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SECTION 27

DIGITAL INDUSTRIAL THEATRE

STI CHAPTER

BETTER SAFE THAN ITCHY

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**Video Title: BETTER SAFE THAN ITCHY**

**Duration: 3-5 minutes**

**Characters:**

Miss Pillay - Young Indian female teacher, who wears a a traditional sari and is conservative

Dineo - Young black girl, who is rebellious and outspoken

Lucinda - Young coloured girl, who is loud and outspoken, confident and lesbian.

Unathi - Plump young black girl, with natural hair and braces

Cheslin -Trendy young coloured guy, with a fade and fashionably dressed

**Chapter Summary:**

Scene 1 is set on the playground

Scene 2 is set in Miss Pillay’s classroom

Scene 3 is set in the girls’ bathroom

**Video Script:**

*Scene 1 is set on the playground*

Dineo: OMG did you hear Busi has warts on her vagina?

Lucinda: Sies! Do you think her boyfriend knows?

Unathi: That is so gross, don’t say that word.

Dineo: What, warts?

Unathi: No vagina!

Lucinda: Why not, that’s its name!

Unathi: But it sounds better if you call it a cookie

Dineo: Like a biscuit?

Unathi: Ya, vagina is sooo hectic.

Lucinda: For who?

Dineo: Unathi, there’s nothing wrong with calling it what it is.

Lucinda: Ja nee, like a hand or a leg. It’s a vagiiiinaaaaaaaa!!!!!!

Unathi: Lucinda, hayi wena, you’re embarrasing me.

Lucinda: Are you embarrased of your vagina?

Unathi: No, but I wish..

Dineo: I would say PENIS instead?

Unathi: No!!!!

Lucinda: Guys, we need to normalise saying the names of our “private parts.” They’re part of who we are. And as a lesbian, vagina is a word we use ALL the time!

Unathi: LUCINDA!!!

*Lucinda and Dineo cackle*

*Bell rings*

Miss Pillay: Ok guys, everybody inside…

*Scene 2 is set in Miss Pillays’ Classroom*

Miss Pillay: Today, we are going to talk about something called STIs. Anyone know what STI stands for?

Cheslin: *(Shouts out)* Is it sports technology ummm institute?

Miss Pillay: No Cheslin, Dineo?

Dineo: Sexually transmitted infection?

Miss Pillay: That’s right, anyone know what that means?

Lucinda: It’s an infection you get from sex right?

Miss Pillay: Right, from unprotected sex or genital contact.

Cheslin: So, like third base?

Unathi: Cheslin!!!!

Cheslin: What?

Miss Pillay: I know these conversations are a little bit uncomfortable to have, but it’s better for us to have the knowledge, rather than end up with an STI because we didn’t know about them.

Unathi: So, you can’t get an STI if you’re a virgin?

Miss Pillay: You can’t get an STI, but you can get a UTI, which is a urinary tract infection, and that’s caused by poor hygiene. So, not wearing clean underwear, or not bathing regularly or cleaning your vagina or penis properly. Some of the symptoms of a UTI are similar to the symptoms of a STIs, such as a burning sensation when you pee. That’s why it’s important to consult a nurse or doctor, if you start to feel any symptoms.

Unathi: (puts her hands over her face)

Dineo: Ma’am, Unathi doesn’t like to say those words.

Miss Pillay: There’s nothing wrong with saying them, those are their names.

Lucinda: WE know that…

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Right let’s move on. Now, both men and women can get an STI but most STIs can be prevented by using a condom, because the condom stops the bacteria or virus or parasite from entering your body. It is very important to understand that contraceptives, like the pill or the implant or the IUD may prevent you from falling pregnant, but will not protect you from HIV or STIs.

Cheslin: So if you don’t use a condom, do you have the STI forever?

Miss Pillay: Not always, some STIs can be cured and some can’t be cured. But the most important thing, other than ALWAYS having safe sex, is to get screened/tested for STIs every year, or whenever you change your sexual partner.

Dineo: How much is it?

Miss Pillay: It’s free at your local clinic.

Lucinda: So, is it just an infection between men and women, or can same sex couples also get STIs?

Miss Pillay: Same sex couples can definitely get STIs through genital contact or even oral sex, so everyone has to be careful and no one is immune.

Lucinda: But you’ll know when you have it, because you can see it right? Like with warts or something ne?

Dineo: Not always… I heard sometimes you can’t see it

Cheslin: Then how do you know?

Miss Pillay: That’s why it’s important to get tested, because there are two types of STIs – symptomatic and asymptomatic.

Lucinda: So some you can see, and some you can’t?

Miss Pillay: That’s right Lucinda, symptomatic STIs are those that present signs on the genitals, like warts or a rash; and asymptomatic STIs are those that don’t show any signs and often remain untreated.

Dineo: What is the most common one?

Cheslin: Aren’t there a few?

Miss Pillay: There are a few common ones that affect young people in South Africa, like HPV, which you can get by having anal, vaginal or oral sex with someone who has the virus. The symptoms can affect your genitals, mouth, or throat; like warts.

Lucinda: Don’t we get a vaccine for that?

Miss Pillay: Yes, in grade 4, female learners, who aren’t sexually active are given the HPV vaccine.

Dineo: And Herpes is also one right?

Miss Pillay: Yes, and it can show up as cold sores on the mouth, or genital lesions, like blisters or sores on their vagina or penis. There are 2 types of Herpes, type 1 and type 2.

Unathi: That’s gross

Miss Pillay: Those are the 2 common ones that show symptoms, and then there’s Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia, which are both transmitted during sex, but have no obvious symptoms for most men and women.

Dineo: So how will we know?

Miss Pillay: For women, going to the bathroom might be painful, there may be discharge and bleeding during or after sex. If you notice your periods become heavier, then you need to get tested.

Cheslin: And for men?

Miss Pillay: Obviously not heavier periods!!! So for men, going to the bathroom might be painful, and there may be discharge from the penis, as well as sensitivity and tenderness.

Unathi: And what was the other one… Claaammmm?

Lucinda: Chlamydia

Miss Pillay: There aren’t usually any symptoms, but Chlamydia can cause a burning sensation while going to the bathroom, stomach pain, bleeding during or after sex and heavier periods for women.

Cheslin: And…

Miss Pillay: For men Cheslin, it can cause a burning sensation while going to the bathroom, itching and discharge from the penis, as well as pain in the testicles.

Cheslin: Ouch!

Dineo: You can say that again!

*Bell rings*

Miss Pillay: Any questions, you can bring them to me tomorrow and I will answer them, and don’t forget the homework assignment.

*Scene 3 is set in the girls’ bathroom*

*Dineo and Lucinda are in the girls’ bathroom*

Dineo: Do you think you’ve ever had an STI?

Lucinda: I got herpes from this girl I was kissing at the club once, and you know you have it forever. So, I’m so careful now, because I don’t want to get something else! You?

Dineo: I remember my period got heavier last year, but I wasn’t really sexually active, so I don’t know. But before I start having sex with Tshepo, I’m going to test at the clinic, and I’m going to tell him to test too.

Lucinda: Yaaaaaas girl! Tell me when you’re going and I’ll come with. Better safe than itchy…

Dineo: *(Laughs)* Shame, poor Busi hey…wonder if she knows who gave her those warts…