PASSAGE 2

HIV/AIDS –

FIRST LOVE
THIS IS MY NEXT TRAINING GROUND ...!!??
OOG, thank you're some kinda cool martial arts guy? What's up with that?

Try an old-fashioned punch on for size?

Oh? I dunno... blindfolded?

Thank you, I'll be on my way then...

Oof! Ouch! Oh, evil now!

Ohw!
H-hey! Remember me?
I'm... I'm Haruhi?
What the heck are you doing here?
I'm engaged.
I won't go, I'm a pretty lady!
I'm engaged.

Can I have another? No, no,
think you have enough.

What? Those dongs did we hang out with them?
They left half an hour ago!

Are you nuts?
What is your problem?

TAMAL TAMAL
No, he is not my boyfriend! He's just a guest!

He was very sick and brought him home so he could recover. He's feeling better now.

Sure, I'll bring him some food. Here's some medicine.

Thank you, sir...

You're welcome. Come here, Rei. Let me see if you're feeling any better.

My name is Rei.

What's your name?
YOU SEEM LIKE A NICE BOY, REI. ARE YOU SOMETHING'S BOYFRIEND?

HE MAMA! IT'S JUST A RIDE, A CUSTOMER. FROM THE TRAIN.

YOU MAMA? I'M JUST A RIDE, A CUSTOMER, FROM THE TRAIN.

HE WAS STONED FROM AND HE HAD NO PLACE TO GO, SO I LET HIM SLEEP ON OUR FLOOR LAST NIGHT.

AND I WAS SO DRUNK.

THAT'S MY SORRY--ALWAYS TAKING IN STRAYS.

YOU KNOW, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND, SOMEBODY.

A HUSBAND TO TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU ARE SICK.

YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU, YOU KNOW THAT.

YES, MAMA. I KNOW.

I'LL BRING YOU SOME SOUP, MAMA!

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I'm sorry, this is all my fault, I shouldn't be here.

Your mother cheated on your father.

They said I hate her.../Hate mom.

Your mother wasn't alone.

I was in her bedroom. I touched her.

Don't be stupid, you can't get away like that.

Who's to say you can't just lie?

How could I have killed her?

How did your mother let it from your father then, huh?

I didn't say he was a bastard.

She was still around, could I say she was in your way?

And then, he said...

And how she's not here and there's no one to take care of the house. Do you want me to help you?

You get this bluebird with someone else from there.

She says you really are just a bird.
I'm sorry, I don't know much about kids. Just what I heard from friends.

Can't you just pretend to make your mother better?

I have to go, you know...

They're old enough to stay by themselves.

A neighbor lady used to watch them sometimes.

I don't have to train today anyway. My trainer's on vacation.

Big brother's going to play with us.

Please, Scholarship, let me play with you and play off us!

Okay, okay.

Just kids today, though. I have to work a double shift.
Well, the kids were hungry and...

My mom's cooking is better than yours, Nomakos!

Mama!

My mother taught me when I was little... and I've learned to make do with next to nothing since then.

You'll stay with us a few more days. Won't you, Rii?

Rii: She had to help out of school and she doesn't have time to come up with much attention on me.

Yeah, Rii: I stay with me too.

She says she could stay for a while.

I thought you said he was on vacation...?
HEY! I'm working on the laundry. Are you ready? I mean... have you come back to continue my training, or what?

SHOW YOUR FACE AND TEACH ME TO BE THE GREATEST FIGHTER IN THE WORLD... LIKE YOU PROMISED!

I CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER PLAYING MOTHERHUSBAND!

WHEEE!

URP...?

OH!

WAAAHOOOO!

HAHA!

WHOOOOOO!
NO, YOUR IF YOU MESS WITH
WE'LL LOSE THIS PLACE.

I'M MAKING YOU A PROMISE
ALRIGHT.

I'LL TAKE CARE
OF THIS AND
THAT SO YOU CAN
GO TO SCHOOL.

YOU WERE UP
COURTING ALL
LAST NIGHT.

MAYBE I SHOULD
STAY HOME
TODAY.

