

Kiss Me DEADLY



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I thought we'd be the only two here.

At Panty Point?
Are you kidding?

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Sorry, Hun. Still, it's good to get away from the kids.

So it is. Have you thought of what you're going to say to Dougie?

I have.



I knew getting the Internet was a bad idea. Now we have the worst of the world in our home.



Hey now. I'm learning new recipes and you're learning-

I know. I'll talk to him.

But those pictures. They turn love making into something mean and ugly.



And what will you say?

I'll tell him what I wish I knew when I was his age.

I just can't believe that young people are learning that something so beautiful can be so cheap.

I promise to talk to him.

Thank you. Now come on over here and light me up like Christmas. We are, after all, at **Panty Point!**

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I was talking with Bad Boy Tim.

BAD BOY TIM

I'll never forget the second I knew I had to get you back.



Oh, man. I totally cheated on Mona.

Dude, you're not going out anymore!



I cheated on love!

Take it easy. She cheated on you too, then. She's going out with your cousin!

I frickin' love her! Mona! You'll always be my sweet stuff!





Dude, deny 'til you die.



What?

You didn't tarp your load with Paula.
Now you gotta get tested.



I heard you got to get naked and the nurse sticks a swab up your pee hole.



Then she grabs you by the balls



and she sticks a finger up your bum.



That's when I saw you drive by with Terry and I started running after you.

Mona!!
I frickin' love you baby!!



Ho!
Think you're
good, Clint?

Wanna
take on the top of the food chain?

I took one look at you, and I knew
what to do.



I whipped off my shirt
and started doing
pushups. I even started
singing 'Eye of the Tiger'.

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If a nurse is going to shank
my dink eye, let it be done in the name of
love!



You and Terry were like,

What?

That was when I yelled,



clint,
I love you, too!

It's the eye of the tiger.

I ran to you and Terry
was like,



Cheap!
Clint, I gave Mona my J Strokes
bareback. I totally blew my-

All right, all right.



We all know that
was the night
we got back
together.

Yeah.



What a
loser.



Ah, he's my
cousin.



Boy, did I ever miss you.



Me too.

Breaking up was dumb.



Yeah. Going out with each other's cousins...

That was cheap. But classic.



What were we thinking?



You know, when we were broken up... I learned something cool from my dad.

Oh yeah? What's that?

One night, when we were out on the land, he could tell I was just so sad over losing you. He told me a story about how he asked my mom out.

Wow. What did he say?

It was just before he left for bush camp. He took my mom here after he cooked for her.

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I brought her to...

How romantic.

Well, he thought so.

To Panty Point?

Ha ha ha!

Ha ha ha!



He pointed to the sky and asked her to pick a star.



Why?



He said that no matter how far away they were from each other that every night there's stars, they could look up at the night sky and always be connected.

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That's so sweet. Which star did they pick?



That's my parent's star.



Wow!

That is

romantic.



That one.

Do this with Mona.

He said that I could show it to you when we got back together and that we should pick a star of our own.

He said that?

My family is crazy about you.

So am I.

So, do you want to pick a star with me?

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I made an appointment at the Health Centre for tomorrow at three.

Thank you. I'm nervous about getting tested.

Me too. But if one of us has something, it's better to know now and deal with it.



I know. You're right.

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I wasn't exactly an angel either. When I heard you were with Terry, I started drinking again. I made some bad choices. SORRY.

