

## 'The three and a half lives of Philip Wetu' – Your chance to get involved!

Throughout the next three months, readers of the *Youth-paper* in *The Namibian* will be able to follow Philip Wetu and help him make decisions about this live.

The comic, drawn by the well-known Namibian cartoonist and film producer Dudley Viall, will take the reader through the life of Philip.

Philip - a young and attractive IT professional — is envied by his buddies for his success with women. He lives with his loyal long-term partner Genevieve but is attracted to others as well. Finelda, the scorned woman, Jacky, the sassy sensual lover, Nailoke, the girl who is afraid of lightening, Tulonga, the innocent schoolgirl. But at the same time he plays with his and his lovers' lives.

Philip's lifestyle gets him into situations where he has to make choices about what to do. What will he do when faced with the decision

whether to be honest about an affair or not? Whether to go for an HIV test or not? What would you do if you were in his shoes?

The readers can leave messages and comments via SMS about topics such as love, relationships and responsibility.

Contrary to public perception - AIDS is not a disease of the poor. HIV-AIDS has entered those sectors of society whose members still feel safe and unaffected. The comic's theme is multiple concurrent partnerships - one of the major drivers of the epidemic, not only in Namibia. It aims to educate and raise awareness around HIV-AIDS and relationships.

The original story of Philip Wetu (on film) was developed by GIZ's Multisectoral HIV-AIDS Response Project which is funded by the German Government through the Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ) in co-operation with NawaLife



Philip Wetu

Trust and The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

'The three and a half lives of Philip Wetu' as a comic consists of 13 episodes and will be printed as a booklet in the next months. If you are interested in using the comic within your organisation and want to be informed how to obtain it, please write an E-mail to [Luisse.Haunit@giz.de](mailto:Luisse.Haunit@giz.de) or follow Philip on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PhilipWetu>).



# Episode 1



HELLO. MY NAME IS PHILIP WETU. SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER ME FROM THE FILM, THREE AND A HALF LIVES OF PHILIP WETU. IF YOU DIDN'T SEE THE FILM, NO NEED TO WORRY. IN THE WEEKS THAT LIE AHEAD, I WANT TO TELL YOU MY STORY, AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU THINK I SHOULD DO.



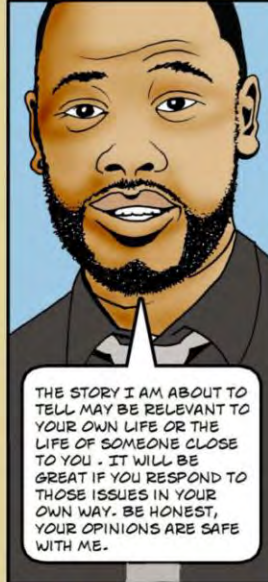
## THREE AND A HALF LIVES OF PHILIP WETU



IT'S ABOUT DECISIONS I MADE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE. I AM HOPING THAT ALL OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE ME YOUR OPINIONS ON THE CHOICES I MADE.



THIS IS A STORY THAT MAY AFFECT ALL OF US. I HOPE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE SITUATIONS WE MAY FACE IN OUR OWN LIVES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONESELF.



THE STORY I AM ABOUT TO TELL MAY BE RELEVANT TO YOUR OWN LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU. IT WILL BE GREAT IF YOU RESPOND TO THOSE ISSUES IN YOUR OWN WAY. BE HONEST, YOUR OPINIONS ARE SAFE WITH ME.



OK! LET'S GET ON WITH THE STORY. LIKE I SAID, MY NAME IS PHILIP WETU AND I'M AN IT GUY. YOU KNOW, I WORK WITH COMPUTERS. I LIVE WITH MY GIRLFRIEND GENEVIEVE AND HER SON, ROMEO. I HAVE A FEW OTHER GIRLFRIENDS AS WELL, YOU KNOW, JUST FOR FUN.



THIS IS GENEVIEVE WHO I LIVE WITH. I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY SHE'S MY MAIN WOMAN.



NAILOKE-24, AND LIKES TO PLAY HARD TO GET.



21 YEAR-OLD JACKY. SHE'S REALLY EASY GOING



THIS IS FINELDA. SHE IS PURE FIRE!



AND TULONGA, 17, AND STILL AT SCHOOL. SHE WANTS ME!



