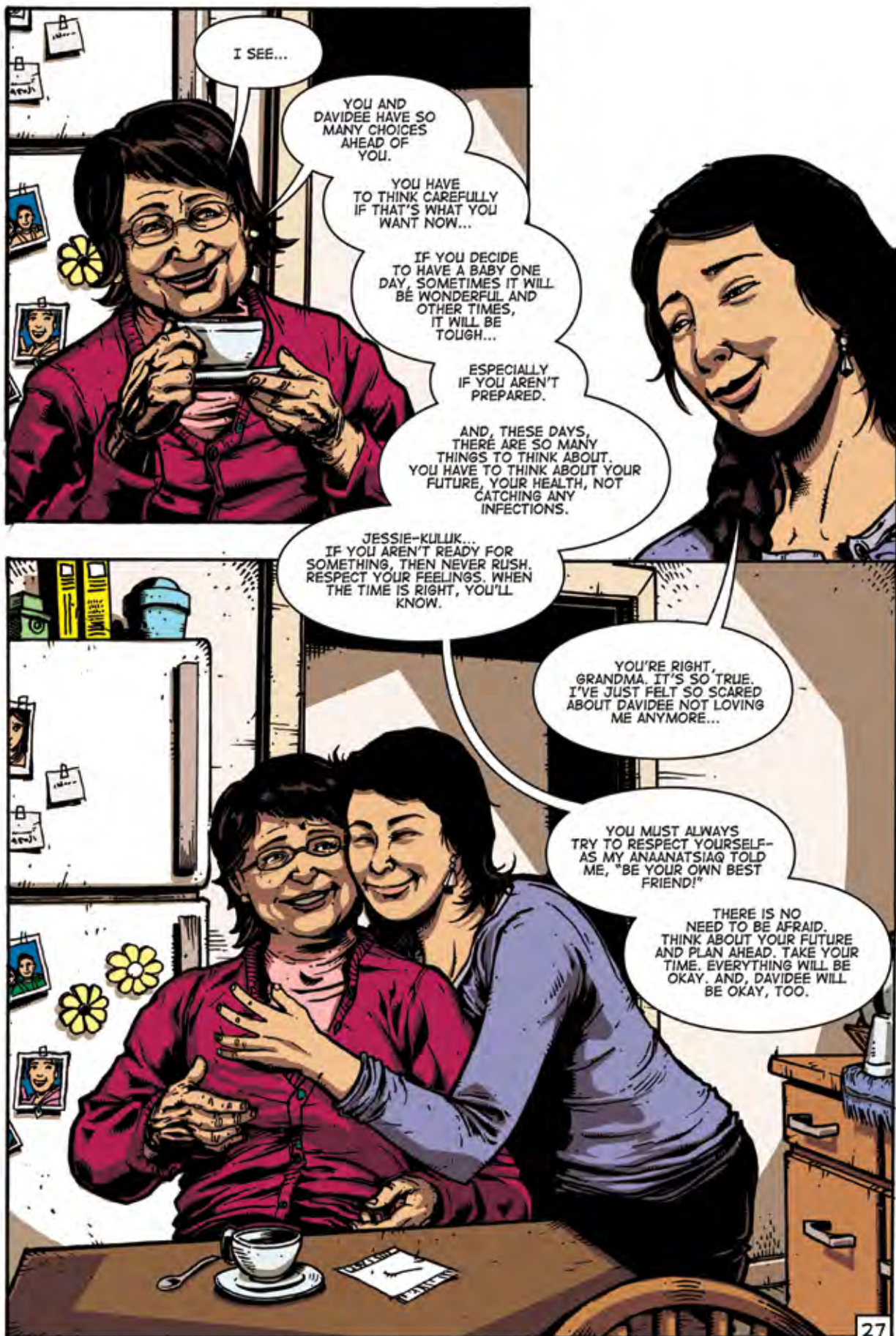
YOU SEEM
TROUBLED...IS EVERYTHING
OKAY AT SCHOOL? IS
EVERYTHING OKAY
WITH DAVIDEE?



