

Get Real!

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Get Real! Intro

(BIG Get Real! variety show intro! The 4D hosts enter to music, lights, maybe confetti, balloons, glitter cannons, maybe they dance, do flips, etc. DERRICK is the first to stop the shenanigans and acknowledges the audience while the other three continue the fun)

DERRICK

Hey, there's an audience here. *(does a double take - then realizing to himself)* There's an audience *here now*. *(smiling at audience to cover but still slightly panicked)* There's an AUDIENCE HERE! Um, I mean out *there*, and they look ready to see a show. *(trying to get the others' attention)* Pssst! Dana? Hey Daniel! Yo Dominique! *(clears throat loudly)* AHEM!

DANA, DANIEL & DOMINIQUE

(simultaneously stop/freeze and focus to Derrick) What's up Derrick?

DERRICK

Um... *(laughs nervously)*. Looks like we've got an audience here ready for the show, so maybe we should um...you know...start the show!

DANIEL

An audience? Really? How'd they get in here?

DERRICK

Um *(more nervous laughter)*, their teachers brought them here in cars or maybe they walked or took MUNI, and then they probably had to line up outside to get a seat, and now they're sitting *here NOW* in the Decker Theatre ready for us to entertain them. *(aside to 4D's)* Remember? This is what we've been waiting for?

(4D's all start to realize that it's actually show time and the excitement builds)

DANA

Sweet! Does that mean it's time?

DERRICK

Oh yeah, It's time.

DANIEL

You mean like really time?

DERRICK

Really, it's time.

DOMNIQUE

Whoah, like really for reallys?

DERRICK

The realest. *(to audience)* Do you all know what it's time for?

(all focus to house)

ALL

It's time to GET REAL!

DANA

This show is so real that it's happening right here, right now.

DANIEL

So real that it's live!

DOMINIQUE

So real that it's better than TV, better than a movie, better than 3D!!!

ALL

It's 4D!!!

DERRICK

And we're the 4 D's!

(all strike cheesy poses with their names a la Mickey Mouse Club)

DANA

Dana!

DANIEL

Daniel!

DOMINIQUE

Dominique!

DERRICK

And Derrick!

DERRICK

The 4 D's are all for one -

ALL

And one for all!

DERRICK

Tell them why we're here Dominique.

DOMINIQUE

We're here to entertain you AND give you some REAL information.

DANIEL

That's right! Some REAL information that is just for you!

DANA

For you, your health, AND your safety.

DERRICK

Yep, we are here to Get Real! with some true facts about a mean little virus called HIV that's been around for a pretty long time now, and it can cause people to get sick with a disease called AIDS.

DOMINIQUE

And to help you all Get Real! about making some positive healthy choices in your lives, so you don't have to worry about getting HIV or about being around anyone who has it.

DANIEL

And we're here to give you all that real information in the funky fresh and fun 4D way!

DANA

Yep, we're keeping it real because we know you all are on your way to getting really grown up, and even though you maybe have heard some scary things about HIV and AIDS before, some of those things may not be true.

DOMINIQUE

Knowing is growing, so let's get this show going!

(all agree enthusiastically)

DERRICK

(to audience) But we're gonna need your help to start this *Get Real!* train rolling. So when we say "GET!" You say "REAL!" Ready? *GET!* *(pause for "REAL!" response)*

DANIEL

We can't hear you! Louder this time! *GET!* *(pause for "REAL!" response)*

DANA

Again! *GET!* *(pause for "REAL!" response)*

DOMINIQUE

Holla at us one more time! *GET!* *(pause for "REAL!" response)*

DERRICK

Everyone together now! *(starts chant and others join in)* GET REAL! GET REAL! GET REAL! GET REAL!

(the other actors exit during chant and only DERRICK is left on stage to stop chant)

DERRICK

Speaking of reality, it's time for some reality TV, but remember, *Get Real!* is better than TV because it's 4D!

Survivor Alcatraz

JEFF

(Voice over) 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 Clipper Card, Rice-a-Roni and the latest One Direction 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 Guitar Hero-playing Sagittarius and former Eagle Scout. His hobbies include online gaming, collecting pocket lint, 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. She is 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 also receive some hair gel, a glow in the dark yo-yo, and Mini Pizza Lunchables! Today's challenge involves eating a french-fried grasshopper without gagging.

ASHLEY

But I'm a vegetarian!

SWEENEY

Bugs ain't meat.

ASHLEY

They are living things!

SWEENEY

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

ASHLEY

(*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.

BOGUS

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

GWYNETH

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

SWEENEY

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

BOGUS

Ouch! (*he swats at the air*)

ASHLEY

OUCH!