WHAT TIME
WILL YOU
BE BACK?

MAYBE THEY'RE
MEANING THAT
MAKING MOTHER.

I KNOW,
YOU BITE.

IF IT DOES,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
BECOME YOUR
AUNT.

I'M GOING TO
HURT YOU.

I'M GOING TO
WHACK YOU.

MOTHER...
THERE'S ONLY ONE
THING I HAVE LEFT TO
TEACH YOU BEFORE
THE TIME COMES...

I WANT MY HEART
TO BE COLD.

STOMP STOMP STOMP
YOU'RE SO GOOD TO US. YOU'RE A GOOD BOY.

THANKS.

YOUR PARENTS MUST BE PROUD OF YOU.

RTE?

SHE... WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS? WHY DON'T YOU LIVE WITH THEM?

SHE... I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

THERE WAS A WAR, WE FLEW FROM OUR VILLAGE AND...

WE JUST SEPARATED.

I CHECKED EVERY LITTLE AT ALL THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

I ATE RICE. I HUNGRY.

THEY MUST MISS YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE YOU FIND THEM SOON.

WELL, WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?

SURE, MAMA. WHATEVER YOU ASK.

DONATE TRANSPORT. SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF ALL OF US BY HERSELF... PERHAPS, BUT IT CAN'T.

I WANT HER TO GO BACK TO WORK, TO HAVE A GOOD FUTURE.
_漫画家は、この月に東京に帰る予定です。
彼は日本で新しいプロジェクトを始める。

漫画家: これは私たちの村にいる子供たちのために書かれた物語です。

村の子供たち: それは素晴らしいですね。

村の教師: そうですね。彼の才能は倫理であります。

村の父: 彼は私たちの村で最も重要な人物です。

村の母: 彼は私たちの村の歴史を描いた最初の漫画家です。

村の子供: 彼は私たちの村の栄光です。

村の教師: 彼は私達の村を守るために働いています。

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村の教師: 彼は私たちの村を守るために働いている。
How's your mother tonight? Only, she wants to sleep early. I haven't heard her coughing much.

The kids... asleep with her. I don't want to wake her.

She... doesn't want to have tea.

She... shh... shh-she's gone.

Sigh...
Sonali, wait!

What are you going to do now?

No, I mean... The kids will need to start school soon.

But your mother... She promised you!

What good are promises?

My father promised to be faithful, again. He married again!

I promised to take you to your aunt.

Oh, then now! Our village is over 200 miles away!

That's not far!
YOU ARE MY HORSE. RIGHT?

I DON'T BELONG TO YOU ANY MORE THAN YOUR BROTHER DOES. YOU DON'T BELONG TO ANYONE.

BUT IF YOU'RE ASKING WHETHER IT'S ME... YEAH, IT IS.

WE'RE GOING HOME! NOT THE HORSE!

IT'S ALL GREEN LIKE THE ROYAL RANCH, AND IT HAS A LAKE AND WOODS AND...

IT'S WHERE DAY AND NIGHT HAVE BORN AND WHERE MAMA AND PAPA AND ME HAVE LIVED FOR YEARS.

SONGEE, ARE YOU THERE?

HELLO! IT'S BOY WITH A TRAINING GLASS, ASKING ALL YOUR NAME.

ALSO, I'M A SUPER-SPECIAL HORSE WITH SENSE, DON'T HEAR A GOOD-LOOKING SENSE OF YOUR NAME!

WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME?
WELL, I'VE GOT TO CALL YOU SOMETHING...

MOTHER... I WILL...

YAM... I WOULDN'T WANT YOU CALLING ME "MOTHER"...

DON'T, ME... SHE DON'T UNDERSTAND...

GOT TO RUSH ME AROUND?

I'VE JUST ALONG THINGS!

I DON'T MEAN YOU!

LOOK, YOU PROBABLY DON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT...

THIS HORSE IS MAGICAL, IT CAN TALK!

YOU HEARD ME JUST NOW, RIGHT?

NEVER MIND... I WAS JUST KIDDING...