SO, THE FIRST QUESTION I WANT TO ASK YOU IS: HOW MANY GIRLFRIENDS DO YOU HAVE AND WHY? HOW DO YOU KEEP IT SECRET? SEND ME AN SMS TELLING ME WHAT YOU THINK.

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Episode 2

LAST WEEK I INTRODUCED YOU TO MY GIRLFRIENDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT REPLIES TO MY QUESTIONS. THIS WEEK I'M GOING TO TELL YOU MY STORY...

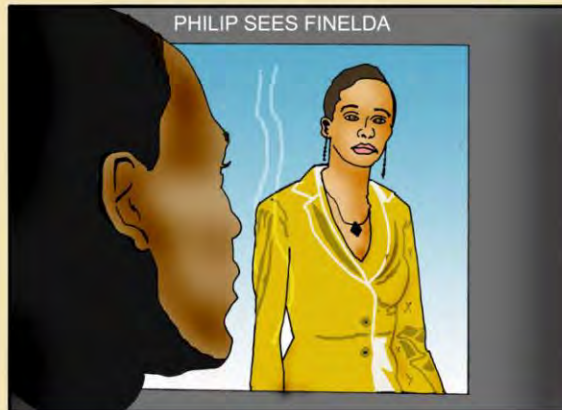


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THANK YOU. THAT WAS A SMALL DEMONSTRATION OF THE PRESENTATION TOOL THAT I HAVE INSTALLED ON YOUR COMPUTERS. YOU CAN CALL ME IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE SOFTWARE TO WORK FOR YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

PHILIP SEES FINELDA



FINELDA, BABY.



DON'T YOU BABY ME. HOW COULD YOU? HOW COULD YOU DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT?

NOT HERE, NOT NOW.



NOT NOW?! AFTER ALL YOUR PROMISES AND THEN GONE! JUST GONE!

I CAN EXPLAIN.

WHAT? AND YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU WERE STAYING IN KAVENDJII'S LIVING ROOM. SIS MAN, I HAVE FRIENDS TOO YOU KNOW; PEOPLE THAT TELL ME THAT THE CHARMING PHILIP WETU IS IN FACT SHARING A BEAUTIFUL HOME WITH GENEVIEVE ROMAN.



I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING! I JUST HAVE ...

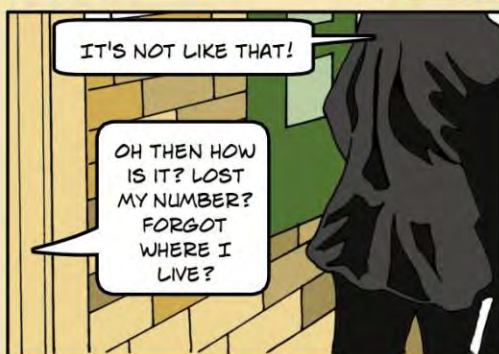
WHAT? TO FINISH A JOB? STOCK TO COLLECT? DO YOU THINK I'M STUPID?



THAT YOU CARED. THAT YOU LOVE ME. FOR THREE MONTHS YOU TOLD ME I'M THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE AND THEN YOU DISAPPEAR SOMMER NET.

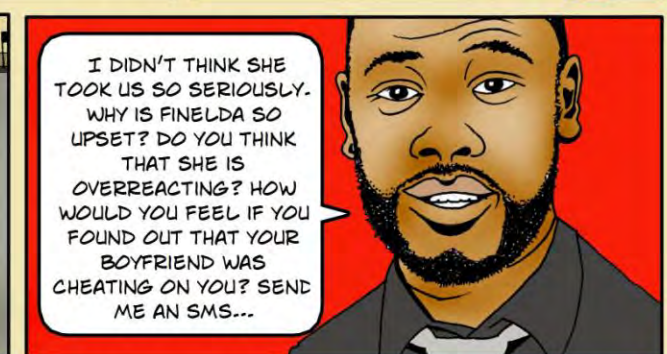


YOU THINK YOU'RE SO COOL. PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS LIKE THAT. YOU MR. BLOODY COOL IT



IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

OH THEN HOW IS IT? LOST MY NUMBER? FORGOT WHERE I LIVE?



