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INT. NIGHT CLUB - NIGHT

1

A crammed dance floor. Young people enraptured as they gyrate to erotic dance music, their limbs intertwined.

Feisty GEORGIE STOKES (27) dances seductively with 'fit bit' JOSH (28).

2

EXT. ALLEYWAY - NIGHT

2

A badly lit alley, Georgie and Josh kiss passionately. Josh tests to see how far he can go.

Georgie helps him to unbuckle his trousers. She takes off her underwear. They kiss again.

Josh tries to proceed to the next level...

GEORGIE

Hold on...

They break free. Georgie rummages in her evening bag.

Josh tries to contain his frustration.

JOSH

(coaxing)

Come on...

GEORGIE

Yeah... just a sec.

Georgie takes a condom from her bag and splits the wrapper.

JOSH

Don't need that.

GEORGIE

Eh?

JOSH

Don't do 'em... don't feel right.

Georgie looks on with disbelief.

GEORGIE

If it ain't wrapped, the door's closed on my little palace.

Josh sniggers, then realises Georgie's not joking.

JOSH

What?!? Come on!

He moves in to pick up where he left off. Georgie pushes him off. He tries again.

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JOSH (CONT'D)

What the -

GEORGIE

No! No glove, no love.

Josh's irritation shows through his physicality.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Serious.

Josh contemplates what his next course of action will be, then, with a venomous glare, buckles up his trousers.

JOSH

Fuck you, y'cockjammer.

Josh walks away leaving Georgie exasperated.

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INT. CLINIC. CORRIDOR - DAY

3

The Camford Clinic for Sexual Health.

Lead Clinician DR. VANESSA JONES (40) makes her way down the corridor. Georgie catches up with her.

GEORGIE

Morning.

VANESSA

Morning. You look peaky!

Georgie smiles mischievously.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

Out again last night?

GEORGIE

You're only young once.

VANESSA

Hmmmm. (beat) You'll get caught out you know.

GEORGIE

No. I'm very careful.

VANESSA

Right.

GEORGIE

And what you don't know, doesn't hurt you... right?

VANESSA

How long's he out there?

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GEORGIE

4 months.

VANESSA

4 months 'til you get your wings  
clipped, eh?

Georgie laughs, but behind the laughter lies a flicker of  
apprehension at the prospect.

GEORGIE

Anyway, what did you get up to? Hot  
date with the remote control?

VANESSA

Actually, it was a hot date with an  
Estate Agent...

Georgie looks on in anticipation, expecting to hear all the  
juicy details.

GEORGIE

Ooooooh!

VANESSA

Actually, it wasn't quite that hot.  
In fact my Chicken Kurma had more  
spice to it!

GEORGIE

Awww...

VANESSA

I do, however, have an in-depth  
understanding of how an Energy  
Efficiency Rating can significantly  
increase the value of your  
property, and how to go about  
improving mine!!

GEORGIE

Oooh... energy efficiency? Not my  
idea of a good time!!!

They both laugh as they make their way down the corridor.

4

INT. CLINIC. RECEPTION - DAY

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Meticulous Clinic Manager ZOE CLARKE (45) inspects the  
reception area to ensure all is ship shape in accordance with  
her exacting standards.

Vanessa, Georgie (carrying a clipboard), unassuming Support  
Worker SOPHIE BOLTON (25), and other members of the Clinic  
Team, filter in with an inaudible hubbub of general chatter.

ZOE

Okay, thanks everyone. Before I  
hand over to Matthew... Matthew?  
Anyone seen him today?

General shrugging of shoulders and shaking of heads.

Specialist Practitioner MATTHEW KAYE (29) bursts into the  
Reception area, regains his composure, then mouths 'sorry' to  
Zoe who returns this with a mock look of exasperation.

ZOE (CONT'D)

Before I hand over to Matthew,  
please be aware we have a new  
Apprentice Administrator starting  
today. Over the two years he'll be  
with us he'll visit every  
department, so please make him feel  
welcome. Thanks Matthew - over to  
you...

MATTHEW

Thanks Zoe.

Realisation dawns on him that he has forgotten to bring the  
clipboard with the duty rota.

Georgie hands it over to him as she clears her throat.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Erm... right... thank you. Now,  
let's, er, let's embrace the day  
once again and... and educate those  
that cross our threshold to make  
positive lifestyle choices...

The team look at him blankly.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

So... erm... Sophie, please would  
you staff the lab this morning...

Zoe heads through the swing doors that lead from the  
Reception area.

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INT. CLINIC. CORRIDOR

5

Zoe makes her way down the corridor and spots a leaflet that  
has fallen onto the floor from a notice board.

She picks up the leaflet - a promotional pamphlet from MESMAC  
(Men who have Sex with Men - Action in the Community), and  
pins it back on the board.

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INT. CLINIC. RECEPTION - DAY

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Matthew draws to a close the Team Briefing.

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MATTHEW

...thank you. Open the floodgates.

The Clinic Team disbands.

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INT. CLINIC. NURSES STATION - DAY

7

Zoe continues a conversation with a NURSE.

ZOE

...have a word with Dr. Jones when she has a moment - ask her what course of treatment she's recommended. With her being pregnant she might prefer to use a topical treatment.

The Nurse gestures an acknowledgment.

ZOE (CONT'D)

And when you get a moment please tidy up! Trying to find anything on here must be like looking for gonorrhea on petri dish without a microscope! It's a wonder anyone can find anything...!

NURSE#1

(sheepish)

Of course.

Zoe heads off down the corridor.

TWO MEN in their 20's sit outside a consultation room - an aura of tension enveloping them.

One whispers venomously to the other causing him to erupt.

MAN#1

You little shit!

MAN#2

Well if you'd just kept it in your pants for once...

MAN#1

And if you...

ZOE

(sternly)

GENTLEMEN! Please. This is not the place for a cage fight. Button it.

MAN#2

Well, if he'd...