TRUTH IS... I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF, IT'S A BAD HABIT OF MINE...

WELL, DON'T STOP... IT'S KIND OF CUTE!

"Cute?" ME?

I LIKE THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE...

THAT'S... HERE...

IT MAKES ME SLEEPY...

TELL ME A STORY... YES...

O.K., OKAY. WELL, ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS...

THIS HORSE TALKING...
I could put this on my... my things.

That's okay. I'll stay as long as you.

I love you too, Schmuli. In fact, I think it...

I'm afraid if I do it now...

That's all right, I understand.

Good night. Schmuli.

Good night, Schmuli.

Good night, Schmuli.

I'm in love with you.
WHERE IS EVERYBODY! IS IT SOMETHING HAPPENED?

LOOK, BANTU! THERE IS THE VILLAGE WELL!
AND THE WOMEN MAKE THE BASKETS DOWNWELL.
AND THIS...

AFTER ALL YOUR COMPLAINTS, YOU DON'T SEE IT ALL HAPPEN TO BE HOME?

OH, I'M SO SORRY TO SEE YOU...

GUARDIAN, GUARDIAN!
IS IT REALLY YOU?

OH, IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU...

I MISSED YOU TOO, ESAME.

DADDY, MOTHER!
I MISSED YOU SO MUCH.

HOW'S YOUR MOTHER?

.......

My PAFA AND TALLA FELL ABOUT 20 YRS... AND SO MANY OTHERS IN THE VILLAGE...

THE SAME AS HAPPENED TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS?

SO MANY IN THE VILLAGE DIED.

ONLY THE OLD AND THE YOUNG ARE LEFT.

AND EVEN SOME OF THE CHILDREN HAVE THE SICKNESS...
IT'S SO BACK TO MY MASTERS' Class TO MY MASTERS' TRAINING.

HOW WOULD THAT BE?

YOU... YOU...?

YOU CAN UPSET A BERN OUT OF TOWN.

WELL, YOU BE AT LEAST TELL THEM THIS...

FOR THE KIDS.

WHAT THE-?

YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET TRAINED ANymore... I WANTED TO TRAIN AT THE MASTERS.' TRAINING...

I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU TAKE THE FAT. THEN I'LL KNOW I CAN RIDE.

THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO GET TRAINED... I DON'T WANT TO, BUT...

I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR FROM ANYONE!

YOU LOVED ME EUGHENCU TO ANSWER THAT! YOU DON'T EVEN TRUST ME!

SURE THAT I'M NOT INFECTED?

NO THAT YOU LOVE ME EUGHENCU TO ANSWER THAT! YOU DON'T EVEN TRUST ME!

I HAVEN'T BEEN WITH ANYONE! WHY AM I A VIRGIN?

BUT I'LL TAKE THE TEST TOO, SO THAT YOU WON'T EVER HAVE TO WORRY. SO YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO BE AFRAID.
Hey, I promised to never drop anything important even again today...?

I thought you weren't getting the results for a week.

What's the matter...?

Yes.

They said because Binxy was born a year before Rara but Rara, Mama, and Binxy infected with HIV, Rara was pregnant with her... so we have to get Binxy treated too.

If Rara is HIV positive, I'll take care of her, Grandma! I promised!

I'll get her the best medicine money can buy! I have a good job at the store! My studies can wait!
I can't take care of you right now. I don't have money or land or a job or an education.

Justin is a good man. I know you'll take good care of him, or all of them.

-McKline, a good man, too.

Thanks.

And whose fault is that?

Your 'training regimen' is non-existent. I've only been in two fights since I started.

And you don't coach me full time either of them.

Yes, a man and a woman.

Yeah, well... I'm starting to think fighting is safer than sex.

It takes longer to mend a broken heart than a broken bone.
Today, more than 40 million people around the world live with HIV and AIDS. Half of the 14,000 new infections that occur each day are in young people, ages 15 to 24. HIV and AIDS have turned to become a global problem threatening every nation, both rich and poor. HIV has become the first truly international epidemic, easily crossing oceans and international borders.