GWYNETH

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

ASHLEY

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

GWYNETH

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

SWEENEY

I *need* me some 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

Okay, hold on here. Turn off the cameras! Guys, you shouldn't ever mix your blood with anyone else's blood. It's gross! 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 blood still living inside of it, and you *could* get HIV or another infectious blood disease if it accidentally poked you. Mixing different blood together is just too risky because one of you may have infected blood already and not even know it.

ASHLEY

That can't be!

BOGUS

Is it you?

GWYNETH

Is it you?

BOGUS

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

GWYNETH

I was voted teacher of the year.

ASHLEY

I'm a total hottie.

SWEENEY

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

JEFF

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

SWEENEY

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?

JEFF

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

BOGUS

That's a relief!

GWYNETH

So I guess the blood brother pact is out.

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

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

And that's it for another episode of Survivor Alcatraz. And remember - there is no immunity 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 & LIGHT Transition)

New Kid Rap Intro

DOMINIQUE

This show has started to get pretty real already, what do you think Daniel?

DERRICK

I'm just glad I'm not really living on an island with those characters.

DOMINIQUE

Living with HIV or AIDS is the reality for many people because there is still *no cure* for the disease. That's why we want these kids to get the correct information about it so they don't ever have to worry about getting it themselves.

DERRICK

Luckily there are very few kids that have HIV or AIDS.

DOMINIQUE

True, and if you do meet someone who has HIV or AIDS you don't need to worry about getting it from them.

DERRICK

Right because HIV *only* lives in the blood, and the virus dies when it touches the air, so you cannot get HIV or AIDS from a cough, a sneeze, sharing a drink, or by just hanging out or playing with someone who has it.

DOMINIQUE

Have you ever met anyone who has HIV or AIDS?

DERRICK

No, but if I did I would be cool with them.

DOMINIQUE

Me too.

DANIEL

Me three!

DANA

Me four!

DOMINIQUE

The 4D's are back for more!

DERRICK

Nice rhyme Dominique! (*light bulb idea*) Hey! Speaking of rhyming, are you all ready to try that rap we've been working on?

DANIEL

Word. I think we're ready to get all hip hop and drop some new music on ya'll.

DANA

Yup, it's time for us to Get Real! and get down with the New Kid Rap!

DOMINIQUE

But yo, we need a beat first ya'll!

DERRICK

True dat! Take it away DJ (*insert Stage Manager's name here*) up in the booth!

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

New Kid Rap

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! (Aaaaaahhhhh!)

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! I said education ya'll!
He didn't give up, not our new kid in school,
You cannot 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 this straight up, it's not AIDS it's HIV
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,
It's the new kid
I'm the new kid in school.

I hope someday 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,
It's 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!

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

White Blood Cell Heroes

NARRATOR

Somewhere deep in the Human Body, everything seems normal to the residents of Blood Stream City. Suddenly, they begin to detect a new disease on the way! They turn to their Heroes, the Immune Team for help!

(A "bat-signal"-type logo appears on the screens and heroic music is heard. In Super-hero attire, all four members of the Immune Team jump onstage, armed with white fleece balls in tool-belts, bags, and pockets)

CAPTAIN IMMUNE

Never fear, hear I am! Immune Man can surely take down anything that threatens us! I use the body's trusty White Blood Cells to destroy any threat! Isn't that right, Thor-A, the Explora?

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

(showing off one of the fleece balls)

Our White Blood Cells fight infections and disease by going after them. They're our body's way of protecting us!

IRON LADY

Let's get ready to fight the destructive forces of disease!

(Sounds and lights change to represent Godzilla-type city destruction. The Heroes react in fear, but try to act brave. They look up over the audience, trying to face down the giant bad guy.)

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

I don't know, Iron Lady, this disease seems more powerful than most! It might take more than one of us to protect Bloodstream City.

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

Psssh! Whatever, Incredible Hunk-

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

That's THE Incredible Hunk!

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

My White Blood Cells dominate the immune system, and keep this whole body in tip-top shape. I fought the sniffles all by myself!

CAPTAIN IMMUNE

And remember that nasty cold last month? I fought it all by MYself!

IRON LADY

Yeah! It usually only takes one of us to get rid of bad guys like a runny nose or a cold.

(AGAIN- the sounds and lights change and strike fear into all our Heroes.)

IRON LADY

On the other hand, it took two of us to whip that coughing fit we had.

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

And three of us to go all Boomtown on the flue last year. Wait a second- I recognize this virus. It's not like anything we've faced before- it's HIV!

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

What's so different about HIV?

