

Get Real!

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2007 RUNNING ORDER:

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Ashley
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Sweeney
Gwenyth
Bev
Guy
Kent
Bupar
Cheesy Sideburns
Marty
Stacy
AI (VO)
Boy
Girl
Allison

Get Real!

MUSIC and LIGHTS

(Four actors enter)

Adult
Mature
Full-Grown
Grown
Grown-up
Matured
You're old enough to know better
Better safe than sorry
Better you than me
You better not pout you better not cry
GET REAL!

You want me to grow up ? Throw up!
I've thrown up my hands
I don't know what to do with you
Would you get off the phone, I'm expecting a call!

Childish
Infantile
Babyish
Immature
You're still a child
It'll be a while
Let me see you smile
Besides, you're only young once
Once upon a time
In a distant galaxy
Time to get up
Time to go to school
Time to go to bed
GET REAL!

When I was your age we walked to school
In the snow I'll bet
I never talk to my mother that way
Baby sit. Sit on a baby?
GET REAL!

Are you sure I can handle it?

Use your best judgment
Use your head
Heads up
Heads up?
Up to your room
Is a mess. You have to clear a path just to get to the bed

Bed time!
Time to get up
Time to go to school
Time to do your homework
GET REAL!

(everyone exits)

Harry Snotter Entrance

(HARRY SNOTTER wanders on with a flashlight in darkness. He wears round glasses, speaks with a British accent, carries a hanky (which he uses often) and looks a lot like you know who. He sneaks around stealthily. He flashes the light upstage, then right and left, then he flashes it into the audience and screams when he sees them.)

HARRY

Blimey mates, you scared me almost to death! How did you blokes get in here? Where did you come from? *(When they start to answer he cuts them off)* Shhh!. Keep it down. You're going to spoil my plan. Allow me to properly introduce myself. I'm called Harry Snotter. How d'you do. *(He sneezes, blows his nose loudly and bows politely)* You want to know what I'm up to? Huh? Go ahead and ask me then. Go on ask! *(When they ask, he sneezes and freaks again)* Shush. Quiet! Shh! Shh! Shh! You see, this fantastical, magical book mysteriously arrived by owl today. It's filled with new spells, incantations, and a simply marvelous recipe for snakeskin snickerdoodles! It's just chock-a-block full of knowledge, but the magical kind, the kind that's fun to learn. *(flipping through the book)* It seems that this book of spells will take us on a *very important* journey to learn some real information about a disease called AIDS. Would you like to join me on my journey? Would you like to *Get Real?* *(he sneezes)* Well all right then, REPEAT AFTER ME! *(hold for echo, and if none then ..)* I said, REPEAT AFTER ME! *(hold for echo)*.

Twizzle! Twazzle! Twozzle! Twool! *(hold for echo)* We start Get Real with The New Kid in School! *(hold for echo)*

LIGHTS Flicker

SOUND & MUSIC Transition

It's working! *(he sneezes)* Everybody together now! Twizzle! Twazzle! Twozzle! Twool! We start Get Real with The New Kid in School! *(he sneezes)*

More LIGHTS and SOUND

Transition MUSIC into New Kid Rap

NEW KID RAP

(four actors enter)

Get Real! Get Real! Get Real! (Get Real! Get Real! Get Real!)
Everybody just clap your hands! (Everybody just clap your hands!)
Everybody just clap your hands to the beat.
Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!) Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!)
Everybody say GET REAL! (GET REAL!), Now scream! (Aaaaaahhhh!)

LISTEN UP! I want to tell you a story 'bout the new kid in school.
He was smart, he was sharp, he was nobody's fool,
He showed up the first day with his pencils and pens,
And thought he wouldn't have a problem making new friends.
He was the new kid, (Hay-ay!)
You wanna play with me?
You wanna play with me?
You wanna play with me?
He was the new kid (Hay-ay!). He was the new kid in school.

A crowd began to form as he got close to the door,
And when he tried to walk through they all began to roar (Aaaahhh!).
There were parents, there were teachers,
there were girls and there were boys,
His heart began to sink when they started making noise,
It's the new kid, (What!?)
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,
He was the new kid, He had new kicks and new shades,
All he wanted to do was to make new friends and get good grades,
He was the new kid, They didn't need to be afraid,
But someone tipped them off that the new kid had AIDS (AIDS, AIDS, AIDS, AIDS)

Maybe mama had the virus. She might've got it from his pop.
Then our new kid still could get it, if they didn't make AIDS stop.
Maybe got it from a needle on the street with HIV,
But yo, there's still no cure, so that's the way it has to be.