I DIDN'T THINK SHE TOOK US SO SERIOUSLY. WHY IS FINELDA SO UPSET? DO YOU THINK THAT SHE IS OVERREACTING? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU FOUND OUT THAT YOUR BOYFRIEND WAS CHEATING ON YOU? SEND ME AN SMS...

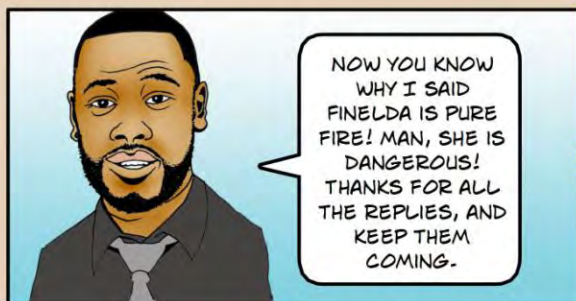
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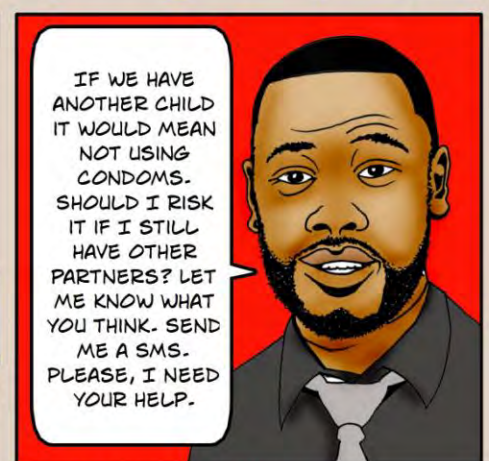
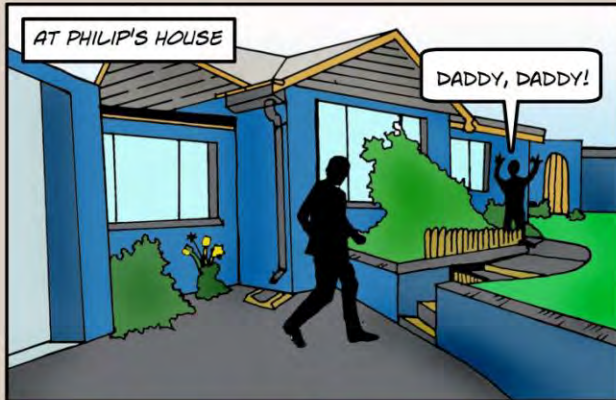
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LAST WEEK GENEVIEVE ASKED ABOUT US HAVING A BABY. SHE SAID IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO HER. I WAS NOT VERY KEEN ON THAT IDEA. THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. I LEARN A LOT FROM YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

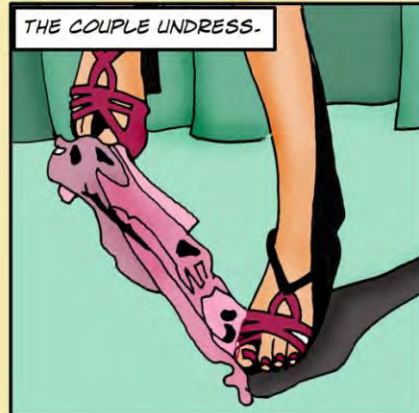
PHILIP ARRIVES AT JACKY'S APARTMENT



HEY! I SEE YOU GOT MY SMS. I KNEW YOU'D COME!



I ONLY HAVE AN HOUR!



THE COUPLE UNDRRESS.



15 MINUTES LATER...



SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? ANY NEW GIRLS?



MET A SPECIAL WOMAN. A NEW WAITRESS AT THE BAR.



AND DO YOU WANT HER?



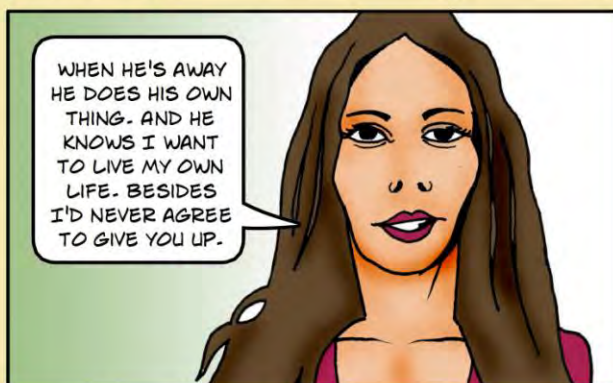
SURE! THERE WAS A SPARK BETWEEN US AND I GAVE HER MY CARD, BUT HAVE NOT HEARD FROM HER YET. WHAT ABOUT YOU?