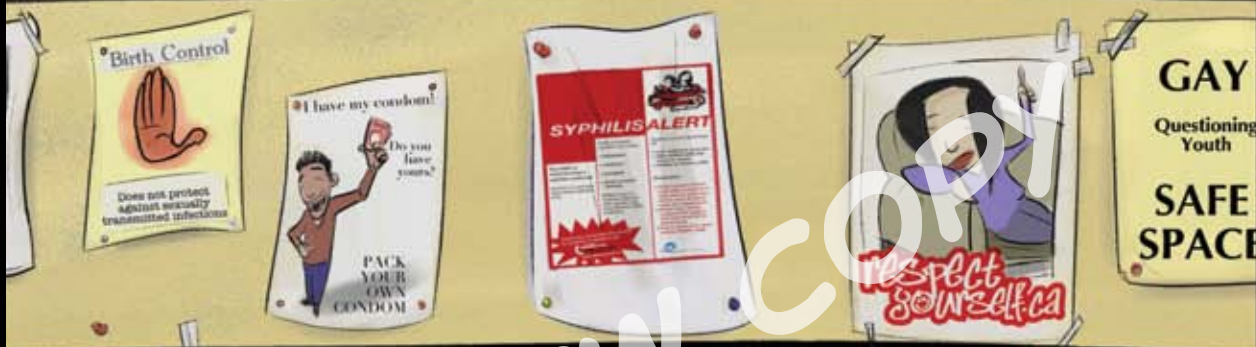


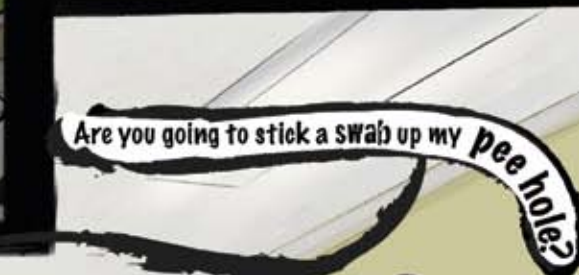
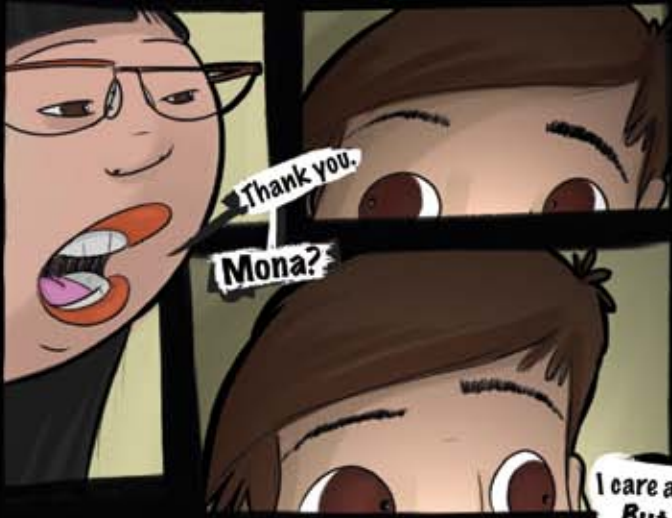
It's okay. We're going to make it right, hey?



Slow down, Dougie!

The next day







No. We don't do that anymore.



Whew!
Okay, I can relax.



Wait!



Is someone going to stick a finger up my bum?



What?
No. Who told you that?



Bad Boy Tim,
that fibber.



Well, glad we cleared that one up.

You're glad?
Imagine how I feel!



Take it easy.



How do we get tested, Candice?



We can take urine samples for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.



We pee in a cup?

Yup. Also, we do an examination of the genital area—



Genital area?!




We look down there - just to make sure everything looks healthy.




But don't be scared...it's not painful. I'll explain everything as we go. Other STIs like Syphilis and HIV are checked through a blood test.






It's obvious you care about each other, but it's also both of your responsibilities to protect yourselves and each other.



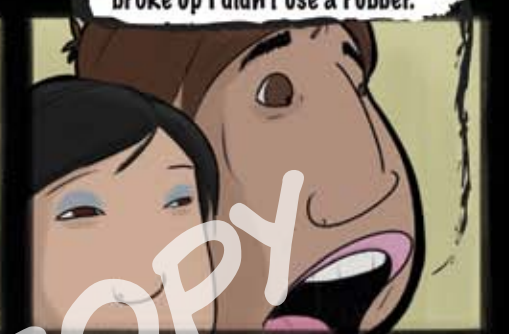
I'm worried because when we broke up I didn't use a rubber.




I also didn't use protection.



I heard that you can have something and not know it and pass it on.



That's completely right. Getting tested for STIs isn't about trust. It's about keeping you and your partner safe and respecting yourselves.



Even if your partner is faithful,



you can't be sure how careful their previous partners were.

