

## Episode 5: To Test or Not to Test

*Cheesy MUSIC plays, a synth and saxophone vibe, like a super upbeat 90s TV Special. We see a fish swimming in a colorful fishbowl. "Episode 5: To Test or Not To Test" with OWN THE AWK logo appears on screen. A TV plays a music video on the dresser, but no one is watching. Renee is blow-drying her hair in front of the mirror, while Aaron lies on the bed, scrolling on his phone. Renee's phone dings with multiple texts. Renee gasps.*

Renee: Someone in the group chat just got chlamydia.

Aaron: Who's Claudia?

Renee turns off the hair dryer.

Renee: Not Claudia, chlamydia.

*Aaron bolts upright, eyes wide.*

Aaron: You have chlamydia?

Renee: No, one of my friends tested positive. Should we get tested?

Aaron: Don't let the group chat freak you out. We're fine. I'm 100% sure. Well, 98% sure. 90% tops. God, I'm starving.

*He tosses the pillow and walks out. Suddenly, the TV flickers to an infomercial-style scene with the words "The AwkLine with Shan Boodram" pops up in bold, neon letters, with an exaggerated jingle playing.*

Shan: Need to have an awkward conversation with your partner?

*Shan appears on the TV screen with the words "Call Now! THE-AWK-LINE" flashing in bold, neon letters.*

Shan: Call The AwkLine now.

*Renee, intrigued, dials the number and calls.*

Shan: You've reached The AwkLine where we can help you Own the Awk.

Shan: What's up, Renee?

Renee: Aaron and I aren't exclusive, so I think we should get tested, but he's brushing it off.

*Renee and Shan are shown side by side on the TV in a split-screen. The words "SHOULD WE GET TESTED?" flash in bold, neon letters on the TV screen.*

Shan: Getting tested is a great idea. Testing can help you to protect your health, and it gives you peace of mind. Don't minimize your feelings. Own the Awk. Be direct. And also keep in mind that this could be a new idea for Aaron if he's never gotten tested before.

*Renee hangs up, just as Aaron re-enters the room with a mountain of snacks—chips, candy, cake, all balanced precariously. He sits down and munches on a massive sub sandwich.*

Aaron: Is that group chat still blowing up? I thought Love Island ended already.

Renee: Aaron, you're never serious.

*Shan appears on the TV screen.*

Shan: Be careful about saying always and never. They can make people defensive.

*"BE POSITIVE, DIRECT, AND CLEAR" comes on screen.*

Shan: Try to be positive and direct, and make it clear you're both in this together.

*Renee softens her tone and joins Aaron on the bed.*

Renee: Look, I care about you a lot, and I love the fun we're having.

Aaron: Yeah.

Renee: But since most STI's don't have any symptoms, testing is the only way to know for sure, especially since we're seeing other people. Let's keep it both fun and safe.

*Aaron stops mid-bite, realizing she's serious. He tosses the sandwich aside.*

Aaron: Okay. Yeah. That sounds good. Let's get tested together, alright? But please don't tell Claudia about my results.

Renee: Okay, deal.

*Renee playfully throws the pillow at Aaron and they hug on the bed.*

*Shan appears on the TV.*

Shan: See? Real talk is awkward. But a little Awk now is better than an oops later.

*Renee and Aaron are kissing and caressing each other, with a plate of desserts resting at the foot of the bed. "Real talk. Real Connection." comes up on screen. Ends with OWNTHEAWK.org logo.*