Now I take my pills, and I hope for the day
That a new cure for AIDS will come my way
Must be somethin' we can do to stop the rumors that aren't true
'Cuz I look and act and play, just like you (just like you)

He was the new kid (What!?)
Don't play with him,
Don't play with him,

Don't play with him,
He was the new kid, He was the new kid in school.

He turned around that first day never wanting to go back,
But his parents said, 'Come on you don't need to take this flack,'
So they marched up to the Principal and knocked upon her door,
The new kid shouldn't have to take this bull no more!
Not the new kid, Not the new kid in school.

We're gonna have to teach them they have nothing to fear,
And we're gonna keep repeating it 'til they begin to hear,
So don't worry honey, don't think of relocation,
We're gonna turn the tables with a little education. YEAH!
He didn't give up, not our new kid in school,
You can not get AIDS from playing, if you think so you're a fool,
In time he made some good friends when they began to see,
Now I'll tell you all a secret, the new kid is me.
You heard me (What!?), the new kid is me.

I'm the new kid (Hay-ay!)
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
I'm the new kid
I'm the new kid in school.

I hope some day they'll find a cure,
But until that day arrives there'll be more new kids for sure.
Doctors have new medications now, to help control the virus,
So the new kids can still go to school, and learn and play beside us.

I'm the new kid,
I'm the new kid in school,
C'mon play with me,
C'mon play with me,
I'm the new kid (What!?),
I'm the new kid in school
And if you're asking me I think the new kid's pretty cool. YEAH!

(actors ad-lib as they exit)

(Harry enters dancing as rap MUSIC fades)

HARRY WHITE BLOOD CELL SPELL

HARRY

What an extraordinary story! I'm the new chap, I'm the new chap, I'm the new chap. Whoa, all this rapping is making me dizzy. *(he sneezes)* You Yanks are quite good at it! *(opening book)* This book has so many spells and so much information about HIV & AIDS. It seems that the disease called AIDS is caused by a teeny tiny thing called an HIV virus, kind of like the ones that can give you the flu, except that the HIV virus does not pass through the air like in a sneeze *(he sneezes)*. This one makes part of our blood sick. *(looking through book)* Well here, maybe this spell can help explain it. EXPLANITUMUS! *(he sneezes)*

(three actors enter with white disks)

You see, part of our blood, called the white blood cells, helps us fight off colds and other diseases. The HIV virus that causes AIDS robs us of our white blood cells so that they can't do their job *(begin to flip rings from white to dark)*, so that even a little cold can become very dangerous. *(he sneezes)* HIV can live in your blood for over 10 years before you ever become sick with AIDS. There are new drugs that fight HIV and can help bring some of the white blood cells back *(two of the 3 rings change back to white)*, but they can not get rid of the virus entirely, so there is still no cure for HIV.

(the three actors exit)

You know, the HIV virus can infect anyone. It doesn't care if you're young or old, a boy or a girl, a witch or a warlock. Everyone is affected by the reality of the AIDS epidemic. *(he sneezes)* And speaking of reality, do you like reality TV shows? You do? Then it's time to Get Real with my next spell, EXPLANITUMUS SURVIVORUS! *(he sneezes)*

(Harry exits)

MUSIC & LIGHT Transition into Survivor

SURVIVOR ALCATRAZ

JEFF VO

Welcome to Survivor Alcatraz. These finalists have been marooned. miles from the wilds of Fisherman's Wharf. with only the basic essentials: sleeping bags, a MUNI pass, Rice-a-Roni and the latest Sponge Bob DVD. Let's meet the survivors now!

(As each Survivor is introduced, they enter and parade before the audience.)

Ashley is a boogie board instructor who is a total hottie prone to major emotional outbursts and has really chapped lips. Her hobbies include karaoke, cajun cooking and stabbing her friends in the back.

Bogus is a price checker at the \$.99 Store. He is a banjo-playing Sagittanus and former Eagle Scout. Hobbies include stalking Christine Aguilera , doing Pilates, and stabbing his friends in the back.