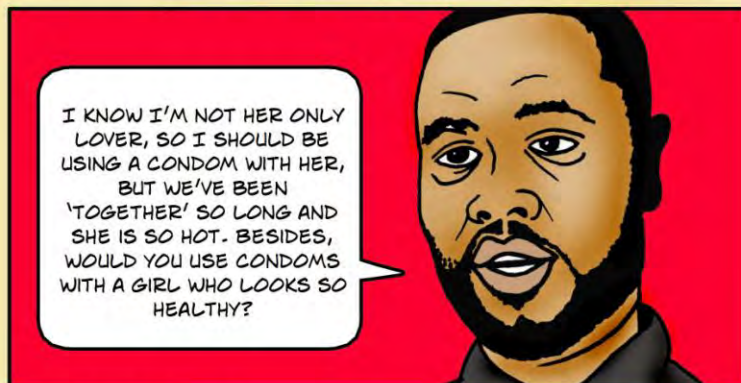
XAVIER WENT BACK TO LUANDA FOR A WHILE. WE HAD A GREAT TIME IN CAPE TOWN BUT I THINK HE'S ALSO SEEING SOMEONE ELSE.



DOESN'T HE MIND ABOUT US?



WHEN HE'S AWAY HE DOES HIS OWN THING. AND HE KNOWS I WANT TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE. BESIDES I'D NEVER AGREE TO GIVE YOU UP.



I KNOW I'M NOT HER ONLY LOVER, SO I SHOULD BE USING A CONDOM WITH HER, BUT WE'VE BEEN 'TOGETHER' SO LONG AND SHE IS SO HOT. BESIDES, WOULD YOU USE CONDOMS WITH A GIRL WHO LOOKS SO HEALTHY?

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A STORM IS BREWING OVER THE CITY...

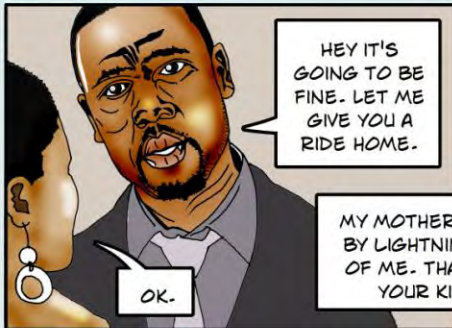
THANKS FOR YOUR INTERESTING COMMENTS. LAST WEEK I TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JACKY AND HOW WE NEVER USE CONDOMS.



HEY, YOU ALRIGHT? WHY YOU RUNNING?



I'M SO SORRY. I'M, I'M SCARED OF LIGHTNING.



HEY IT'S GOING TO BE FINE. LET ME GIVE YOU A RIDE HOME.

OK.

MY MOTHER WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING IN FRONT OF ME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.



THANKS. BYE.

SO WHAT'S...



...YOUR NAME?

PHILIP AND GENEVIEVE AT THE DAM



OH PHILIP I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! I'VE GOT A CONDOM.



LET'S NOT DO THIS. NOT LIKE THIS!



IT'S NOT ABOUT ME GETTING PREGNANT RIGHT? YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIV. SO LET'S BOTH GET TESTED BEFORE WE LOSE THE CONDOMS.



SHOULD I AGREE TO GO FOR AN HIV TEST AND WHY? PLEASE SEND ME AN SMS - I REALLY NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

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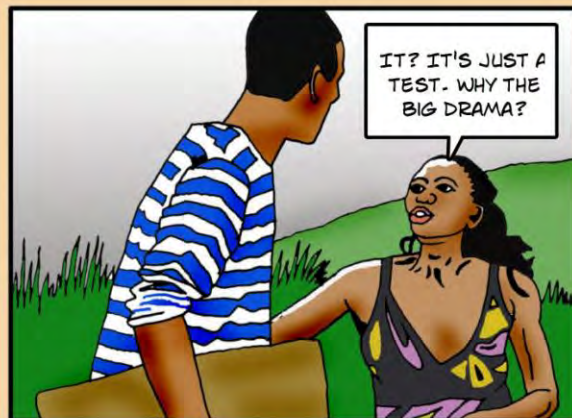
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EPISODE 7

# THREE AND A HALF LIVES OF PHILIP WETU



YOU DON'T GET IT! IT'S NOT ABOUT THE HIV; IT'S ABOUT THIS IDEA OF YOU WANTING ANOTHER CHILD. REALLY, I DON'T WANT ANOTHER CHILD AND I DON'T NEED THIS TEST.