YEAH, SCHOOL'S
OKAY. BUT...DAVIDEE...IT'S
JUST THAT HE'S BEEN
PRESSURING ME.

AND, I'M
AFRAID THAT IF I
DON'T PLEASE HIM, HE
WON'T WANT TO BE MY
BOYFRIEND ANY
MORE!

HE'S BEEN
ACTING KINDA STRANGE.
I THINK HE'S PRESSURING
ME BECAUSE HIS FRIENDS
ARE PRESSURING
HIM.



I SEE...

YOU AND DAVIDEE HAVE SO MANY CHOICES AHEAD OF YOU.

YOU HAVE TO THINK CAREFULLY IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT NOW...

IF YOU DECIDE TO HAVE A BABY ONE DAY SOMETIMES IT WILL BE WONDERFUL AND OTHER TIMES, IT WILL BE TOUGH...

ESPECIALLY IF YOU AREN'T PREPARED.

AND, THESE DAYS, THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, YOUR HEALTH, NOT CATCHING ANY INFECTIONS.

JESSIE-KULUK... IF YOU AREN'T READY FOR SOMETHING, THEN NEVER RUSH. RESPECT YOUR FEELINGS. WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, YOU'LL KNOW.



YOU'RE RIGHT, GRANDMA. IT'S SO TRUE. I'VE JUST FELT SO SCARED ABOUT DAVIDEE NOT LOVING ME ANYMORE...

YOU MUST ALWAYS TRY TO RESPECT YOURSELF- AS MY ANAANATSIAG TOLD ME, "BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND!"

THERE IS NO NEED TO BE AFRAID. THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE AND PLAN AHEAD. TAKE YOUR TIME. EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY. AND, DAVIDEE WILL BE OKAY, TOO.

I'M JUST GONNA
TELL DAVIDEE HOW I
FEEL. I LOVE HIM!
BUT, I'M NOT
READY.

AND,
I'M GOING TO
ASK HIM WHAT'S BEEN
GOING ON WITH HIM
LATELY. HE'S BEEN
ACTING SO
CRAZY!

JESSIE!



HEY, D.
HOW WAS
WORK?

OKAY...
MADE SOME
GOOD TIPS.

ASU! THEN
BUY ME A POPP?
JUST KIDDING? HOW
WAS HOCKEY? I HEARD
THAT YOU HAD A
BAD GAME...

YEAH...I
WAS PLAYING ROUGH.
BUT, UM, I RAN INTO
SAM AFTER...AND
WE TALKED
A BIT.

SAM?

YEAH, YOU
KNOW, HE'S IN GRADE 12.
HE'S THE ONE WHO ALWAYS
HAS HIS SNOWMOBILE
AT SCHOOL.

HE'S SO
COOL... GOOD TO
TALK TO...
AND...

JESSIE, I'M
SORRY FOR GETTING
UPSET ABOUT...YOU
KNOW, US NOT
DOING IT.

SAM TALKED
SOME SENSE INTO ME.
I WAS GETTING SO DOWN
FROM SOME OF MY
FRIENDS MAKING
FUN OF ME.

BUT, WHAT
YOU AND I DO IS
ONLY *OUR* BUSINESS,
NOT ANYONE
ELSE'S.

AND, I
DON'T EVEN
REALLY KNOW IF
I'M READY.





I THOUGHT YOU HATED ME. AND I FELT MAD, TOO!

I WAS CONFUSED. TALKING TO SAM MADE ME FEEL STRONG AGAIN.

I'M SORRY THAT I HURT YOU. I'M SORRY THAT I DIDN'T RESPECT YOUR FEELINGS MORE.



I WAS SO DOWN... BUT MY GRANDMA HELPED.

SHE REMINDED ME THAT WE HAVE TO RESPECT OURSELVES AND STAND UP FOR OURSELVES!

AND, TO THINK AHEAD, BE PREPARED, AND DON'T RUSH...

NOW, I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. AND, I WANT TO THINK AHEAD, BE PREPARED AND GO SLOWLY... WITH YOU.



HEY,
DUDE.

HEY. HOW
WAS YOUR NIGHT?
DID YOU TALK WITH
JESSIE?