Meet Sweeney. Sweeney is really old and hairy and grosses everybody out. He talks in a thick Southern accent, even though he is from Walnut Creek. Everybody hates him because he is a big-mouth bigot. His hobbies include being totally clueless, and stabbing his friends in the back.

Finally meet, Gwyneth. an elementary school teacher who is independently wealthy and only teaches because she loves children. Her hobbies include reading aloud, taking time-outs and saying "focus people!" Oh, yes. and stabbing her friends in the back.

The winner of today's immunity challenge will receive some hair gel, a can of silly string, and Make-a-Taco Lunchables! Today's challenge involves eating a french-fried grasshopper without gagging.

But I'm a vegetarian!

ASHLEY

Bugs ain't meat.

SWEENEY

They are living things!

ASHLEY

Not after they've been french fried. *(he laughs)*

SWEENEY

(she freaks out) I hate you! I hate you all! I hate you and you and you and I will take you down one by one. *(pulling herself together)* Sorry guys, it must be the sun, I didn't mean it.

ASHLEY

That's Okay Ashley, dry your tears and use some Chapstick.

BOGUS

Ouch! What was that? *(she swats at the air)*

GWYNETH

These darn skeeters. Ouch! *(he swats at the air)*

SWEENEY

Ouch! *(he swats at the air)*

BOGUS

OUCH!

ASHLEY

(she slaps Ashley's face) There! I got one!

GWYNETH

(in tears again) I hate you, I hate you all!

ASHLEY

Ok, focus people, I think we need to *check-in* and take a *time-out* to get in touch with each other's needs.

GWYNETH

SWEENEY

I *need* me some taco Lunchables!

BOGUS

Okay. I have a plan, we're all hungry, right? So let's make a pact. Whoever wins will share the lunchables with the rest of us.

GWYNETH

That's not a bad idea.

ASHLEY

But how do we know that we can trust each other?

SWEENEY

You can trust me! I'm from the South.

GWYNETH

You're from Walnut Creek.

SWEENEY

Southern Walnut Creek!

ASHLEY

Ok, I'm in. I'm so hungry I could even eat a grasshopper (*she gags*).

GWYNETH

Sharing is good. I'm in too.

BOGUS

Ouch! Darn mosquitoes!

SWEENEY

OUCH!

BOGUS

There is only one way to seal this pact. We should all become blood brothers.

SWEENEY, ASHLEY & GWYNETH

Ooooooooooooooh!

JEFF V.O.

Okay, hold on here. Turn off the cameras! Guys, you shouldn't ever share your blood with anyone else's blood. It's gross, and you could spread HIV or other infectious blood diseases by mixing your blood together. Also, you should

never touch or pick up a needle, like the kind you see in the doctor's office, if you find it on the street. That needle could have HIV infected blood still living inside of it. Mixing different blood together is just too risky. In fact, one of you may be HIV positive already and not even know it.

That can't be!
ASHLEY

Is it you?
BOGUS

Is it you?
GWYNETH

It can't be me, I'm an Eagle Scout.
BOGUS

I was voted teacher of the year.
GWYNETH

I'm a total hottie.
ASHLEY

And I'm a loud-mouthed bigot. People like me don't get the AIDS,
SWEENEY

Sorry, Sweeney, even loud-mouth bigots can get AIDS or Hepatitis. Unlike you, AIDS does NOT discriminate.
JEFF

Ouch. Hey, what about these skeeters? If one of us has the AIDS couldn't the skeeter bite one of us and then bite another one of us and spread the virus?
SWEENEY

No, no one has ever contacted HIV or AIDS from a mosquito or from any other bug or animal. You can ONLY get HIV through blood to blood contact, from unprotected sexual activity, or if a mother doesn't take the right medicine, she can sometimes pass HIV to her baby through birth or breast-milk, but only if she already has it. That's why you CAN NOT get HIV from everyday activities, or by just being around someone who already has it.
JEFF

That's a relief!
BOGUS

So I guess the blood brother pact is out.
GWYNETH

BOGUS

But we can still make a pact that if one of us ever got HIV we would still be friends and all give our support.

ASHLEY

Let's make a pact to always be friends forever!. Even though this stupid show wants us to be enemies and stab each other in the back.

