



Speaking from Experience

Living with HIV/AIDS

Transcript for chapter 1 of 10: Shit happens

Michael - If you look at it in a worldwide scene, it's predominantly a heterosexual illness. I suppose you could say that, statistically, I was unlucky, but... shit happens.

Spike – I was very aware of it. When it came to transmission, I was mister super-safe. One thing that my doctor told me late, is that condoms have a 65% chance of doing the right thing. I suffered transmission from a burst condom, which is unusual in some ways and not unusual in others.

Deanna - I wasn't taking any drugs and wasn't promiscuous in any way, so I thought I would be pretty cool. Whilst travelling, I guess I was more at risk because of different areas that I'd be exposed to the virus.

Geoffrey - I knew there was a risk there. But they'd brought in safe-sex practices possibly 3 years into when we knew about AIDS. It wasn't until being diagnosed that it finally hits you like a brick in the face. It really knocks you over that it's arrived.

Kevin - I was aware of being at risk, but I didn't really own it for myself. I didn't think about it as really being an option. I didn't think it was going to affect me. I hadn't really even considered it too much.

David – I didn't know at the time I was infected that I was at risk. What HIV was at all. I don't think anyone else did either.