YEAH. I'D
BEEN FEELING LIKE
SUCH A WEIRDO AND NOW
I FEEL GREAT. WHO CARES
WHAT OTHER PEOPLE
THINK, RIGHT?

RIGHT...UM,
ABOUT THAT...

HUH?

WE'VE BEEN
FRIENDS FOR A LONG
TIME AND YOU KNOW ME
PRETTY WELL, BUT...ARE YOU
READY FOR A BIT OF A
SURPRISE?

OKAAAY...



I AM NOT SURE, BUT I THINK I'M...GAY.

OH, WOW.

AND...I'M AFRAID OF WHAT PEOPLE WILL THINK, WHAT MY FRIENDS WILL THINK.

THE WHOLE THING IS KIND OF OVERWHELMING.



WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT I WILL THINK. YOU NEED TO BE YOU MAN, AND I TOTALLY RESPECT THAT!



EHHH THANKS MAN.



OKAY,
THAT WASN'T
TOO BAD.

WERE
YOU AFRAID TO
TELL ME?



I WAS AFRAID
TO TELL MYSELF AT
FIRST! AND, YEAH, I WAS
AFRAID TO TELL YOU. I
DON'T KNOW HOW I AM
GOING TO TELL MY
PARENTS...

YEAH, THAT'LL
BE TOUGH, BUT YOUR
PARENTS CARE FOR YOU
MAN...DON'T WORRY ABOUT
ME, DUDE, YOU HAVE MY
SUPPORT-TO JUST BE
YOURSELF.

WHEN DO YOU FIND OUT?

NEXT WEEK.

LONG WAIT!

YEAH, SERIOUSLY, BUT I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER ALREADY, JUST TALKING TO YOU AND MIAJI, AND GOING TO THE HEALTH CENTRE.

YOU KNOW, JUST FACING IT. THANKS FOR BEING THERE FOR ME, JESS. I FELT SO ALONE BEFORE I TOLD YOU.

HEY, HOW'D TALKING TO DAVIDEE GO? IS HE STILL BEING CRAZY?

NAH, HE ACTUALLY APOLOGIZED. AND WE WENT FOR A WALK BY THE BEACH.

OOOOH, SO ROMANTIC! YOU TWO ARE SO IN LOVE.

HEY, JESSIE! HEY, ANNIE. WHAT'S UP?



A LOT LESS THAN YESTERDAY! I FIGURED SOME IMPORTANT THINGS OUT.

HEY, MICHAEL. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND LATELY. HOW'S IT GOING? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

UMMMMM...I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT I'VE BEEN FIGURING SOME THINGS OUT, TOO. I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT SOME DAY. LIFE'S COMPLICATED SOMETIMES...