GWYNETH

I'm in. *(extends hand)*

BOGUS

You have my Scout's honor. I will always be true. *(extends hand)*

ASHLEY

I love you guys, I really mean it! *(extends hand)*

SWEENEY

Aw shucks. I guess I'm in. I guess even a loud-mouthed bigot can change his ways. *(extends his hand)*

JEFF V.O.

This is really touching you guys. But it will kill our ratings! You can't be friends. you have to stab each other in the back! Okay. turn the cameras back on and bring on the french-fried Grasshoppers.

GWYNETH

Ewww. Gross. Let Sweeney eat it!

SWEENEY

Let Bogus eat it!

BOGUS

Let Ashley eat it!

ASHLEY

I hate you all, I hate you I hate you -- *(to others)* You guys know I'm just acting right? I really love you a lot -- I hate you! I hate you!

GWYNETH

She's good.

JEFF V.O.

And that's it for another episode of Survivor Alcatraz. And remember - there is no immunity challenge when it comes to HIV. Everyone needs to know the facts so that they can protect themselves. Don't let AIDS vote you off the island!

MUSIC transition

(everyone exits)

(Harry enter)

HARRY

Well that spell was entertaining AND informative wasn't it? *(he sneezes)* Hmmmm *(referring to the book)*... why don't we continue on our Get Real! journey, *(he sneezes)* and I'll try to conjure up another spell that will tell us more about AIDS ... *(referring to book)* *(he sneezes)* EXPLANITUMUS POWERUS! *(he sneezes)*

POWER STRANGERS

Stranger Guy and Stranger Bev Enter

BEV

Stranger Guy, give me five! We foiled lord Zed again.

GUY

Thanks Stranger Bev, we were in a tough spot, but we all pulled together.

BEV

Who would have thought Zed would make a monster out of a blow-dryer and try to melt the polar ice-caps to flood the earth. Global warming is bad enough without his help!

KENT

How did you guys do it?

GUY

First I did this. And then I whipped around and gave it one of these.

BEV

But then the dryer monster was turned on high and we were blown half way across the park. So I did this . . .

GUY

And I did this . . .

BEV

Then I jumped . .

GUY

I spun . .

BEV

I kicked . . .

GUY

I flipped. . .

(Demonstrating their movies they work themselves into a frenzy and collapse panting on the floor)

KENT

Are you guys okay?

GUY

Of course we are, we're Rower Pangers, I mean Tower Strangers, I mean . . . I guess I'm a little dizzy,

BEV

At least the world is safe for blow dryers everywhere.

GUY

What have you been up to Ranger Kent?

KENT

Well, I attacked a monster made from a parking meter. It proved to be a tough battle.

BEV

Did you Morph?

KENT

Of course I morphed.

GUY

Did you call on Mastadon Power?

KENT

I called on the power of the Giant Cobra and the Power of the Island Dolphin.

GUY

Dude, no way!

BEV

Did you kick?

KENT

I kicked!

GUY

Did you leap?

KENT

I leapt.

BEV

Did you jump?

Did you flip?	GUY
I did everything. It <u>was</u> a parking meter.	KENT
Cool!	BEV & GUY
Power Rangers may I have your attention?	BUPAR (VOICE OVER)
It's Bupar.	KENT
Yes mighty Bupar we are at your service.	GUY
I have word of a horrifying new monster.	BUPAR
Morph us Bupar, we're ready to take on anything.	BEV
We're undefeatable.	KENT
As long as we have change for the meter.	GUY
Hey!	KENT
This monster won't be so easy to fight.	BUPAR
We're not afraid of anything Zed can dish out.	GUY
Silence Rangers. This monster wasn't created by Lord Zed, in fact no one knows where it came from.	BUPAR
Where is it? Let me at it I'll do this,	GUY
And this.	KENT

BEV

And this.

BUPAR

You can't see this monster. It's so small it can only be seen in a laboratory.

BEV

How can we pulverize it if we can't see it?

BUPAR

You can't taste it or smell it.

GUY

How can we stop it if we can't find it?

BUPAR

The trick is not to find this monster, but to avoid it.

GUY

But we're tough!

KENT

The toughest.

BEV

We can do this.

GUY

And this.

KENT

And this.

BUPAR

Marshall arts won't stop this fiend.

GUY

Not even if they speed up the film so it looks like we're doing it really fast?