LATER THAT EVENING AT NAILOKE'S HOUSE...



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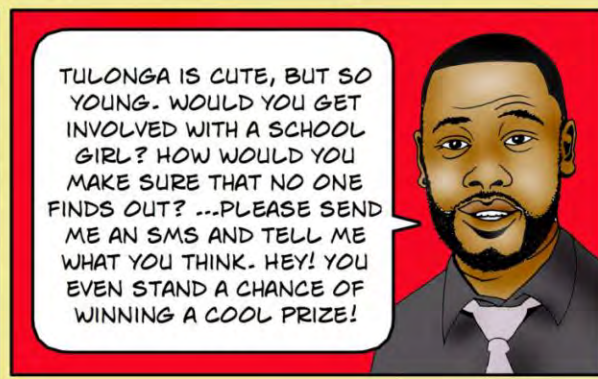
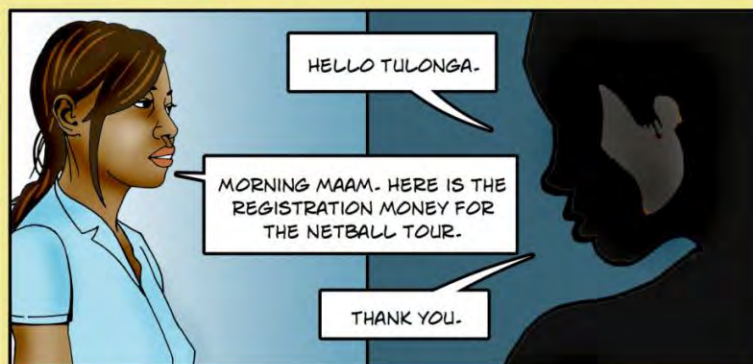
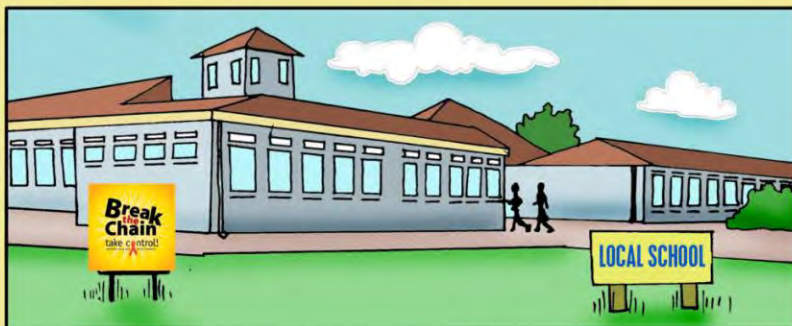
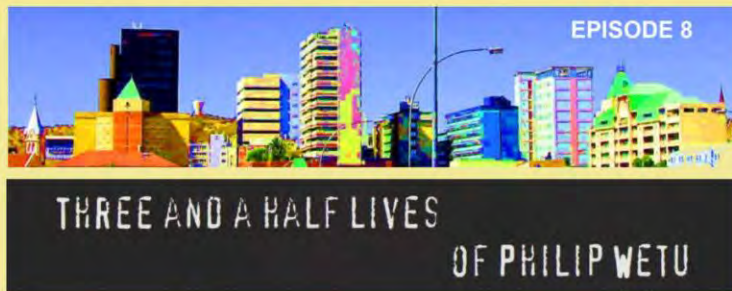
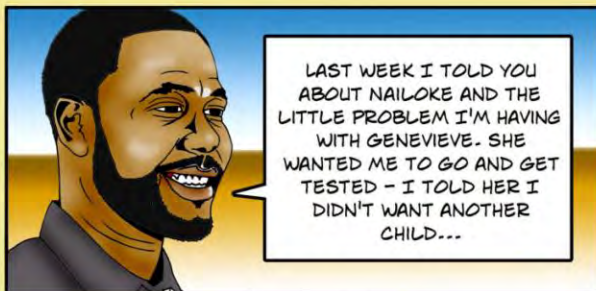
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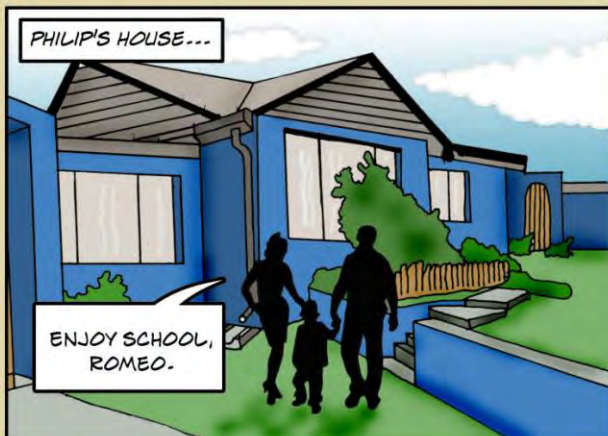