ZOE

I said button it.

Both men sit dumbfounded at being reprimanded.

ZOE (CONT'D)

Now, if you wish to be seen by one of my exemplary health professionals, I suggest you sit quietly and wait for your consultation. If on the other hand, you'd prefer to have a cat fight, take it outside.

Zoe waits expectantly for a response.

MAN#1

Sorry.

MAN#2

Yeah. Sorry.

ZOE

Thank you.

The men sit subdued and Zoe continues down the corridor. Matthew catches up with her.

MATTHEW

Zoe... Zoe! Just wanted to say sorry about this morning...

ZOE

We'll let it ride this time.

MATTHEW

Misjudged the traffic... loads of roadworks suddenly appeared!

ZOE

Don't make a habit of it... things are getting a bit out of hand at the moment... I need everyone on the ball.

MATTHEW

Anything I can do?

ZOE

Need to get my head round it first. Don't worry. I'll come knocking... How's Jen?

MATTHEW

Fine... excited... She's off today - sorting stuff out - cakes, flowers...

ZOE

Without you?!?

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MATTHEW

I'd only get in the way! It's better she just gets on with it...

ZOE

That's a shame...

MATTHEW

I think she prefers it that way...

ZOE

Really???

They both head off down the corridor.

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EXT. CAMFORD CENTRE FOR SEXUAL HEALTH - DAY

8

'GEORDIE JOE' (20's), an opportunist 'lad', loiters outside the clinic, clocks a couple of women who are heading in, and sidles up to them.

JOE

Now then Ladies. What are pretty little things like you doing in a place like this? Hmmm?

WOMAN#1

Urgh! Get lost scuzzball.

WOMAN#2

Freak!

JOE

C'est La Vie...

The women scurry into the clinic. An old Volvo saloon pulls up driven by Judith. Joseph sits in the passenger seat.

9

INT. CAR - DAY

9

Judith fusses over Joseph as he unbuckles his seat belt.

JUDITH

So, remember your P's and Q's... don't be rude, and don't slack off.

JOSEPH

Mum!

JUDITH

First impressions count.

JOSEPH

Mum!!

JUDITH

Oooh... come here!

Judith reaches across and plants a big kiss on Joseph's cheek. He recoils.

JOSEPH

Mum!!! Stop it!

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EXT. CAMFORD CENTRE FOR SEXUAL HEALTH - DAY

10

Joseph clambers out the car, forcefully shuts the door and starts heading toward the clinic.

JUDITH

Cooooooooeeee... Joseph love... you've forgotten this.

Cringing with embarrassment, he turns to find Judith waving his packed lunch at him. He sullenly walks back to the car, reaches in through the window, and takes the lunch.

JOSEPH

Please... just go!

JUDITH

Suit yourself. Love you. Good luck.

Joseph watches as Judith drives off. He turns to face the clinic. Nerves overwhelm him. He almost walks away but girding his loins he heads in.

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INT. CLINIC. RECEPTION - DAY

11

A number of men, seated, wait with eyes glued to the floor. Joseph walks in tentatively. A NURSE, sensing his nerves, approaches him.

Zoe walks into the reception area and witnesses the exchange.

NURSE#2

Hello. First time? Nothing to worry about - just pop over to reception... they'll give you a couple of forms to fill out while you wait...

Zoe laughs inwardly as she observes Joseph's expression of horror that the nurse could even think that he would need use of the services. She intervenes.

ZOE

It's okay Nurse. He's here to see me.

NURSE#2

Sorry... I... I didn't realise.

ZOE

That's okay... thank you. I'll take it from here.



The nurse goes about her business.

ZOE (CONT'D)

So, glad to see that you're  
punctual. Welcome to Camford Centre  
for Sexual Health. Come through.

Zoe leads Joseph off.

12

INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

12

Beth anxiously tells the compassionate Lead Clinician DR.  
VANESSA JONES (40) about her situation.

BETH

...I mean, the bigger I got, the  
more he didn't want me.

Vanessa looks on sympathetically.

BETH (CONT'D)

Just 'cos I'm pregnant, doesn't  
mean I can't do it! I miss him...  
started thinking maybe he doesn't  
love me anymore, but that was just  
me being stupid. He does. I know he  
does.

VANESSA

It's more common than you'd  
imagine.

BETH

Really?!!?

VANESSA

Many men struggle seeing their  
partners develop through pregnancy.  
It's a huge mind shift for them.  
And as the reality becomes more and  
more apparent, they realise more  
and more they're going to have to  
share you with another being. He'll  
no longer have exclusive access to  
your body.

BETH

But... but if that's Zac, all it's  
doing is pushing us apart.

VANESSA

I know. That's the logical way of  
looking at it. I'm afraid there's  
not much we can do here. You need  
to talk to him. Talk it through...

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BETH

Oh... er... actually... erm...  
actually, that's not the reason I'm  
here.

VANESSA

Oh?

BETH

No. See... I've, er, I've done  
something stupid.

Emotion starts to overwhelm Beth.

BETH (CONT'D)

It was *really* stupid... this lad...  
at work... he's... he's got a  
reputation... and... it was my last  
day... and he showed me a bit of  
attention. And I grabbed it. It was  
so stupid.

VANESSA

(with remorse)

We've all done things we regret in  
our lives. Somehow we find a way to  
move on.

BETH

I just want to forget it. But I got  
a text. He text me... sent me a  
text... he, er, he's got the clap.

13 INT. CLINIC. OFFICE - DAY

13

JANET (40's), loquacious and larger than life, chats with  
timid ELEANOR (40's), as they go about their administrative  
duties in their office.

JANET

I were bloody fuming.

Eleanor smiles weakly.

JANET (CONT'D)

I mean, I'd been building up my  
anticipation all week. There I was,  
prosecco in one hand, cashews in  
the other, all excited about the  
climax of the whole season... and  
he's only gone and bloody deleted  
it!