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

This virus doesn't fly through the air like a cough or a sneeze. The HIV virus goes straight into the blood to make people sick. It eats our White Blood Cells for breakfast!

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

But that's all our body has to fight! This is definitely going to take all four of us!

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

The HIV virus multiplies quickly, and it gathers its strength to destroy our tools, White Blood Cells. Then it morphs into a disease called AIDS.

IRON LADY

He's right. And once HIV becomes AIDS, its power is stronger than every White Blood Cell we have.

CAPTAIN IMMUNE

Wow, so if HIV becomes AIDS, our defenses will weaken and well, it's game-over for our team and Bloodstream City!

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

Whoa. So- so what do we do?

THE INCREDIBLE HUNK

Luckily, there are medicines that can keep us strong and help us fight the virus. But there's no cure to destroy HIV or AIDS completely. Not yet.

(Another attack!!!)

CAPTAIN IMMUNE

We've got to hold out as long as we can! It's important that we keep fighting. Blood Stream City is counting on us!

IRON LADY

Doctors and scientists are making progress everyday to help stop HIV from multiplying. They are *real* super heroes.

THOR-A THE EXPLORA

Hey! Maybe someday they'll find a cure.

ALL

Yeah!

CAPTAIN IMMUNE

Until then, we'd better warn other cities! It's going to take a lot of work to hold this thing off. Ready team?

ALL

YEAH!

(MUSIC & LIGHT transition)

How Popular Are You?

AL

(Voice Over) And once again it's time for America's favorite game show! The show that reveals the answer to life's like most totally important question, *How Popular Are You?* Tonight's host, the man who can make you popular... Mr. Cheesy Sideburns!

(Cheesy enters)

CHEESY

Welcome back to the final round of *How Popular Are You?*! Earlier rounds of playground cruising and lunchtime antics have narrowed it down to our two finalists, and now we're finally going to find out just how popular they really are! Let's welcome Marty and Stacy!

(Marty and Stacy enter)

Alright, let's not waste any time! I'll ask you three multiple choice questions to find out are you cool? Or are you a fool? Are you all dat? Or not where it's at? You comprende my homies?

STACY

Sounds all good in the hood dude. This is gonna be easy breezy!

MARTY

I'm just so happy to be here, and I'm ready to do my best Cheesy.

CHEESY

Alrighty! 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

Whoah bro, that's a tough one, but I'm going 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

Is that your final answer?

STACY

Uh, is that a trick question?

CHEESY

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

MARTY

My final answer is 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

Awwww yeah!

MARTY

Are you sure about...

CHEESY

That's 100 points for Stacy and zero for Marty! By the way Marty, have you even looked in the mirror lately?

MARTY

Well, I did get up a little late this morning, but...

CHEESY

Whatever... Stacy, you are one step closer to being popular!

STACY

Like it's a stretch.

CHEESY

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

MARTY

Uh that's okay, thanks anyway.

STACY

That's nasty dude.

CHEESY

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

- A) Get totally wasted and puke everywhere
- B) Get totally wasted and fall down a lot
- C) Get totally wasted and act like a fool
- D) None of the above.

STACY

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

CHEESY

Time is running out!

MARTY

Can I go?

STACY

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

CHEESY

Final answer?

STACY

Yeah, whatever.

CHEESY

Marty, *think* carefully. Remember the point of this game is to be *popular*.

MARTY

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

STACY

A what?

MARTY

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.

(BUZZER sound)

CHEESY

Wrong again Marty, that's another 100 points for Stacy. The answer is A, B & C.

STACY

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

CHEESY

Okay, everyone focus! We've almost got a winner here! 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 ...

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

Stacy, you're in the lead! One more right answer and you'll be popular. What's it gonna be?

STACY

Woah dude, this is really tough. Well, it can't be A, I mean there's mega-cool shows on in the day...

MARTY

This is so easy, can I answer first?

CHEESY

(rubbing his sideburns nervously) The tension is almost too much even for me to bear!

STACY

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

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.

(BUZZER sound)

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

(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

(Voice over) Marty, get ready for an all expense paid education at the college of your choice! That college education will entitle you to dozens of fascinating career options

when you get older, and provide you with the money you need to go on well deserved luxurious vacations and 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 "How Popular Are You?" This is Cheesy Sideburns, signing off.

(Cheesy, Marty & Stacy exit)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

Not So Far Intro

(DANIEL, DANA, and DERRICK enter)

DANIEL

Bummer about those prizes for Stacy huh?

DANA

Ya, but she just wasn't making smart choices. You can't go around trying to be who everyone else wants you to be.