How long will it take to get our tests back?

About a week if we take blood and urine samples today.

Some of my friends think it's too embarrassing and haven't gone yet.

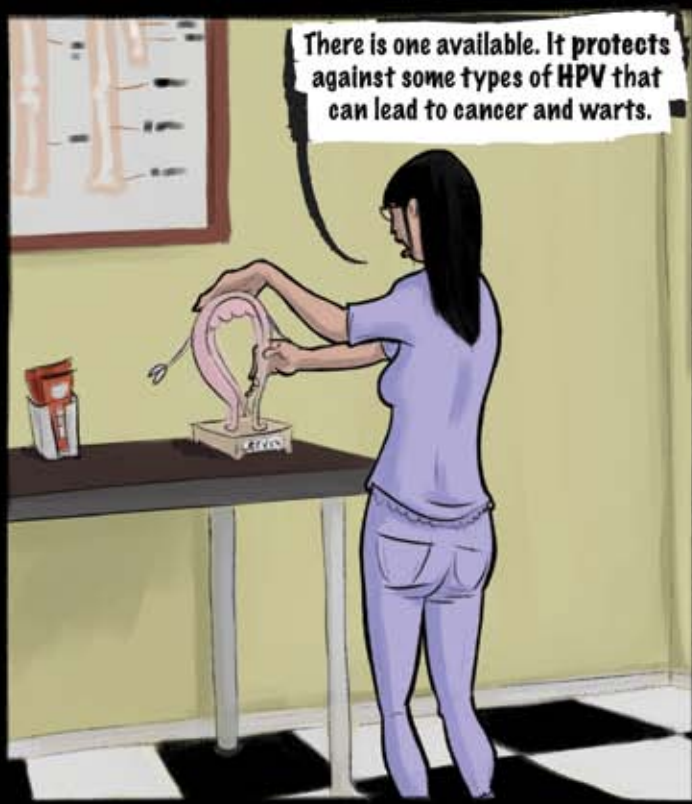
I've started to go for my regular PAP tests now..

Can you encourage them to come see me please? We've had young women tell us they think a PAP test is an STI test.

It isn't.

It's a test that checks your cervix for Human Papilloma Virus or HPV, which can lead to genital warts and some cancers.

HPV is spread through sexual activity, and all women should talk to their health care provider about a PAP test at their yearly check up.



Yes, you should always use condoms.

Also, you've said

You don't want a baby.



Without birth

control, you have an 85%

chance of getting pregnant by the end of one year.

So, I would recommend condoms plus one other type of birth control. There are many different types available - I can give you lots of information if you want.



Thanks. We will definitely use both.



That would be great, Candice.

So, any more questions?



Not right now.

Great. Let's head down to the next office. We'll test you separately.



Wait a lady!

HEALTH CENTRE

I don't think I've ever been happier.

I finally met you.

My dream come true.

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Hey, Vern. How are you?

Great. I met someone. To be safe, I'd like to get an STI test.

Well, that's great news. Do you have any questions first?

Well, you know I'm not into girls. Are the tests different?



Nope. They're the same. We'll get you to pee in a cup, take a little blood from your arm, and take a look 'down south' for any skin changes. It's really quick.



Cool. Let's get started. My boyfriend is getting tested today, too. He was single for a while but careful. We want to be sure we're both free of STIs.



Is he coming to see me?

No. He has his own doctor in the city.



Okay, let's begin.

The next night.



Yeah. If I ever passed something on to you, I don't know what I'd do. I want you to feel safe with me.





I think I know what job I want.

What?



I want to do what Candice does. I want to talk to kids about how to protect themselves. I want to learn how sexual health fits into the medicine wheel so we can start talking more about it.

Well, I just know you'd be great at talking to kids.

You really care, hey.



Oh, I forgot to ask. What are those rainbows for in Candice's office?



They stand for gay pride. Rainbows are like their flag.



Oh. Cool. I've heard other terms used as well - like queer. What's the right one?



I think people should be called how they want to be called. But Two-Spirit is respectful.

Two who?