ELEANOR

Oh dear...

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JANET

'It was an accident'! Accident my arse. He wanted space to record his darts!

Zoe enters the office followed timidly by Joseph.

ZOE

Morning Ladies...

ELEANOR

Morning Zoe.

JANET

Morning.

ZOE

Ladies, I'd like to introduce you to Joseph.

JANET

Aaah! Our padawan.

ZOE

Yes. Quite. Anyway, he needs to be set up on the system. The technicians have installed a computer for him?

ELEANOR

They've put him over there.

Eleanor indicates an empty desk except for a computer.

ZOE

Can I leave him with you to get him up and running?

Janet rubs her hands with glee and menace in her eyes.

JANET

It would be our pleasure.

ZOE

Thank you ladies. I'll catch up with you later Joseph.

Zoe leaves. Joseph looks like a startled rabbit. Janet senses his uneasiness.

JANET

Hey, look Eleanor... fresh meat!

Janet winks at Joseph.

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INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

14

Beth lay on an examination bed, her feet in stirrups. Vanessa takes a swab.

BETH

...this baby was going to make us complete.

VANESSA

Let's wait for the results. See what they come back with.

BETH

What do I do? If it's positive... what am I gonna do? I love him.

15

INT. CLINIC. OFFICE - DAY

15

Eleanor sits with Joseph showing him around the computer systems while Janet teases him with banter.

JANET

Hey, Eleanor... now that we've got a man in the office, we're gonna have to keep an eye on him...

Eleanor looks at her quizzically, Joseph sheepishly fixes his attention on the monitor in front of him.

JANET (CONT'D)

You know what these young red blooded men are like... obsessed.

ELEANOR

Really?

JANET

Need to keep an eye on his browser history, Eleanor... young man like him... just 'cos we work in sexual health... doesn't mean you can be looking at inappropriate websites... it's a sackable offense y'know...

JOSEPH

I, er...

JANET

You might get away with looking at that sort of thing at home -

JOSEPH

(quietly)

I don't -

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JANET

Y'what, love?

JOSEPH

It's blocked... I can't see -

JANET

(laughing raucously)

Oh!!! So you've tried then?!? Told you Eleanor... we're gonna have to keep an eye on him!

Eleanor tries to channel the topic of conversation back to work related matters.

ELEANOR

Once you've opened the portal, you then have to click on here...

JANET

'ere, Eleanor, remember that Temp?

ELEANOR

Hmmm?

JANET

That Temp... she was looking on that website during her lunch break... that rampant rabbit thing... said it was to keep her going while her boyfriend was away...

Eleanor tries again to focus on work.

ELEANOR

This is where we find the patient records for updating with their test results...

JANET

She didn't last long! Not once they found out what she'd been looking at... told you. It's a sackable offense.

Janet finds her banter hilarious, oblivious to the effect on Joseph, and the discomfort for Eleanor. Joseph struggles to keep his composure.

Georgie comes into the office breaking the mood.

GEORGIE

Eleanor, have the results come in...

Georgie notices Joseph.

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GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Oh! Hello. You must be the newbie.  
I'm Geor... hold on... do I know  
you?

Joseph shrugs.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

You live round my way... your  
mum... works at the 9-11?

Realisation dawns on Joseph.

JOSEPH

Yeah, that's right.

GEORGIE

Didn't realise it was you starting  
here! Your mum never said. How you  
settling in?

Joseph shrugs, struggling to know what to say. Georgie senses that Janet has been giving him a rough ride. She attempts to rescue him.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Erm, has anyone shown you where to  
get a brew yet?

Joseph shakes his head.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Follow me. I bet you've earned a  
cuppa...

Joseph leaps to his feet and scurries out the office followed by Georgie, leaving Janet dumbstruck.

16 INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

16

Beth sits in a chair by a desk. Vanessa sits at the desk reading Beth's results. She turns to face Beth.

VANESSA

Beth. I'm afraid to say that the  
results have come back positive.  
I'm so sorry.

Beth looks Vanessa in the eye, at first not quite taking in what she has said.

BETH

No... No. No. No.

The reality hitting home, Beth breaks down.

BETH (CONT'D)

What am I going to do???

VANESSA

Beth, I need you to listen to me, I need you to listen to me carefully. We will treat you. You will need to have an injection, and take a tablet. You'll be fine, but... there is a risk to your baby. Either premature labour or infecting your baby...

Beth sits shell shocked into silence.

17

INT. CLINIC. STAFF KITCHEN - DAY

17

Georgie sets about making Joseph and herself a cup of coffee. She purposefully chats away as if she has known Joseph all his life to compensate for his awkwardness.

GEORGIE

...she never said a thing.

JOSEPH

(quietly)

That's a surprise.

GEORGIE

Say again?

JOSEPH

(more coherently)

I'm surprised. She's told everyone else!

GEORGIE

She's obviously very proud of you. Sugar?

JOSEPH

Two... please.

Georgie pours two sachets of sugar into a mug of coffee, looks around for a tea spoon but can't find one so takes out a sterilised cervical spatula from her pocket, opens the packet and uses it to stir the drinks.

GEORGIE

So. How are you finding it?

Joseph's mood turns sullen.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Look... can this wise old sage offer some words of advice?

Joseph shrugs.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

In a place like this you get to see all aspects of life. Some of it is pretty horrific. People who work here have a defense mechanism. You need to be bold to survive. So, with Lily Savage in the admin office, you need to give as good as you get. She'll soon back off.

Joseph allows a coy smile to flicker across his face.

18

INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

18

Beth lays on her side as Vanessa gives her an injection in her buttock. Beth sits up and gets herself dressed as Vanessa disposes of the needle and her latex gloves.

VANESSA

Now, you must come back next week and we'll test you again to make sure you're clear.

BETH

(subdued)

Okay.