(They do fast motion moves)

BUPAR

This monster is called HIV, a dangerous virus, and once it has you in its grasp you can't win. It replicates itself inside the blood and attacks the immune system, which protects the body from other illnesses, before it

finally morphs into the disease called AIDS. The only way to defeat it, is to never fall into its clutches. It can only attack through the exchange of blood and certain body fluids.

BEV

Like tears?

GUY

Like sweat?

KENT

Like spit?

BUPAR

Bupar's answer to those questions is . . . DUH! Of Course not! You cannot get AIDS from tears or spit - just blood and...reproductive fluids.

BEV

What is repro . . . ?

BUPAR

SILENCE . You will learn about that in Middle School, for now just stay away from blood, don't pick up needles you find on the street, and if you have any other questions . . . ask your mother or father. Oh, and eat your vegetables, too

GUY

Even broccoli?

BUSPAR

Especially broccoli! Last year over million people died of AIDS in Africa,

KENT

But Africa has the power of the Lion!

BUPAR

Many children could have been saved with new medications but they were too poor.

BEV

Even Lord Zed isn't that cruel.

BUPAR

In India millions died of AIDS.

GUY

India? But they've got the Power of the Tiger.

KENT

Doesn't work on AIDS. Now the disease is spreading through China and all of Asia.

China, the Power of the Panda? BEV

Actually, Panda's aren't really that ferocious. BUPAR

But, I'll bet if I did one of these. KENT

Or one of these. BEV

Maybe if we all did some of these! GUY

(They are all spinning and kicking frantically)

BUPAR
Strangers Get a Grip! You can't fight HIV or AIDS with muscles. You must use your head.

GUY & BEV & KENT
But Bupar!

BUPAR
There are medications that can stop the virus from spreading in the blood and keep people alive for many, many years, but the virus will always be hiding in their system lying in wait. Many poor countries can't yet afford the medications, and the pills have some nasty side effects. You Strangers must go on a quest to fight the monster AIDS, but there is only one weapon that can defeat it.

GUY
We'll do anything!

BUPAR
You must trust the one true power that is stronger than all others. Knowledge. Learn about AIDS and spread the word.

GUY
I call on the Power of the Learning!

BEV
The Power of Understanding!

KENT
And The Power of Truth!

GUY & BEV & KENT

Morph us Bupar!

BUPAR

Go forth and fight!

(they morph and exit)

HARRY

(he sneezes) What a great spell! *(he sneezes)* You know, the choices we make in life can also help protect us from ever getting HIV or AIDS. *(he sneezes)* Let us continue on our *Get Real* journey then with a spell that will help us all learn to make *better* choices. EXPLANITUMUS POPULARIS!!!! *(he sneezes)*

MUSIC & LIGHT Transition into Popular

WHO WANTS TO BE POPULAR

(Marty & Stacy enter)

AL VO

These two contestants have made it to the summit, the top, the acme of all game shows Who Wants to be Popular? Tonight's host, the man who can make you popular... Mr. Cheesy Sideburns!

(Cheesy enters)

CHEESY

Alright, let's not waste any time, as you know you have three choices, you can answer the question yourself...

MARTY

That sounds good.

STACY

Who me?

CHEESY

Or call your lifeline

MARTY

Mom, keep that line open, put Grandma on hold.

STACY

Blue Tooth, baby. *(holding up phone)*

CHEESY

Or the audience.

STACY

(to audience) Wassup my homies!?

MARTY

I'm sure you're all very nice, but I probably won't be needing your advice.

CHEESY

First question Stacy we'll begin with you. Silence in the studio. Here goes, question number one If your classmates made fun of your clothes would you:

- A) Hold your breath and turn blue until your parents sprung for some new duds?
- B) Shoplift some new threads and not wait for the money?
- C) Tell them that you were following the latest trend and all of them were out of style.
- D) None of the above.

STACY

Uh, wow, audience? No way man, look what your wearing, call my lifeline. (*picks up cell phone*) Yo, dude, what's the answer D, E? What do you mean you're not watching. *Friends?* Dude that's tired, that's a rerun, yo!

CHEESY

Stacy, you're time is running out.

STACY

Adios amigo, thanks for nada, (*hangs up*) I'm gong to say A. To look cool is to be cool and turning a little blue seems a small price to pay, I mean what are credit cards for anyway?

CHEESY

Final answer?