Two-Spirit. They have a male and female spirit. People call them gay, lesbian, bi, or transgender.




But, historically, many nations respected Two-Spirit people as holy. They were trusted with many sacred things and honoured as powerful people in our culture. Two-Spirit people were healers. They had their own medicine and still do.



Wow


I did not know that. Why do people tease and hate them so much then?

Fear and ignorance. Something you and I should try to change.




Yeah, for sure. Funny how we never talked about Two-Spirit people in Sex Ed.

Can you imagine?




THE HUMAN BODY



My teacher was so uncomfortable talking about body parts, never mind same sex intercourse. We all learn the same way, I guess - by experimenting. Which is cool and totally natural.

No doubt. Hey, how come you know all this stuff and I don't?



I listen to the teachings. Vern should be acknowledged in our community. He deserves our love and respect - that's what's traditional.



You rock, baby.

seriously...



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Hey!
I wanted to give you something.



What is it?

I made you bannock.



Bannock with raisins.



It's still warm.



and I even buttered it for you.



Deadly!
Just the way I like it!



Yup. And I brought us tea with lots of cream and—



Honey!



Let's have a snack before we party it up.



I hope they play 'Rhythm is a Dancer'. I got some new moves, baby. I learned 'em from Bad Boy Tim.



Well, now: I just have to see this.



Gotta limber up, hey!



Hey!

The stars are out. Time to look for ours.



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It's a different time. Those sites you were visiting...well...there was no tenderness, or caring, or respect. There was no love.




Good. Women aren't to be objectified. They're not just bodies. When you hold a woman, you're holding her future and you're also holding her past. There's a little girl inside her with big dreams and there's a woman inside her that deserves your utmost respect. There is also an Elder inside of her that'll remember you, so always ask yourself, 'How do I want to be remembered in her heart years from now?' That should guide you in a good way.



Yeah, I know.




Sometimes when we're young, we're like many caribou running. Some lead. Many follow.



Make up your own mind about things but be open to learning. Nothing beats like the heart of a woman who loves and cherishes you.



I like that.



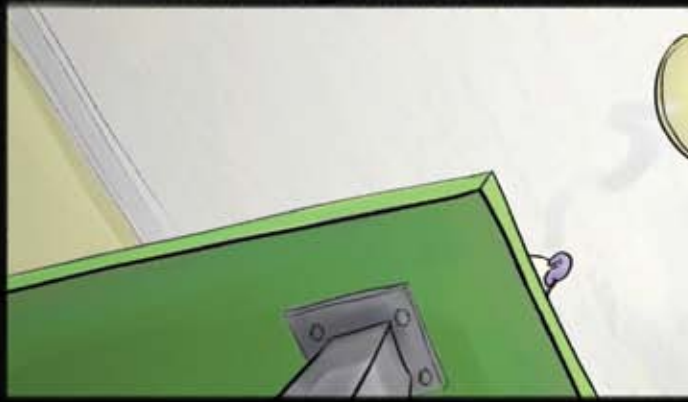
I wish someone would have told me this when I was your age. I guess that's what grandpas are for.



And you know what else? You should wait until you meet the right girl.



But all my friends brag about doing it. And they bug me to do it, too.



It's not always easy to do the right thing, Dougie. I know that. It takes patience and courage. But you have to be strong. A woman has the power to bring life into the world. Never forget that. It's not something to be taken lightly.



And when you do find the right girl, be sure and use these, okay?



Whoah. Thanks.

I like what that Sex with Sue lady says on the radio: Sex is perfectly natural but not naturally perfect.

What does that mean?



I think what she's saying is:

sex should be good for both partners. Not just one of you. So find a sweetie you can talk to and find out how to pleasure her. That will be sex worth waiting for.



ERRRRR



Oh good. You're here. Vern's joining us for supper.

Hello, Cousin.

Hey.



I'm off to get Grandma.



Vern, thanks again for fixing the computer.



You fixed the computer? Did you see what was in the browser history?



Relax, Cousin. Nothing I haven't seen already. Anyway, I tried warning you that Grandpa was onto you, but you took off on your machine.





Ho ho. What's this?



Grandpa gave them to me.