HIV/AIDS—THE FACTS

Q. What are HIV and AIDS?
A. HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). This virus is passed from one person to another through unprotected sexual contact, blood-to-blood contact (for example, through sharing of contaminated needles), and from an infected mother to child during pregnancy, birth, or after birth through breast-feeding. HIV damages the immune system, the part of the body that fights infection. Eventually, the immune system becomes so weak that diseases and infections begin to attack the body. At these conditions worsen, a person is diagnosed with AIDS.

Q. How can you tell if someone is infected with HIV?
A. You can’t tell if someone has HIV or AIDS by just looking at them. A person infected with HIV may look healthy and feel good, but they can still pass the virus on to you. A blood test is the only way a person can find out if he or she is infected with HIV. Anyone can become infected with HIV. It has nothing to do with race, age, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation (whether you are gay, straight, or bisexual).

Q. Where can I get tested for HIV infection?
A. Many places provide testing for HIV. Common testing locations include local health departments, clinics, offices of private doctors, hospitals, and sites specifically set up to provide voluntary HIV testing and counseling. To find a testing site near you in the United States, visit the National HIV Testing Resources Web site at http://www.hivtest.org.

Q. How do you get infected with HIV?
A. HIV is spread through blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and breast milk. Contact with any of these fluids puts you at risk for HIV infection. The most common ways people are infected with HIV are: Having sex (anal, vaginal, or oral) with someone who is infected with HIV. You can become infected if you share needles or syringes with someone who is infected. This includes sharing needles to shoot drugs or vitamins, to pierce body parts, or to get tattoos. A woman infected with HIV can pass the virus to her baby during pregnancy or at birth. In rarer cases, babies have also been infected by breast-feeding from their mother. You cannot get HIV by giving blood.

Q. How can you avoid getting infected with HIV?
A. Follow these guidelines:
• Do not have sex. This is the only SURE way to avoid getting HIV through sex.
• Use a latex condom EVERY time you have sex unless you are SURE your partner is faithful and not infected. When used correctly and consistently, condoms can help prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.
• Stay with one partner who has sex only with you. Use condoms correctly and consistently unless you are SURE your partner is not infected with HIV.
• Do not share needles and syringes.

* For more information, please visit the youthaids.org website, from which this Q&A was adapted.
WHAT CAN I DO?

HIV and AIDS can be treated, but not cured. Not yet. Nonetheless, we can all do something to stop HIV from spreading, protect ourselves, and make the world a better place for those living with HIV/AIDS. Talking about HIV and AIDS can be very difficult, but it can also be a matter of life and death. Not talking about it makes it even more difficult to prevent this disease from spreading further.

1. Look out for number one! Protect yourself! This is your only life.

2. Reach Others To Protect Themselves. It may surprise you to know that many people do not know how HIV is transmitted or that it is preventable.
   - Learn how your country ranks in terms of HIV and AIDS rates by visiting YouthNet Project (http://www.youth.net/index.htm).
   - Ask a health advisor your own questions about HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases by visiting Go Ask Alice (http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/).
   - Learn how to get active internationally or in your own community by visiting YouthMakers (http://www.advisoryyouth.org/youth/index.html).
   - Talk to other young AIDS activists about HIV and AIDS issues on Taking It Global (http://www.takingitglobal.org/), or the Center for the Study of AIDS (http://www.csaa.za.org/).

3. Respect Those Who Are Affected. People infected by the HIV virus did not ask for it. Please learn to respect those with HIV and AIDS.

4. Get involved. The world can beat HIV/AIDS, but we need concerned citizens like you to get involved. If you're ready to make a real difference in people's lives, check out these sites for ideas on how you can help.
   - • http://www.advisoryyouth.org
   - • http://www.unaid.org/wac/2002/index_es.html
   - • MTV's Staying Alive Project was launched in 1998 as a global multimedia campaign to spread the message about HIV/AIDS. Visit their website at http://www.staying-alive.org.