VANESSA

If you feel any unusual sensations or pains with your baby you must get to hospital. You *must* go. Don't ignore it thinking it'll go away. Get yourself to hospital. It's far better a dozen false alarms than getting caught out. Okay?

Beth sits numbed by all that Vanessa has said.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

Okay?

Beth nods.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

Now. If it hasn't cleared up, there's the risk of passing the infection to the baby. You need to be aware of this and to look out for it. It'll take the form of conjunctivitis.

Beth breaks down.



VANESSA (CONT'D)

I have to tell you all this. It may all be cleared up, and next week, hopefully, we'll be able to give you a clean bill of health, and take away the risk to your baby. But you have to be made aware of every possible outcome.

BETH

I'm so stupid.

VANESSA

Well... like I said, we all do things we wish we hadn't. It's a part of life.

BETH

If something happens...

VANESSA

Let's just consider the here and now, and worry about what tomorrow brings if it happens.

Vanessa places a comforting arm around Beth.

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EXT. CAMFORD CENTRE FOR SEXUAL HEALTH - DAY

19

Beth makes her way out of the clinic just about holding it together. She almost bumps into Josh as he heads in. Both are startled not knowing quite what to say.

Josh tries to make light of the situation.

JOSH

Bit late to be picking up free condoms!

Beth visibly seethes. Impulsively, she gives a sharp jab to Josh's nose. He recoils in agony, bleeding profusely.

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INT. CLINIC. NURSES STATION - DAY

20

Georgie sorts out paperwork at the Nurses Station as Vanessa joins her and hands over Beth's notes.

Vanessa looks distracted.

GEORGIE

You okay?

VANESSA

Sorry?

GEORGIE

You were miles away.

Vanessa lets out a big sigh.

VANESSA

It's just this case. Sometimes it's hard to stay detached.

A NURSE leads Josh down the corridor passed the nurses station. He holds his head back while using tissues to stop the bleeding from his nose dripping on the floor.

Georgie recognises him from their encounter last night and 'hides' her face.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

You okay??

GEORGIE

Yeah. (beat) Call it a close shave...

Vanessa looks quizzical.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

That lad... I was with him last night.

VANESSA

Georgie!

Exasperated, Vanessa heads off following Josh leaving Georgie feeling sheepish.

21 INT. CLINIC. STAFFROOM - DAY

21

A functional and tidy room, akin to Zoe's meticulous standards. Sophie sits eating her lunch. Matthew sits eyes closed, praying, his lunch laid out in front of him.

Joseph enters the room, subdued, and takes a seat.

SOPHIE

Hi.

JOSEPH

Hi.

SOPHIE

I'm Sophie.

Matthew's actions distract Joseph.

JOSEPH

I'm, er, I'm Joseph.

SOPHIE

Nice to meet you Joseph.

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SOPHIE (CONT'D)

This is Matt.

JOSEPH

Oh.

Matthew opens his eyes and notices Joseph.

MATTHEW

Ah! Hello. I'm Matthew.

JOSEPH

Yes... I'm, er, I'm Joseph.

MATTHEW

Aha! A solid Old Testament name!

JOSEPH

Hmm?

MATTHEW

Joseph... you know... 'technicolour dream coat'.

JOSEPH

Oh. I, er, I think I saw that once.

MATTHEW

Yes, no doubt you have.

SOPHIE

He was praying.

JOSEPH

Eh?

SOPHIE

That's what he was doing. Praying.

MATTHEW

Oh... yeah... saying grace... for my food. Giving thanks.

JOSEPH

I see.

Joseph takes out his lunch box, lifts the lid to see two Wagon Wheels. Beneath that he finds two sandwiches cut into love hearts. Alarmed he abruptly closes the lid.

MATTHEW

I'm one of the Specialist Practitioners here.

JOSEPH

Right. What does that mean?

MATTHEW

Well, I diagnose and treat STI's -  
warts, excretions, discharges...

Joseph looks into his lunch box but has lost his appetite.

SOPHIE

How are you finding it?

JOSEPH

It's, erm... it's been an  
education.

SOPHIE

Yep... that's the joy of the job.  
Everyday learning something new.  
Just when you think you've seen it  
all, something takes you by  
surprise.

A distracted Georgie enters the room. She notices Joseph - a  
welcome distraction. She flops in a seat next to Joseph.

GEORGIE

I see you've met Sophie, and our  
representative from the God squad?

MATTHEW

Bless you my child.

They exchange good natured smiles.

22

INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

22

Josh sits in front of Vanessa with a bruised, bloody nose.

VANESSA

Looks like you've been in the wars.

JOSH

Yeah. Sorry.

VANESSA

Did it happen here?

JOSH

No. Well, outside. I was on my way  
in.

VANESSA

Oh dear.

JOSH

I, er, I met this girl... it's a  
bit complicated.

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VANESSA

That's the one thing I hear most  
around here!

Josh laughs.

JOSH

Bumped in to a girl I shagged...  
er, I mean, had sex with before I  
got tested. May have passed it on.

VANESSA

I see...

JOSH

Her hormones are all over the place  
- she's about to drop.

Vanessa makes the association with Beth.

VANESSA

That explains it. And were you  
exhibiting any of the symptoms at  
the time of the encounter?

JOSH

Well, yeah. Got tested the  
following week. Didn't know what it  
was then.

VANESSA

They do say ignorance is bliss.

Josh laughs.

VANESSA (CONT'D)

How can I help you today?

JOSH

I'm booked in for a test for the  
all clear.

VANESSA

Right you are. In that case, you'd  
better drop your trousers.

Vanessa produces a swab.

JOSH

Oh.

VANESSA

Is there a problem?

JOSH

No. I, er, I thought I just had to  
pee in a cup. I've been holding on  
for ages.

VANESSA

I always find it's best to be thorough in these situations. Drop your trousers. There's a good boy...

23

INT. CLINIC. STAFFROOM - DAY

23

Matthew, Sophie, Joseph and Georgie continue their lunch.