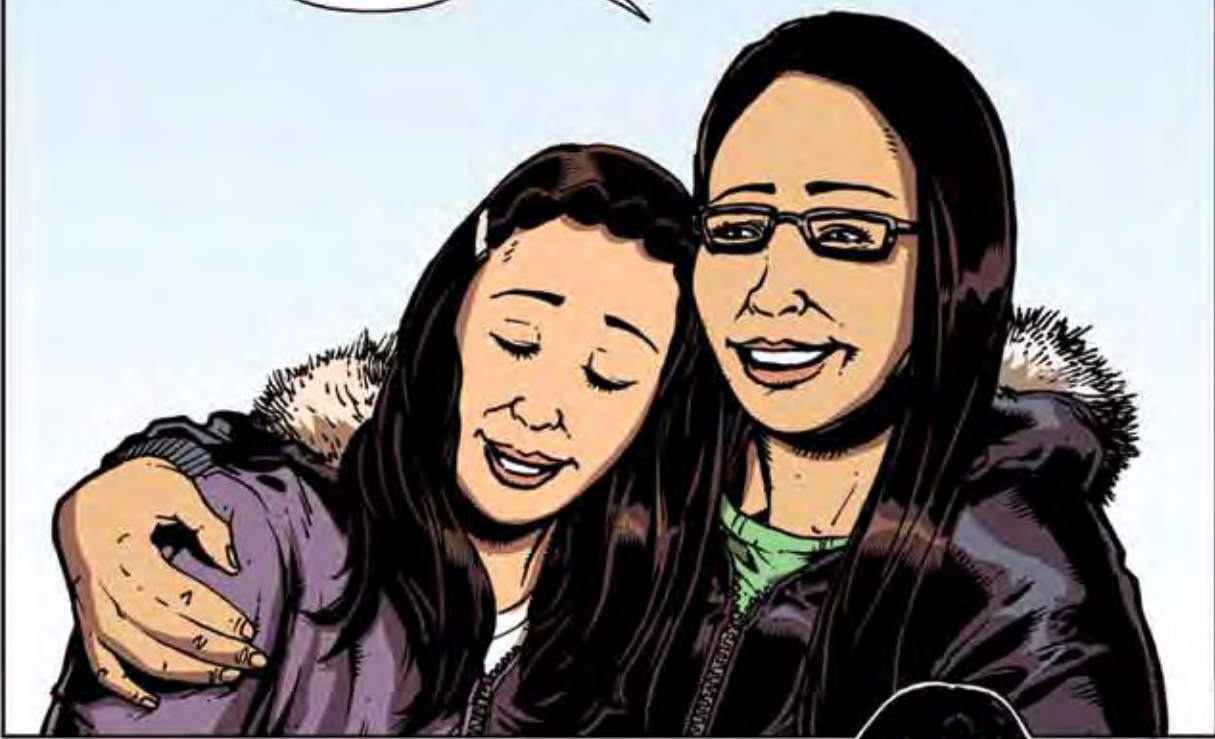


THAT'S FOR SURE. BUT, THAT'S WHY WE NEED GOOD FRIENDS, RIGHT?



HEY, THERE'S MY LITTLE SIS.

I'M PROUD OF YOU, SIS. YOU'RE BEING SO STRONG.



IS THAT SAM? IS HE MIALI'S BOYFRIEND??

YEAH. HE'S AWESOME.

MIALI'S AWESOME, TOO.



QUESTIONS 1-10 ARE PROVIDED TO HELP SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATORS FACILITATE AN OPEN-ENDED CONVERSATION ABOUT THE STORY **CHOICES** AND THE SEXUAL HEALTH ISSUES IT ILLUSTRATES. QUESTIONS 11-14 ARE PROVIDED FOR READERS' PERSONAL REFLECTION. THE STORY MAY ALSO BE DRAMATIZED AND THEN DISCUSSED.