HIV/AIDS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Poverty and HIV/AIDS

While HIV/AIDS is clearly a health problem, the world has come to realize it is also a development problem that threatens human welfare, social cohesion, and even national security. HIV/AIDS reaches into every corner of society, affecting parents, children and youth, teachers and health workers, rich and poor. It can decimate the workforce, create large numbers of orphans, exacerbate poverty and inequality, and put tremendous pressure on health and social services. Sub-Saharan Africa is the region of the world that is most affected by HIV & AIDS.

Recent epidemics in China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, several Central Asian Republics, the Baltic States, and North Africa show just how quickly the virus can spread. Poor countries are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. Chances are their health care systems are already overburdened, so providing expensive treatment to their growing number of people infected by HIV is nearly impossible. Resources for educating the public about risky behavior are equally limited. Under these circumstances, AIDS can quickly become an epidemic.

To find out more about HIV/AIDS development, visit the following websites:
   - • http://www.unaids.org
   - • http://www.worldbank.org/aids
   - • http://worldbank.org/aids

Drugs and HIV/AIDS

Medicine to treat HIV and AIDS can be very expensive and is not available everywhere in the world. Poor people in developing countries often do not have access to the treatment or cannot afford to pay for it. Access to medicine and health care can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for an HIV/AIDS patient. It can also mean the difference between life and death.
The world is not winning the war against AIDS.
• More than 20 million people—men, women, and children—have died of AIDS since HIV was first documented in 1981.
• More than 95 percent of infected people live in developing countries.
• In 2004, over 3 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses.
• In 2004 alone, about 4.9 million people became infected—more than the entire population of Norway.

THE IMPACT OF AIDS

Orphans and HIV/AIDS

One of the most troubling consequences of the AIDS epidemic is the number of children it has orphaned or seriously impacted. Today, more than 15 million children under the age of 15 have lost one or both parents to AIDS, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. According to a report by the United Nations, by 2010 this number is expected to jump to more than 25 million. These orphans are less likely to attend school and receive good nourishment or proper health care.

For more information about orphans and AIDS and to read personal accounts of children who lost both of their parents to the disease, visit the following websites:

• http://www.avert.org/aidsorphans.htm
• http://vietnam.worldbank.org/dossier/orsphans.php

Imagine: Your mother or father has HIV and has become too sick to work. As the oldest child, many adult responsibilities become yours, caring for your sick parent, looking after your siblings and taking, taking care of the house, earning money, putting food on the table. Meanwhile, there isn’t enough money to buy desperately needed medicines for your mother or father. Planning for your future is put aside to survive the present. School and job training become a “luxury.”

Women and HIV/AIDS

Early in the epidemic, men vastly outnumbered women among people infected with HIV. Today, nearly 50 percent of adults living with HIV around the world are women. Young women are about three times more vulnerable to HIV infection than their male counterparts.

To find out more about the impact of HIV/AIDS on women, visit the following websites:

• http://womenandhiv.unaids.org
• http://www.genderandaid.org

Coming Next Issue

Rei’s next training mission takes him to a tropical paradise complete with coral reefs, fluorescent fish, and terry-sweat string bikinis! Too bad global warming is setting off storms that are ruining the glorious beaches, destabilizing the delicate balance of the ecosystem, and destroying the islanders’ traditional way of life! What can a street orphan/future greatest martial artist in the world do to protect the island from climate change...? Plus, SHARK ATTACK!

It looks like Rei’s trainer is in need of a name! Any suggestions? What do you think would suit him? Why? If we like your suggestion and you send it in first, we’ll use it!
Fifteen-year-old orphan Rei survives by his wits and guts on the mean streets of the world. His fortunes seem to look up when he meets a mysterious stranger who offers to help him achieve his dream of becoming the greatest martial artist in the world. But Rei's trainer is more interested in developing his mind, spirit, and--ugh--heart than his thirsting, raging, fighting moves! And Rei's master turns out to be a real animal! In fact, Rei never knows what animal he's going to turn into next!

Now Rei's training journey takes him to the neon lights of the big city, where he meets some cool guys with smooth moves, and falls head-over-heels for a fetish young cocktail waitress! But the woman he loves is hiding a terrible family secret...