We had 'The Talk.'



That must be his favorite brand because he gave me a box last week.

Come on!



Youth today are like—



Many caribou running.



Okay, Mona, your tests have come back completely fine. Your urine, blood and Pap test look really great.





So you two are fine for STIs, but we still have to run another HIV test.

I thought we tested negative.



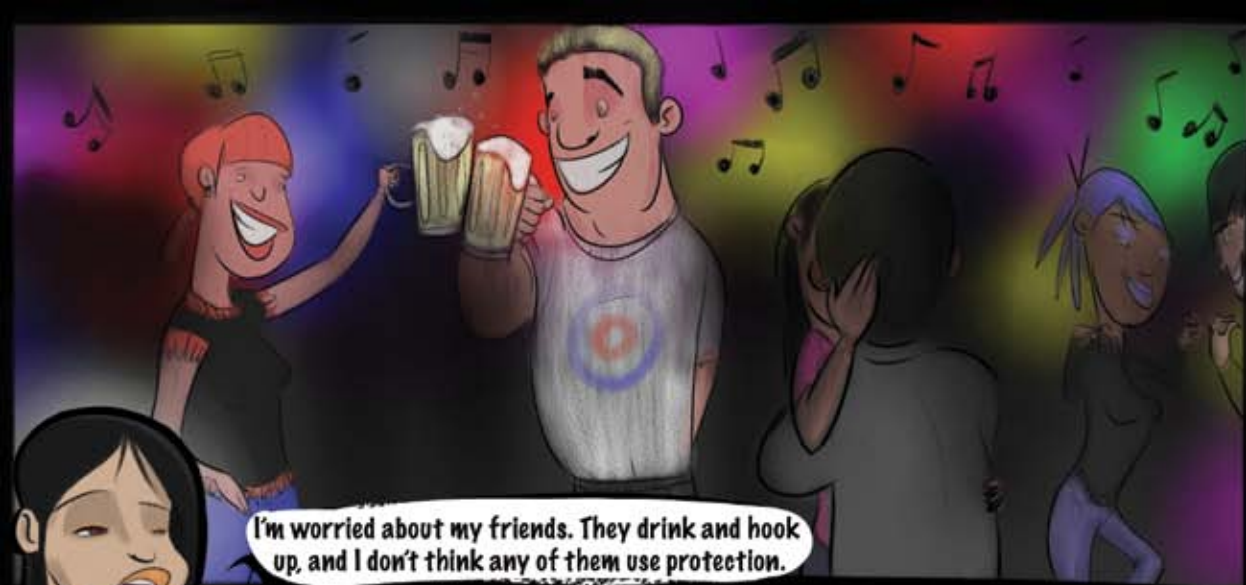
You did. But you did have unprotected sex and we need to run another HIV test, just to make sure. It can take up to three months for the results to show up on a test. It's called 'the window period'. Remember, when you sleep with someone, you are sleeping with all of their previous partners, too.

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From now on, we will both use condoms and birth control. I already started the pill.

Excellent. Is there anything more you want to talk about?



I'm worried about my friends. They drink and hook up, and I don't think any of them use protection.



Can you tell them that there are free condoms, dental dams and lube at the health centre?

I can give you some now to pass on to your friends.

Dental dams? For hickeys, or what?



For oral sex. You can get an STI through oral sex.

Seriously? Even through oral? Jeez!



This is why it's so important to practice safer sex. You will lower your risk of infection and unintended pregnancy.

And, Mona, I really like how you think. Your friends are lucky to have you around.



Yeah, I have so many questions. Like, what about the medicine wheel? They talk about honouring ourselves through the physical, mental, emotional and the spiritual. But where does the sexual part fit in? It would be cool to travel around and talk to kids about this with a nurse, you know? Someone like you.

I'll say. One of the things Mona is always talking about is how we don't talk about sex enough in school or at home.

That's a great idea, and I agree: communities need to talk about sexuality more. We need more youth and couples like you to take their sexual health seriously and plan for their future in a good way.