MATTHEW

I'm just saying, *I* believe we've all been blessed with certain gifts... and we should use them to serve others... make a difference. Help them... educate them.

Joseph feels a bit out of his depth.

JOSEPH

Right...

MATTHEW

Once *you've* worked out what *your* gift is, you'll find ways to use it.

GEORGIE

Still don't get it, though. I mean, the people you treat are doing things you think are wrong!

MATTHEW

It's not *what* they're doing... it's when they choose to do it.

Once again Georgie senses Joseph's awkwardness.

GEORGIE

Well... not much longer to wait, eh? Then you'll be joining the club.

Joseph looks on puzzled.

MATTHEW

Nope... and it will be amazing.

Aside, Georgie clarifies for Joseph.

GEORGIE

He's holding out for his wedding night.

It takes a moment for it to click, but when it does, Joseph looks on incredulously.

JOSEPH

And he works here?!?

SOPHIE

Now, that does sound dead romantic.

MATTHEW

And most beautiful thing is there's no history. We're both completely clear...

SOPHIE

Oh. No. The romance is gone!

MATTHEW

And another thing -

GEORGIE

Aw, Sophie! You've set him off now!

MATTHEW

We've nothing to compare it to.

Sophie and Georgie exchange looks as if to say 'here we go!'.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Jen won't be comparing me to anyone, and I won't be comparing her.

Georgie gives Sophie a pointed look.

SOPHIE

What? You started it!

MATTHEW

I'm just saying it as it is. There are some benefits to abstaining.

Georgie winks at Joseph.

GEORGIE

I think I'd rather take the risk...

A Nurse pops her head around the door.

NURSE#2

Matt? Jennifer's in reception... she looks upset.

Matthew leaps out of his chair.

MATTHEW

What?!?

He rushes out of the staffroom.

24.

SOPHIE

Sounds ominous.

Joseph's phone rings. It's Judith.

JOSEPH

Sorry... I need to take this.

Joseph leaves the staffroom. Georgie turns to Sophie.

GEORGIE

Was it something we said?

24

INT. CLINIC. CONSULTATION ROOM - DAY

24

Vanessa proceeds to carry out an examination on Josh making him stand while she takes a swab. There are no kid gloves during this procedure causing him a lot of pain.

JOSH

Aaaaargh! Shit! Ow! Is this really the best wa... aaaaaargh!

VANESSA

Like I say, best to be thorough. There. Got the swab. Thank you.

The relief from the pain causes Josh to relax such that he uncontrollably urinates, most of which ends up on his trousers.

JOSH

No, no, no...

Mortified he tries to hold it in and waddles to a sink, his trousers still round his ankles.

25

EXT. CAMFORD CENTRE FOR SEXUAL HEALTH - DAY

25

Joseph has stepped outside to take the call from his mum.

Matthew can be seen consoling JENNIFER as he leads her away.

Joseph has the air of a sullen teenager.

JOSEPH

Yes... yes... no. Look... no. I haven't. Look mum. You've got to stop. I can't keep taking calls from you when I'm supposed to be working... yes I am... I'm trying but you keep phoning...! I'm going now... mum, I'm going. I'll see you tonight, and stop phoning me!!

Exasperated, Joseph ends the call. Unseen, an old 'schoolmate' BILLY (16), cocky, creeps up behind him and startles him by shouting in his ear.



25.

BILLY

WANKER!

Joseph regains his composure.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Now then, Joseph Elliot, me old  
mucker! How's it going?

JOSEPH

Billy.

Awkward moment.

JOSEPH (CONT'D)

I've, er, I've got to get back.

BILLY

Right.

Joseph starts heading towards the Clinic. Billy catches up,  
his curiosity aroused.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Where you heading?

JOSEPH

In here.

BILLY

What? You wazzak! What you been up  
to?!?

JOSEPH

Eh?

BILLY

I never thought you had it in  
you...

JOSEPH

What? No! I've just started working  
here.

BILLY

Aaaaaaah... I see...

They make their way through the entrance.

26

INT. CLINIC. RECEPTION - DAY

26

Vanessa escorts Josh through reception. He leaves the clinic  
humiliated, trying to cover up his wet trousers. Georgie  
witnesses the exchange from behind the reception counter...

VANESSA

...it is looking good. Nothing's showing up at the moment, but I need you to come back in two weeks for one final test...

JOSH

Oh... Okay...

VANESSA

And of course, you're not to have sex in that time -

JOSH

Eh? Two weeks?!?

VANESSA

Yes. Two weeks. Otherwise it'll skew the results and there's the risk you might just infect someone else...

Deflated, Josh makes his way out.

GEORGIE

Dr. Jones? What have you been up to?

VANESSA

Oh... nothing much...

GEORGIE

Really?

VANESSA

Let's just say a little lesson in respect for women, with a sprinkling of humility.

Vanessa gives a wry smile as she makes her way through the doors leading into the clinic.

The sound of exaggerated laughter catches Georgie's attention as Billy follows Joseph into the reception area.

BILLY

That's hilarious! You? Working here?

Joseph tries to hide his discomfort and humiliation.

BILLY (CONT'D)

It's like... like a veggie working in a butchers... or... or a nun working in a brothel!!!

JOSEPH

Yeah, yeah... alright.

BILLY

You gotta learn somewhere I  
s'pose... try not to get too  
excited!

Georgie intervenes.

GEORGIE

Good afternoon... welcome to  
Camford Centre for Sexual Health.  
Can I be of assistance?

Joseph looks on puzzled by Georgie's intervention.

BILLY

Oh, er, yeah. I've come to be  
tested. I've been away for the  
summer... things got pretty hot...  
in more ways than one...

Billy winks. Zoe makes her way into reception.

ZOE

Is everything alright Georgie? I  
heard some commotion.

GEORGIE

Everything's just fine thanks Zoe,  
isn't it Joseph?