STACY

Uh, is that a trick question?

CHEESY

I'll take that as a yes. Now, Marty?

MARTY

I'd have to say D

CHEESY

No advice?

MARTY

Uh, no I think...

CHEESY

No, lifeline?

MARTY

That really won't be necessary...

CHEESY

Your final answer?

MARTY

Final answer. D. None of the above. As long as I'm comfy, I really wouldn't care.

BUZZER sound

CHEESY

And the correct answer is A.

STACY

All right!

MARTY

Are you sure about...

CHEESY

Quiet everyone! The tension is building and I can feel my sideburns actually stiffening up. Go ahead - touch them.

MARTY

That's okay, thanks anyway.

STACY

That's nasty dude.

CHEESY

Moving on. Stacy, you are one step closer to being popular.

STACY

Like it's a stretch.

CHEESY

Next question: If I was at a party and everyone was getting drunk I would:

- A) Get totally wasted and puke on the lawn
- B) Get totally wasted and puke in the car
- C) Get totally wasted and puke in my room
- D) None of the above.

STACY

Wow, that's a tough one, I mean, I'd get wasted but...

CHEESY

Time is running out!

Can I go?
MARTY

Forget about it, I think it's a trick question, I'm going to say it's a tie between A, B & C.
STACY

Final answer?
CHEESY

Yeah, whatever.
STACY

Marty, think carefully.
CHEESY

I really don't think that's necessary. This is a no-brainer.
MARTY

A what?
STACY

It's got to be D. I'd just call my mother to come pick me up, and then maybe go to a movie with a friend.
MARTY

BUZZER sound

Wrong again Marty, that's going to cost you big time. The answer is A, B & C.
CHEESY

(Stacy raises arms in triumph and begins chanting) Sta-cy! Sta-cy! Sta-cy!
STACY

Okay, everyone focus we're in the home stretch. The tension is so thick my sideburns are actually tingling with anticipation. Here feel this. *(He rubs his sideburn towards the audience.)* Moving on! The final question is: Education is important to me because ...
CHEESY

A) There is nothing good on daytime TV anyway.
B) If I didn't go to school I could never cut classes
C) School is the best place to find out about all the really good parties.
D) None of the above

Wow, this is really tough. Well, it can't be A, I mean there's mega-cool shows on in the day, Tyra, Oprah, Montel.
STACY

This is so easy, can I answer first?
MARTY

CHEESY

The tension is almost too much even for me to bear!

STACY

C! It's C, let's party hearty, at a hearty party!

CHEESY

Final answer?

MARTY

I'm going to say D again. I just want to get good grades so I can maybe go to college someday and then get a job that I really like.

CHEESY

Marty, Marty, Marty, wrong again. You've missed three out of three, it's a wonder you have any friends at all.

MARTY

But that's not true

CHEESY

That makes Stacy our Grand Prize Winner - Popular Person numero uno!

STACY

Was there ever any doubt?

CHEESY

And now for the prizes, Al...

AL VO

(Voice over) Thanks Cheesy. Stacy you win the Who Wants to be Popular Grand Prize Package. You will receive a six month trip, all expenses paid ... to a Juvenile Detention Center! And when you get older, a deluxe stay at a drug rehabilitation clinic! And as an adult you will receive a job as an all night grill scraper at the fast food restaurant of your choice! You can keep this job until your retirement, if you even live that long! Congratulations Ms. (or Mr.) Popularity!

STACY

Hey, wait a minute!

CHEESY

Marty, we don't want you to go away empty handed. As today's loser you will receive the following consolation prizes,
AL (VO)

Marty, get ready for an all expense paid education at the college of your choice! That college education will entitle you to dozens of facinating career options when you get older, and provide you with the money you need to buy a fabulous NEW CAR!

MARTY

Wow, that's great! But I thought that I was the loser?

STACY

Yeah, how come he (she) gets all the good prizes?

CHEESY

I'm sorry, we're all out of time. Tune in tomorrow to find out "Who wants to be Popular?" This is Cheesy Sideburns, signing off.

(Cheesy, Marty & Stacy exit)

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ALLISON?

(Harry enters)

(Allison, Boy and Girl enter)

(Harry exits)

GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

BOY

Have you noticed that Allison has been acting strange lately?