DERRICK

Yeah, or acting like a fool just to be popular.

DANIEL

I like my friends for who they are, and they like me for being me. Haters need not apply.

(DANA and DERRICK high five and exit as DOMINIQUE enters)

DOMNIQUE

Hey Daniel, check out what I found. *(presents flyswatters)*

DANIEL

Whoa. What are you going to do with those besides kill some bugs?

DANA

Come on- I'll show you!

(exit)

Not So Far Wars

NARRATOR

(Voice over) Not so long ago in a galaxy not so far away a group of maverick-y rebels led by Duke Flyswatter and his sister Princess Lola have just won an epic battle against some really bad dudes...

(Duke and Lola ENTER. Duke brandishes a flyswatter and Lola is wearing ear muffs.)

DUKE

Defeating evil forces is awesome! I could totally get used to this Lola! I feel pumped! *(he flexes and swats his swatter triumphantly)*

LOLA

Yes Duke, your flyswatter saber was surprisingly effective in helping to restore peace to the galaxy. Way to go!

DUKE

Yeah, I've killed a ton of bugs with this thing, but never thought it would come in so handy during battle. Yoga taught me well.

LOLA

She increased your flexibility and taught you how to use weapon that bears your name!

DUKE

And most importantly she taught me how to use the powerful force that lies within both me and my flyswatter....awesome.

(Duke stretches elaborately and strikes several "attack" poses with the flyswatter)

LOLA

Oh man, what is that *smell*?

(C3PU enters. From Duke and Lola's reactions, it should be clear that C3PU smells very bad.)

C3PU

Master Duke, Princess Lola, I have a very important message for you!

DUKE

(inching away from him) Thanks C3PU, why don't you go ahead and deliver the message to us from over there.

LOLA

(plugging her nose) Yes C3PU, from waaaay over there is good, thanks.

C3PU

(loudly) Master Yoga is pleased with your recent victory, but there is a *new* even stronger evil that you must battle.

DUKE

(whining) Awww man, but we just defeated the *old* evil

LOLA

How bad is this new evil that you speak of C3PU?

C3PU

It's not good Master Lola. Master Yoga will arrive shortly with further instructions.

(Yoga enters with a yoga mat, spreads it out and poses.)

YOGA

Short in stature I may be, but shortly arrive will I not, for here I am now.

(Yoga punctuates each statement with a new "yoga" pose. These should be silly and not traditional poses.)

DUKE & LOLA

Yoga!

(Duke and Lola bow and touch their toes in greeting.)

YOGA

Pleased am I at how you mastered the force Duke Flyswatter. A force to be reckoned with are you. Very proud you and the Princess Lola should be of your efforts yes.

LOLA

Thanks Yoga, but what is this *new* battle that C3PU was talking about?

DUKE

Yeah, we just got your message and I'm soooooo ready to fight more evil! I'll use the force to defeat them like this! *(he waves his flyswatter around dramatically)*

LOLA

Yeah, and I'll totally have Duke's back like this! *(she gets behind him and looks as menacing as possible as Duke strikes more attack flyswatter poses)*

C3PU

(crossing towards them) Yes, and I too may provide some assistance in this battle

DUKE

(catching a whiff) Whoah! Thanks C3PU, but why don't you just work on assisting us from over there?

LOLA

(covering her nose again) Yes C3PU...from waaaaay over there is just fine, thanks.

C3PU

(C3PU shrugs and crosses back to his spot.) As you wish masters.

YOGA

The stinky droid of yours speaks of an evil force that has been gaining in strength for many years it has.

LOLA

For many years? But why haven't we heard of it before?

DUKE

And more importantly, how do we kick its evil butt!?

YOGA

A stronger foe this is than you have ever fought before. Defeating it by booty kicking alone will not be enough.

DUKE

Not even if I use the force to do this?!

(Duke demonstrates a few more menacing flyswatter attacks.)

LOLA

And if I do this?!

(Lola once again stands behind Duke looking menacing.)

DUKE

And then we both do this?!

(They assume another attack pose together)

YOGA

A virus called H-I-V the new evil be. This epidemic has brought much pain and suffering to people all over the world for many years yes. Many are sick with HIV and many have died from AIDS, but no cure is there...yet.

DUKE

A virus? But how does it make people sick and how do we fight it?

YOGA

Many questions to be answered there are. Many lives left to save there be.

C3PU

If I may help explain, master Yoga?

(Yoga nods)

C3PU

The HIV virus *only* lives in the blood, and it attacks the white blood cells, or immune system that protects you from getting sick. The HIV virus multiplies like clones inside the blood unless it is treated. Even with medication, people with HIV sometimes get so sick that they then get diagnosed with the disease called AIDS.