JOSEPH

Is it? Er, yes... yes, everything's  
fine.

GEORGIE

I'm just taking this young man for  
a consultation.

Georgie picks up some forms from the reception counter and  
leads Billy off, giving Joseph a discreet wink.

Billy follows, a real swag in his footstep, leaving Joseph  
standing, feeling embarrassed.

ZOE

Joseph... it'd probably help you to  
expand your knowledge on STI's...  
there's some literature behind the  
Nurse's Station... go grab a corner  
and familiarise yourself with some  
of them.

Zoe leaves, Joseph gulps then heads to the Nurses Station.

Matthew and his petite fiancé JENNIFER (27) sit in a discreet  
corner. Jennifer struggles to keep her composure.

MATTHEW

It's just some flowers...

JENNIFER

Thanks!

MATTHEW

All I'm saying is...

JENNIFER

What?

MATTHEW

All I'm saying is, what's most important is that we stand up in church, say our vows, and declare to the rest of the world that we love each other. That we're gonna spend the rest of our lives together...

JENNIFER

That is such a man thing to say!

MATTHEW

Well, isn't it?!?

JENNIFER

The point is, this is our wedding, but mum's treating it like it's hers.

MATTHEW

I get that, but they are pretty much paying for most of it...

JENNIFER

But it's *my* wedding!

An exasperated silence hangs between them.

MATTHEW

Has she seen how upset you are?

JENNIFER

We just started arguing.

MATTHEW

About sunflowers?!?

JENNIFER

Yeah.

MATTHEW

Why is she so against them?!?

JENNIFER

She thinks they look ugly.

MATTHEW

Really???

JENNIFER

They're not 'dainty' enough.

MATTHEW

They are cheerful though.

JENNIFER

I know that!

Matthew struggles to know what to say next. He checks his watch and realises that he should be back at work.

MATTHEW

Look... why don't we all sit down together, tonight, try and talk this through? Your dad as well.

Jennifer shrugs nonchalantly.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

He'll be on your side... he adores you. All he ever wants is for you to be happy.

Resigned, Jennifer nods.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

I've really got to go...

Matthew knocks back the remains of his coffee, reaches over and kisses Jennifer on the head.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Love you.

JENNIFER

Love you more...

He smiles, gets up from his chair and leaves.

28

INT. CLINIC. OFFICE - DAY

28

Zoe enters her office, sits behind her desk which is overwhelmed with paperwork. She makes a call. After ringing out it goes to answer-phone.

CAMERON (V.O.)

You're through to Cameron... can't take your call right now. Please leave a message after the tone and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

ZOE

(deflated)

Darling, it's me. Things are a bit swamped here. I'm going to be late. Sorry. Put a bottle in the fridge. I'll be home soon as I can. Love you.

She hangs up, pauses in thought for a moment, then starts tackling the pile of papers in front of her.

29

INT. CLINIC. OFFICE - DAY

29

Joseph sits at his desk surrounded by books and pamphlets about STI's. As he flicks through he comes across pictures of infected genitalia.

The images horrify him.

Janet enters the office carrying a bundle of files.

JANET

Ayup... what they got you doing now?

Joseph looks up. He can't hide his feelings - his face tells Janet all she needs to know. She chuckles.

JANET (CONT'D)

Bit of research, eh?

30

INT. CLINIC. OFFICE - DAY

30

Joseph continues to read through the STI literature fixating on the images, horrified by what he is seeing.

Janet peers over intermittently grinning to herself at Joseph's embarrassment.

Eleanor enters the office.

JANET

'ey... Eleanor... newbie's got a bit of research to do.

Eleanor looks across and feels Joseph's embarrassment.

JANET (CONT'D)

Think he's finding it a bit too much for his first day. (to Joseph) Don't worry love, we'll test you later... see what you've picked up, won't we Eleanor...

This proves to be all too much.

JOSEPH

I, er, I need to go to the toilet.

He scurries out of the office.

JANET

'ayup, I wonder what he's gonna do  
in there!!

Janet winks at Eleanor. Eleanor smiles weakly, feeling sorry for Joseph.

31 INT. CLINIC. CORRIDOR - DAY 31

Joseph heads along the corridor trying to find a place of solitude. He goes through a door leading to a stairwell.

32 INT. CLINIC. STAIRWELL - DAY 32

Joseph feels relieved to find a space where he can pull himself together...

He sits on the stairs and breathes deeply whilst wringing his clammy hands.

The sound of footsteps on the stairs interrupts his thoughts.

Sophie passes him.

SOPHIE

You okay?

Joseph nods.

JOSEPH

U-ha.

SOPHIE

Is it all proving to be a bit too  
much? First day'n'all?

Joseph shrugs.

SOPHIE (CONT'D)

Look, I know it's all a bit  
daunting... it was the same with me  
when I first started.

Sophie smiles warmly then goes on her way leaving Joseph sitting shell-shocked.

33 INT. CLINIC. CORRIDOR - DAY 33

Having regained his composure, Joseph returns from the stairwell. Georgie leads Billy towards reception.

GEORGIE

Once the results have come through,  
we'll phone you on your mobile and  
let you know if we need to see you  
again, okay?

Billy, his ego brought down to earth, nods tentatively.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Joseph? Billy's going now...

Joseph gives an acknowledging nod. Discreetly, so that only Billy and Joseph can see, Georgie crooks her little finger to imply that Billy is not very well endowed.

BILLY

Hey... what do...

Georgie cuts Billy down with a stern look.

GEORGIE

Hey, do you need a lift home tonight Joseph?

JOSEPH

Yeah... that'd be great. Thanks.

Joseph indulges in a little smirk as Billy walks away. Zoe passes through.

ZOE

Just the man. Come with me Joseph. Time for some feedback on your first day.

JOSEPH

Oh, right.

Joseph walks with Zoe as they head to her office.

ZOE

So, how's it been?

JOSEPH

Life changing.