GIRL

Every time I call her she says she's on the other line and will call me back, but she never does.

BOY

What's the matter with Allison?

GIRL

She's baby-sitting all the time.

BOY

I asked her to go to a movie

GIRL

But she was baby-sitting

BOY

Who ever thought Allison would turn into a snob?

GIRL

I mean she used to be my best, I mean my very best friend.

BOY

Now she has such attitude.

GIRL
Maybe she's sad.

BOY
What do you mean by sad?

GIRL
Depressed, you know, like when your cat runs away or something.

BOY
Allison doesn't have a cat.

GIRL
What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON
The truth is my uncle Tony has been HIV positive for four years. I didn't know for a long time, I guess they thought I was too young, which is really stupid. I wish they would have told me sooner.

BOY
Did you hear about Allison? Her parents are getting a divorce.

GIRL
That's not true, my mother would know if that were true.

BOY
I heard she's flunking out and might get held back.

GIRL
Allison's too smart for that.

BOY
I hear her family is broke and they are moving away. I hear they might even become homeless!

GIRL
Can you still go to school if you're homeless?

BOY
What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON
How was I supposed to know? He looks so healthy, you'd never know if you saw him on the street. I guess he didn't want me to know, he thought I would be afraid to hug him and stuff. I had no idea he was sick until last summer. He was coming for the weekend and my mom said, "I'm really not sure I should tell you this, but I think it's my decision to make, so I'm going to tell you. Your uncle Tony has been HIV positive for four years, and now he's developed AIDS."

FIRST GIRL

It was my Birthday and I was having a few friends over. I mean my best, only my very best friends. We were going to stay up all night watching scary movies, and she said *no*. I couldn't believe it! Finally my mom called her mom. She said she'd been in hospital a lot, that her brother, Allison's uncle Tony, was sick.

ALLISON

She wasn't sure I knew what it was. I mean, what planet does she think I've been living on? She told me you couldn't get it from touching someone, or even eating off the same plate. It doesn't spread like a cold or the flu or most diseases.

BOY

Why didn't she tell us? We would have understood.

GIRL

Oh right, like you never heard anyone say anything bad about AIDS, I'm sure!

BOY

She says Tony is her favorite uncle.

GIRL

And now he's really sick.

BOY

And that's why Allison is sad.

GIRL

I can't believe she didn't tell her best, I mean her very best friend.

BOY

Did she really think we would drop her, because her uncle has AIDS?

GIRL

I guess she thought we wouldn't understand.

BOY

I guess she heard enough people around school say mean things about people with AIDS and that she was embarrassed

GIRL

Well I never said anything around her, did I?

BOY

I mean I heard about it on TV but I never actually knew someone who had it.

GIRL

Me neither.

BOY

Why didn't she tell us?

GIRL

Why didn't she trust us?

BOY & GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON

That night when Tony came over I gave him a hug and a kiss just like I always do. He didn't know mom had told me yet, so it just seemed natural. It didn't even feel funny when I hugged him, I know the truth about how it is spread. Well I guess I did feel a little different, I got a lump in my throat and I hugged him a little harder than I used to. I don't know how he got it and I don't care. He still looks and talks like Uncle Tony. He still is Uncle Tony. And I still love him just as much as I always did.

(Allison, Boy and Girl exit.)

(Harry enters)

HARRY'S CLOSING

HARRY

Wow, that was pretty heavy wasn't it? You know, I'm rather glad this Get Real spell turned out the way it did. *(he sneezes)* I can't say I knew much about AIDS before all of this happened. In fact, I was a bit scared of AIDS. But now I don't have to be scared, because I know how one gets AIDS, and I can take the proper precautions to avoid getting it myself. I also learned that I can be around someone who has AIDS, because I won't get it by hanging out with them or even by sharing the same glass or spoon. That's because the AIDS virus does not fly through the air like the cold or the flu or a golden snitch. *(he sneezes)* Doctors have conjured up some new medications that are helping people with AIDS live longer, but it's not very fun to take those pills every day. We have to remember that there still is no cure for AIDS. That's why it is so important not only to protect yourself, but to also teach others what you've learned today. *(he sneezes)* Now, before I depart, I'd like to cast one last spell to introduce you all to the fantastic people from this Get Real journey! *(he sneezes)*

(Introduces the cast & himself/curtain call/post show discussion).

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