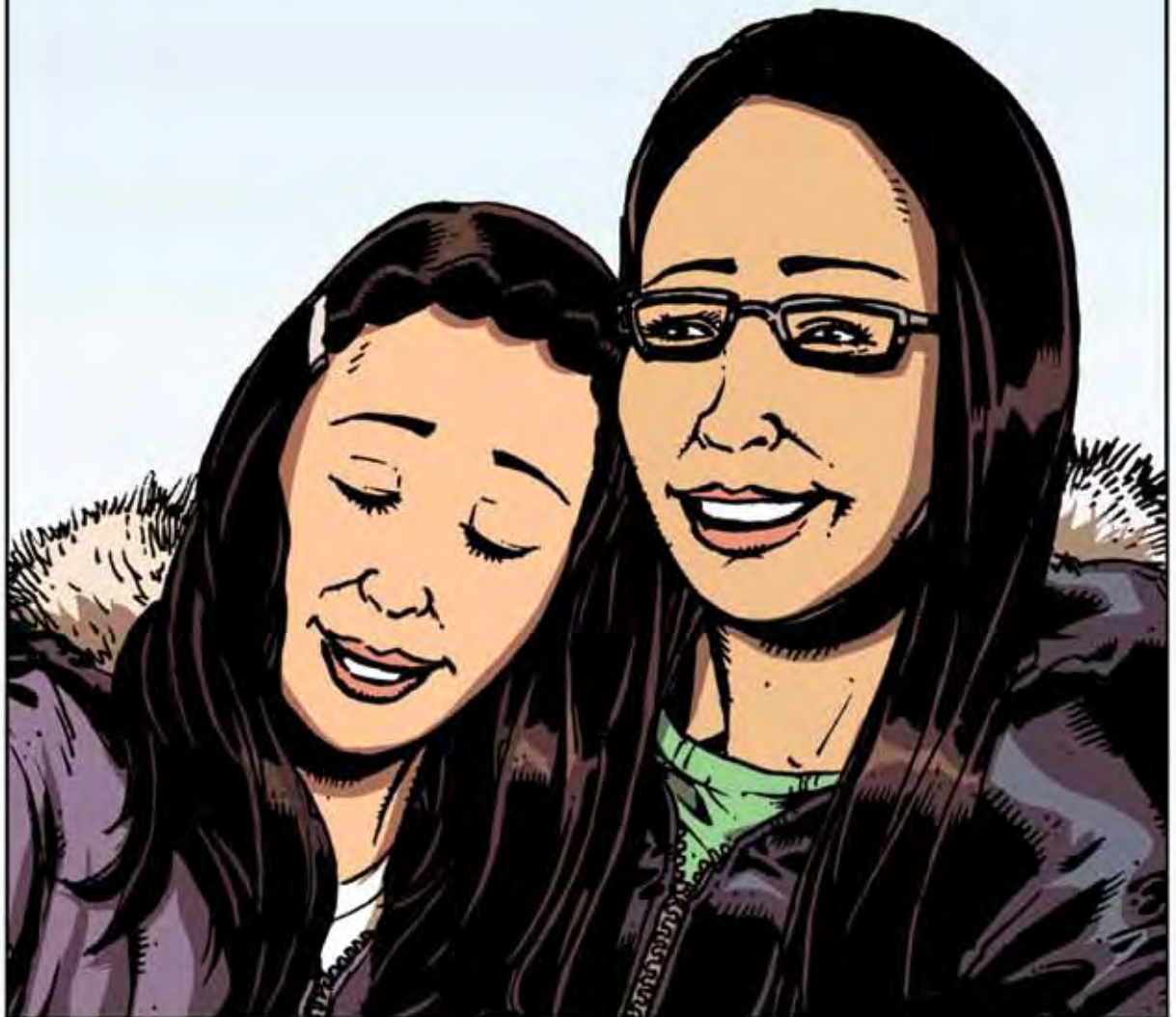
1. WHAT WORDS OR PHRASES ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY DO YOU REMEMBER?
2. WHAT CHARACTERS WERE IN THE STORY AND WHAT ISSUES DID THEY FACE?
3. WHAT INFORMATION ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS DID YOU GET FROM THE COMIC?
4. HOW DID ALCOHOL AND DRUGS INFLUENCE THE CHOICES SOME OF THE CHARACTERS MADE?
5. WHAT EMOTIONS DID YOU EXPERIENCE AS YOU READ THE STORY?
6. WHAT CHARACTER SEEMED TO EXPERIENCE RELATIONSHIP ISSUES THAT YOU ARE FACING, OR THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS FACING?
7. DESCRIBE THE INCIDENTS THAT THIS STORY REMINDS YOU OF – IN YOUR LIFE, IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS, AT HOME, IN MOVIES, IN BOOKS, OR ON TV.
8. HOW DID EACH MAIN CHARACTER FEEL ABOUT HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND OTHERS IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS? WHY?
9. WHY IS RESPECT IMPORTANT IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS?
10. WHAT SUPPORT DID THE CHARACTERS LOOK FOR AS THEY MADE CHOICES AROUND SAFER SEX, CONTRACEPTION, FAMILY, AND RELATIONSHIPS? WHERE CAN YOU FIND SUPPORT?
11. WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE AFTER READING THIS STORY?
12. WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY AS A RESULT OF READING THIS STORY?
13. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IN SEXUAL HEALTH?
14. WHENEVER YOU FIND YOURSELF GETTING INTO A SITUATION IN WHICH YOU ARE NOT THE ONE MAKING CHOICES OR DECISIONS, HOW CAN YOU HELP YOURSELF TAKE BACK YOUR POWER TO MAKE THOSE CHOICES AND DECISIONS THAT AFFECT YOU?



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