34 INT. CLINIC. RECEPTION - DAY

34

Craig makes his way out, passing 'Geordie Joe' who enters with a woman who has responded to his flirtation.

JOE

I'd say you have the makings of a princess... right proper royalty you are...

The woman giggles. A klaxon sounds startling all those in the waiting room except 'Geordie Joe' who bolts out of the entrance as two burly porters arrive, leaving the woman standing startled.



Zoe enters her office with Joseph and gestures for him to take a seat.

ZOE

It sounds like you've had good day then. And what about the office?

Daunted by Zoe, Joseph doesn't want to imply that he has felt out of his depth.

JOSEPH

It's been fine.

ZOE

I know Janet can be a bit intimidating when you first meet her. It's a bit like a turf war when anyone new comes into the office, but things settle down fairly quickly. But you've found it okay?

JOSEPH

Yeah... it's been great.

ZOE

I'm just laying it out there because Sophie mentioned she'd seen you just now on the stairs.

Joseph hides his embarrassment of being discovered.

JOSEPH

Really?

ZOE

She was concerned you were feeling a bit out of your depth? Overwhelmed?

JOSEPH

No. It's fine. Everything's fine.

ZOE

If things go too far you must come and tell me.

JOSEPH

Yes. I will.

ZOE

Make sure you do. Now, I've also had a call today about your day release at college.

JOSEPH

Oh... right.

ZOE

I'm making clear my expectations of you right from the start so that there can be no excuses further down the line.

JOSEPH

Of course.

ZOE

Even though you'll be away from the clinic, it's still a day of work, and as such I expect the highest level of commitment. It's not an excuse for an extended weekend.

Joseph sits as if he were a naughty school boy in front of the head teacher.

ZOE (CONT'D)

Is that clear?

JOSEPH

Yes Miss. I mean Zoe... yes Zoe.

36

INT. CLINIC. NURSES STATION - DAY

36

Georgie and Vanessa sort through paperwork.

GEORGIE

So what was all that about with the pant wetter?

VANESSA

Oh, him. Erm... let's just say he was being a bit too generous sharing his infection around... he put an unborn baby at risk.

GEORGIE

Oh.

VANESSA

Yeah.

Realisation dawns on Georgie.

GEORGIE

Ooooh... that was the woman you saw earlier!

VANESSA

Coincidentally, yes.

GEORGIE

Wow.

VANESSA

I thought I'd learnt to handle it,  
but for some reason, today I just  
saw red.

GEORGIE

I don't know how you stay so in  
control.

Joseph approaches the Nurses Station.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Alright? You done for the day?

JOSEPH

Yeah.

GEORGIE

And how was it with Miss?

Joseph looks puzzled.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Zoe! Was she kind?

JOSEPH

Yeah.

GEORGIE

Good. Word of advice though... you  
might want to tell that to your  
face!

Georgie gives him a wink. Joseph smiles awkwardly.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)

Nearly done here, then I'll get you  
home.

37

EXT. CAMFORD CENTRE FOR SEXUAL HEALTH - DAY

37

Joseph and Georgie leave the clinic with other members of  
staff. She laughs with them as they reflect on incidents that  
have happened that day.

GEORGIE

...and Vanessa! Oh my word! Let  
that be a lesson - don't ever get  
on the wrong side of her! Did you  
see him when he left - she'd  
literally made him wet himself!!!

They all laugh except Joseph. He takes it all in but stays  
quite reserved. They pass 'Geordie Joe' who makes a poor  
attempt to hide from them.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)  
 (to the group) Right, see you  
 tomorrow... cheers. (to Joseph)  
 come on then, this way to the car.

They start walking away from the group.

GEORGIE (CONT'D)  
 You sure you're okay? It's been a  
 bit full on today...

JOSEPH  
 Yeah, but it's been good.

GEORGIE  
 I think you're going to be fine.

Joseph smiles coyly. As they make their way to the car, their conversation is interrupted by a shrill 'cooooooooooooooooooooo'.

Looking across the street, they see Judith waving animatedly from her car. Joseph visibly deflates. Georgie waves back.

38

INT. CAR - DAY

38

Judith drives Joseph home.

JUDITH  
 And what was your boss like? What  
 was her name? I didn't get you into  
 trouble did I when I called you? I  
 was just so excited for you...  
 no... nervous. I was more nervous.  
 I felt like it was my first day.  
 And in't it lovely that you've got  
 that girl there who lives near  
 us... what's her name? Funny that  
 in't it, you see these people all  
 the time in the shop and you feel  
 like you know them, but then when  
 it comes down to it you don't even  
 know their name! Anyway, she always  
 seems very nice... I think it's  
 nice that you've got someone like  
 her there... someone you sort of  
 know... a friendly face...

Joseph sits, resigned, staring out of the window.

39

EXT. JENNIFER'S HOME - DAY

39

Matt pulls up outside Jennifer's parents home. He climbs out the car. As he approaches the house Jennifer opens the front door and comes out to greet him. They kiss.

MATTHEW  
 Any better?

Jennifer shrugs, indicating she's still fed up about the exchange earlier with her mother.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Come on... we need to get over this.

Matthew leads Jennifer into the house.

40 EXT. JOSEPH'S HOME - DAY 40

Judith pulls up outside the house.

Joseph sullenly gets out of the car and walks hurriedly to the house leaving Judith behind to lock the car.

41 INT. JOSEPH'S HOME. HALLWAY - DAY 41

Joseph dumps his bag in the hallway and plods upstairs.

42 INT. JOSEPH'S HOME. JOSEPH'S BEDROOM - DAY 42

Joseph enters his bedroom, closes the door behind him and sits on his bed.

His mood brightens and a wry smile crosses his face.

He lifts down a large worn teddy from a chest of draws, carefully unfastens the back and pulls out a well thumbed copy of '50 Shades of Grey'.

He avidly reads as he starts unbuckling his trousers.