DUKE

Whoah, this sounds like a totally epic battle. *(assumes an attack pose but then looks at his flyswatter which suddenly seems less useful)* So how are we supposed to fight a virus that lives in the blood?

LOLA

Yeah, and how do we protect people from getting sick?

YOGA

To be safe from HIV, you should not mix your blood with any friend *or* foe. It is totally gross. No worries of catching HIV or AIDS by just being around those who have it. A common cold it is not. Learn you must how you can *and* cannot get HIV so you may protect yourselves and have no fear. Share your knowledge with others too you must yes.

DUKE

But isn't there a way to get rid of HIV *forever*?

YOGA

Not yet, not yet, but new scientists and doctors are being born every day who may someday work to find a cure. *Knowledge* is the key to fighting HIV!

LOLA

Hey, Duke! Maybe we can find a cure for HIV & AIDS?

DUKE

We've got to Lola! I'm totally hooked on fighting evil!

LOLA

Me too!

YOGA

Keep that droid of yours close during your quest, for he too has the force of knowledge within him strong yes.

(Duke and Lola exchange a look then plug noses and cross to C3PU)

LOLA

(nose still plugged) C'mon C3PU we've got to spread the word about HIV and AIDS!

DUKE

(nose still plugged) Yeah, we may still have a chance to stop this evil virus!

DUKE & LOLA

(noses still plugged) Thanks Yoga!

YOGA

Good luck be with you both. May the force of knowledge be with us all.

(All strike heroic poses)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition) (Duke, Lola, Yoga and C3PU exit)

What's the Matter with Allison?

GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

BOY 1

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 2

What's the matter with Allison?

GIRL

She's baby-sitting all the time.

BOY 1

I asked her to go to a movie

GIRL

But she was baby-sitting

BOY 2

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 1

Now she has such attitude.

GIRL

Maybe she's sad.

BOY 2

What do you mean by sad?

GIRL

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

BOY 1

Allison doesn't have a cat.

GIRL

What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON

The truth is I just found out my uncle Tony has been HIV positive for many years, and now he's really sick with AIDS. I didn't know for a long time, I guess my parents thought I was too young, which is really stupid. I wish they would have told me sooner.

BOY 2

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 1

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

GIRL

Allison's too smart for that.

BOY 2

I hear her family is broke and they are moving away.

GIRL

Can we still be friends if she moves away?

BOY 1

What's the matter with Allison?

ALLISON

I had no idea he was even sick! He looks so healthy, you'd never know if you saw him on the street. I guess he didn't want me to know. Maybe he thought I would be afraid to hug him and stuff.

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

My mom wasn't sure I knew what it was. I mean, what planet does she think I've been living on? She told me you could not 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 2

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 1

She says Tony is her favorite uncle.

GIRL

And now he's really sick.

BOY 2

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 1

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

GIRL

I guess she thought we wouldn't understand.

BOY 2

I guess maybe 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 1

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

GIRL

Me neither.

BOY 2

Why didn't she tell us?

GIRL

Why didn't she trust us?

ALL

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. It didn't even feel weird when I hugged him because I know the truth about how HIV and AIDS 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.

(ALL Exit)

(MUSIC & LIGHT Transition)

Get Real! Closing

(The 4D's have a much quieter entrance than they did at the top of the show, coming off of the more serious tone of Allison.)

DANIEL

(Recovering from a few tears – maybe blows nose) Whoah, that got pretty real there with Allison' story didn't it?

DANA

Yeah Daniel, but it's a good reminder that the reality of HIV and AIDS can affect all of us, even if we aren't infected with the virus ourselves.

DOMINIQUE

And we should remember to be real nice to people and not judge them or talk about them before we know we know what's really going on.

DERRICK

Yep, I'm glad we are able to give this audience the real information they need to make better choices. Now they know the facts about HIV or AIDS and how it's spread, so they don't need to worry about getting sick, even if they meet someone who has the HIV virus.

DANIEL

So I guess that means we've reached the end of this *Get Real!* show. You all were a really great audience, even though I still don't know how you all got in here.

DANA

Yep, you all made this 4D thing a lot more fun.

DOMINIQUE

I guess there's just one more thing we've gotta do to keep it real, and this audience can even do their part to help end the show.

DERRICK

Yep the 4D's are still all for one-

ALL

And one for all

DERRICK

Now we're going to keep it real with our curtain call.

DANIEL

You're going to call a curtain? There's one right here!

DERRICK, DOMINIQUE, DANA

GET REAL!

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