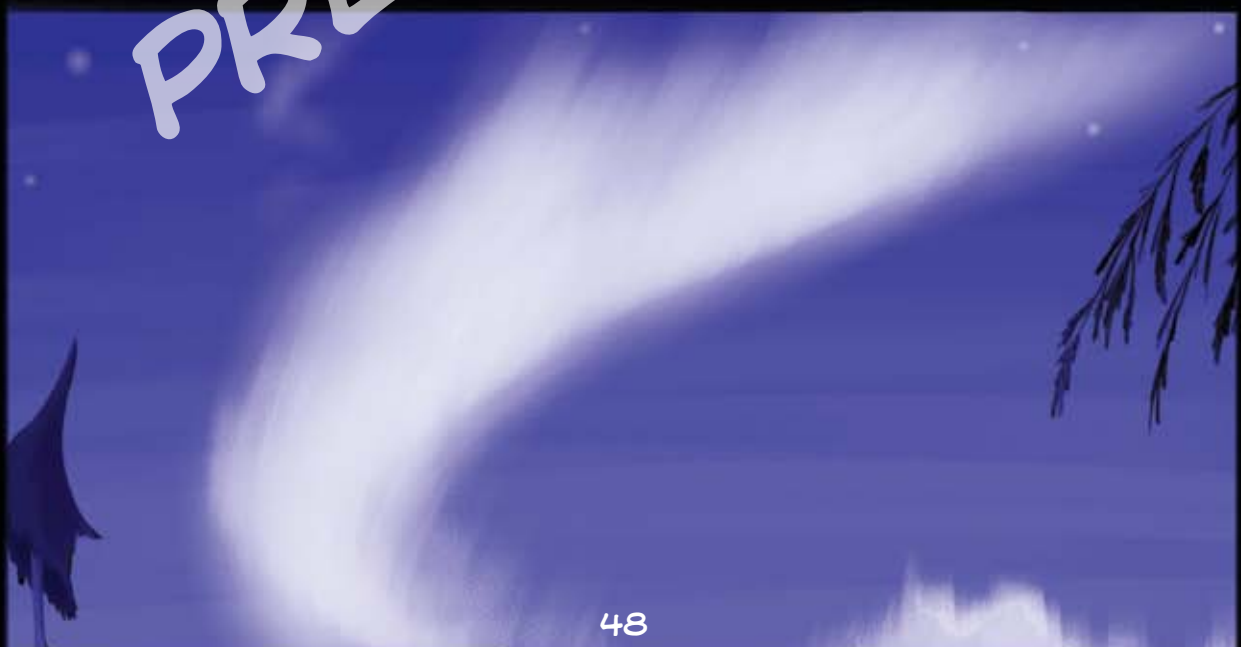
Can I come back sometime and talk to you about how you got to be a nurse?

Yup--and Clint just got 'Most Improved Student'!

Sure. Any time. It all starts with finishing high school. Are you guys still on track with that?

Excellent. Well, continued success, you two. You're an inspiration.





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Check out our other books!



Lighting up the Darkness – in our youth in care book, Jenny returns to her community after living in the city with her aunt and uncle. While visiting family, she has a series of painful flashbacks to when she was a little girl. Jenny's story is one girl's struggle. But nearly everyone will be able to relate to at least one event in her young life.



Drawing Hope – our living with FASD book is a collection of five comics, based on stories told by members of the Whitecrow Village community. The stories are about struggling in school, the importance of friendships and receiving support from friends and family.



Path Of The Warrior- Cullen gets rolled out of his gang and is forced to reconnect with his family and community. Team sports and his culture become Cullen's new support system.



River Run - is the story of a group of youth that learn the traditional use of tobacco while on a canoe trip. One of the youth, who smokes, gets her world opened up along the way.



Darkness Calls – Our suicide prevention comic, is the story of a teenager who is bullied at school, misunderstood by his teacher and feels socially isolated from his family. He finds one day very overwhelming and considers taking his own life.



Just a Story - Wendy doesn't have any friends her age and feels overwhelmed at school. Her little brother is more social but he's quick to lose his temper and get into fights. Something is clearly bothering them both. Good thing for them they're open to getting help and breaking down the stigma of mental health.

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