# THREE AND A HALF LIVES OF PHILIP WETU

LAST WEEK I MET THIS CUTE SCHOOL GIRL WHO KNOWS A LOT ABOUT COMPUTERS. I REALLY WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN.



PHILIP'S HOUSE...



ENJOY SCHOOL, ROMEO.

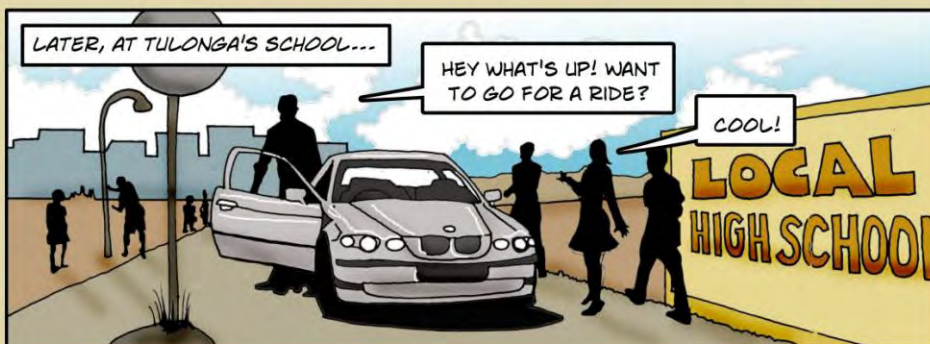
YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT DAD.



LATER, AT TULONGA'S SCHOOL...

HEY WHAT'S UP! WANT TO GO FOR A RIDE?

COOL!



PHILIP PUTS HIS HAND ON TULONGA'S KNEE.



BYE.

I'LL CALL YOU. BYE.



TULONGA DOESN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT SHE IS GETTING HERSELF INTO... I KNOW THAT SHE'S LOOKING FOR LOVE...BUT YOU WOULD DO IT TOO, WOULDN'T YOU? LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.



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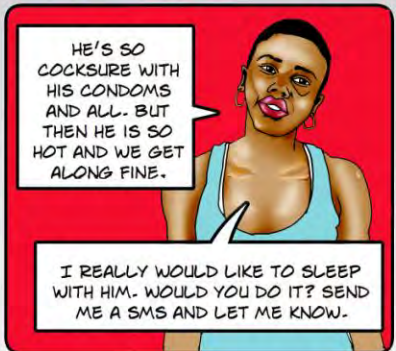
AT THE SHABEEN...



LAST WEEK I MADE A MOVE ON THAT SCHOOL-GIRL, TULONGA. SHE REALLY LIKES ME; IT'S SO EASY. BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR YOUR COMMENTS.



HIV TESTING IS CONFIDENTIAL!



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## THREE AND A HALF LIVES

OF PHILIP WETU



Kavendjii sure gave me a scare last week, and Nailoke, she was just so preachy.

Philip and Tulonga at a hotel...



PHILIP, DO YOU LOVE ME?

YOU KNOW I DO. WOULD I BE HERE IF I DIDN'T? DO YOU WANT ME TO STOP?

NO

Philip uses a condom



THAT WAS GREAT, AND, ER...

WHAT'S WRONG?

THE CONDOM BROKE!

SO?