JUDITH (O.S.)

Joseph? Joseph!

JOSEPH

What is it!

JUDITH

Tea'll be ready in five minutes.

JOSEPH

I'll come in a minute!

He smirks.

43 INT. DINING ROOM - DAY 43

Jennifer and Matthew sit at a dining table with Jennifer's mum, SARAH (50's), and dad, MICHAEL (50's).

Sarah dishes up the dinner.

MATTHEW

I'm ready for this. Thanks Sarah.  
It's been a fraught day what with  
one thing and another.

MICHAEL

(to Jennifer) You're quiet love.  
You okay?

JENNIFER

Fine thanks.

MICHAEL

Thought you'd be a bit excitable  
what with all the wedding stuff  
today. Your mum was!

JENNIFER

Yeah.

MATTHEW

Erm... we wanted to chat about that  
actually.

MICHAEL

Oh?

MATTHEW

Yeah... I was, er, I was talking  
with Jen earlier and there seems to  
be some misunderstanding about the  
wedding flowers...

SARAH

Oh, it's alright love... we've  
sorted it all out...

MATTHEW

Really?

SARAH

Yes... Jen had this crazy idea  
about having sunflowers! But I made  
her see sense... red roses and  
white lilies... far more fitting.  
So delicate.

Jennifer visibly crumples.

MATTHEW

See, the thing is, Jen and me, we'd  
talked about it, and we both like  
the idea of sunflowers...

SARAH

Really?!? But they're... they're so  
ugly.

MATTHEW

I kind of think they're really  
happy flowers... bright...  
cheerful.

SARAH

Ooooh... no.

JENNIFER

(to Matthew) I told you. She won't  
listen.

SARAH

Jennifer!

JENNIFER

All I'm saying mum is that you seem  
to think that my opinion doesn't  
matter, and it's *my* wedding!!

MATTHEW

Jen...

SARAH

It's alright Matthew. If she has a  
problem with me helping out then  
she needs to tell me.

JENNIFER

Mum!

MATTHEW

It's not that we don't want your  
help Sarah. It's just Jen feels...  
we feel, that Sarah's opinion  
doesn't count.

SARAH

Fine. If that's how you want it  
then that's how it will be.

JENNIFER

Mum...

SARAH

I said fine. Now, does anyone want  
any gravy?

Sarah leaves the table and heads to the kitchen.

MICHAEL

Who'd've thought sunflowers could  
be so controversial!!!

JENNIFER

Dad... I didn't want to upset  
her...

MICHAEL

It's fine sweetheart. I'll have a word later. She'll be fine.

Jennifer and Matthew exchange an awkward look.

44

EXT. DETACHED HOUSE. DRIVEWAY - NIGHT

44

Zoe pulls onto the drive of her home as CAMERON (43), well maintained, stands on the doorstep saying goodbye to his business partner, DES (38), a clone of Cameron.

CAMERON

...if we leave 9.30 that'll give us plenty of time.

DES

Okay.

CAMERON

I'll come over for 9.00.

DES

See you tomorrow.

Zoe approaches the men.

DES (CONT'D)

Hi Zoe. You okay?

ZOE

Desperate for a glass of something!

DES

I know the feeling. I'll leave you to it.

Des gives Zoe a peck on the cheek.

DES (CONT'D)

See you tomorrow Cam.

45

INT. DETACHED HOUSE. HALLWAY - NIGHT

45

Cameron greets Zoe with a peck on the cheek as she takes off her coat.

CAMERON

Long day?

ZOE

Yes... with the added workload of a new apprentice starting... young lad... bless him, he looked like a startled rabbit! You?



41.

CAMERON

Oh, the usual. We've been putting some finishing touches to the designs we're presenting tomorrow.

ZOE

Big job?

CAMERON

Yeah... it's got potential. Which does mean that if we get it, things will be pretty full on for a while - it'll involve nights away.

ZOE

Awwww.

CAMERON

Not had chance to start tea yet. What do you fancy?

ZOE

You. It's too late to start cooking.

She kisses Cameron gently.

ZOE (CONT'D)

I think we should grab some nibbles and that wine out the fridge, and have a picnic in bed.

CAMERON

Steady on - it's a week night!

Zoe gently nibbles Cameron on the ear.

CAMERON (CONT'D)

When you put it like that... I'll get the wine...

46 INT. CAR - NIGHT

46

Des observes from his car as the lights in the house switch off downstairs, and on in the bedroom upstairs.

Cameron draws the curtains, catching sight of Des. They hold eye contact, then Cameron continues to draw the curtains.

With a look of resignation, Des drives off.

47 EXT. JENNIFER'S HOME - NIGHT

47

Matt and Jennifer stand on the doorstep.

JENNIFER

Thank you.

42.

MATTHEW

What for?

JENNIFER

Being my knight in shining armour.

MATTHEW

Thought it was getting a bit out of hand. I kacked myself!

JENNIFER

You were great.

MATTHEW

It was your dad that saved the day.  
What a legend.

Jennifer plants a long lingering kiss on Matthew. After a while he breaks away.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

Our wedding night can't come quick enough as far as I'm concerned!  
With or without sunflowers!!!

Jennifer gives him a playful punch.

MATTHEW (CONT'D)

I love you.

JENNIFER

And I love you.

Another lingering kiss. Matthew breaks away again.

MATTHEW

I've got to go.

JENNIFER

Awww.

MATTHEW

Unless you want to drive me crazy!  
Night night beautiful lady.

He gives Jennifer a peck on the cheek then gets in his car.

48

INT. CAR - NIGHT

48

Jennifer loiters on the doorstep to wave Matthew off. He gestures to Jennifer to go in. She waves and closes the door.

Matt closes his eyes and releases a deep breath, then mutters under his breath.

MATTHEW

Herpes... herpes... herpes, herpes, herpes.

43.

He adjusts his trousers and once his composure has been regained he drives off.