YOU COULD GET PREGNANT OR EVEN WORSE.

WORSE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN WORSE?

RING!

YES? WHO? WHO DOES SHE SAY SHE IS? WHO'S SCREAMING? HELLO? GENEVIEVE?



PLEASE DON'T GO! TELL ME WHAT COULD BE EVEN WORSE! IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SPECIAL! YOU KNOW! THE FIRST TIME! PLEASE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!



TULONGA, I'M A BIT WORRIED ABOUT THE CONDOM BECAUSE I HAVE RECENTLY DISCOVERED THAT THE WOMAN I WENT OUT WITH IS PROBABLY HIV POSITIVE.



YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME AND THEN YOU GIVE IT TO ME!



LISTEN! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! I DON'T HAVE AIDS!... WELL, I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY BEEN TESTED YET, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW.



YOU SAID THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ... AND NOW?



What did you do the last time when the condom broke on you? SMS me or hit me on my facebook page.



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THREE AND A HALF LIVES

OF PHILIP WETU

LAST WEEK THE CONDOM BROKE WHEN I WAS WITH TULONGA. SHE IS REALLY WORRIED AND UPSET WITH ME. I DON'T BLAME HER REALLY.



Philip and Tolonga arrive at the clinic...



LISTEN! I CAN'T GO IN WITH YOU! THAT PHONE CALL - THERE IS A CRISIS AT HOME.

SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY?



TELL THEM THE CONDOM BROKE AND YOU DON'T WANT TO GET PREGNANT. TELL THEM THAT THE MAN YOU JUST HAD SEX WITH THINKS HE COULD BE HIV POSITIVE.

Philip arrives home to find Genevieve and Finelda fighting...



BUT YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME.



TULONGA, PLEASE JUST GO IN AND EXPLAIN. THEY WILL HELP YOU!



PHILIP IS MINE I TELL YOU!

STOP!



FINELDA! THAT'S ENOUGH! PLEASE JUST LEAVE!



YOU THINK YOU CAN USE ME! AND DISCARD ME LIKE A DOG?



PHILIP! I DON'T CARE WHAT'S BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU; I WANT HER OUT OF HERE.



THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!

YOU'RE A LIAR!



THAT'S IT, I'M CALLING THE CITY POLICE.



YOU CALL THEM! YOU JUST CALL THEM! LET GO OF ME!

WOULD YOU TEST WITH YOUR PARTNER IF THE CONDOM BROKE? HOW WOULD YOU CONVINCE THEM TO GO IF THEY DID NOT WANT TO? ALSO, SHOULD I TELL GENEVIEVE THE TRUTH ABOUT FINELDA? WHAT DO YOU THINK?



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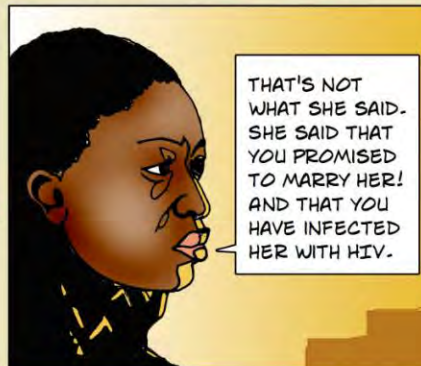
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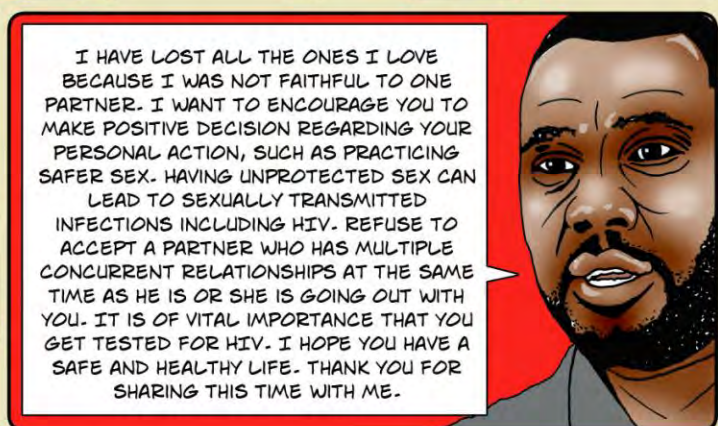


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