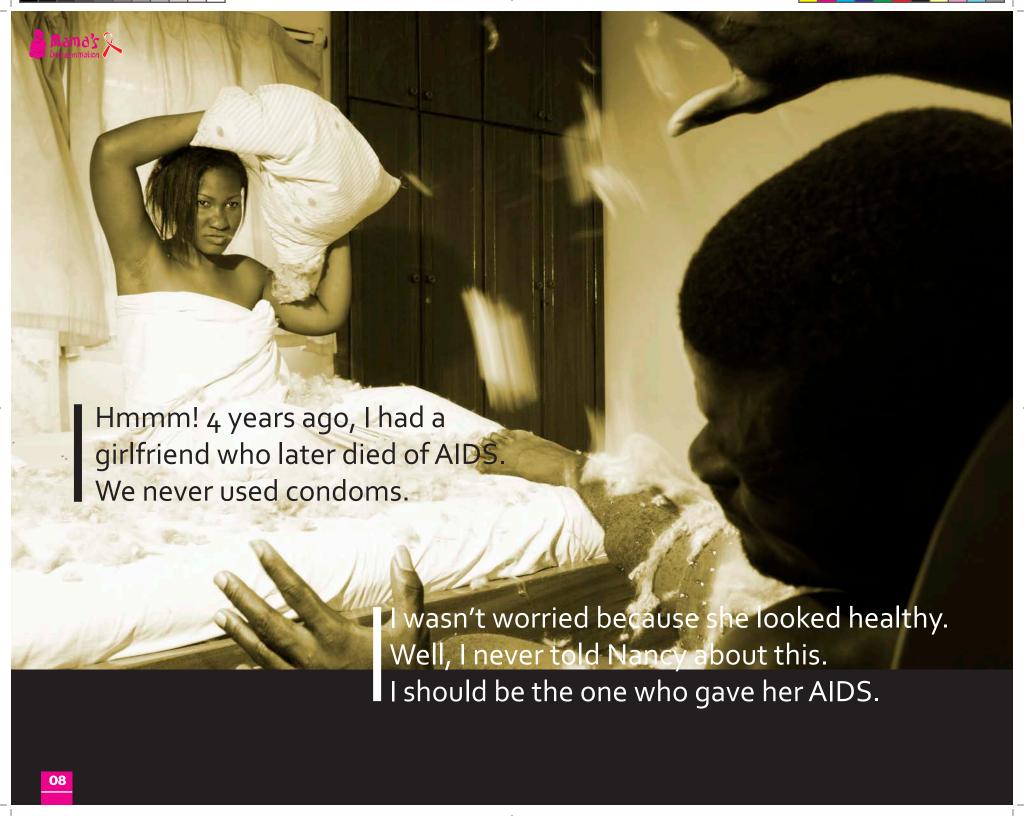


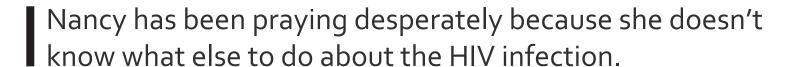
I went to the clinic for Ante-Natal Care today.
The doctor said I have HIV so I have to tell George.

A-I-D-S!! Where did it come from?

Ei! How did I get it?











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Nancy is now taking drugs like the doctor said during her counselling so she will live long and healthy.







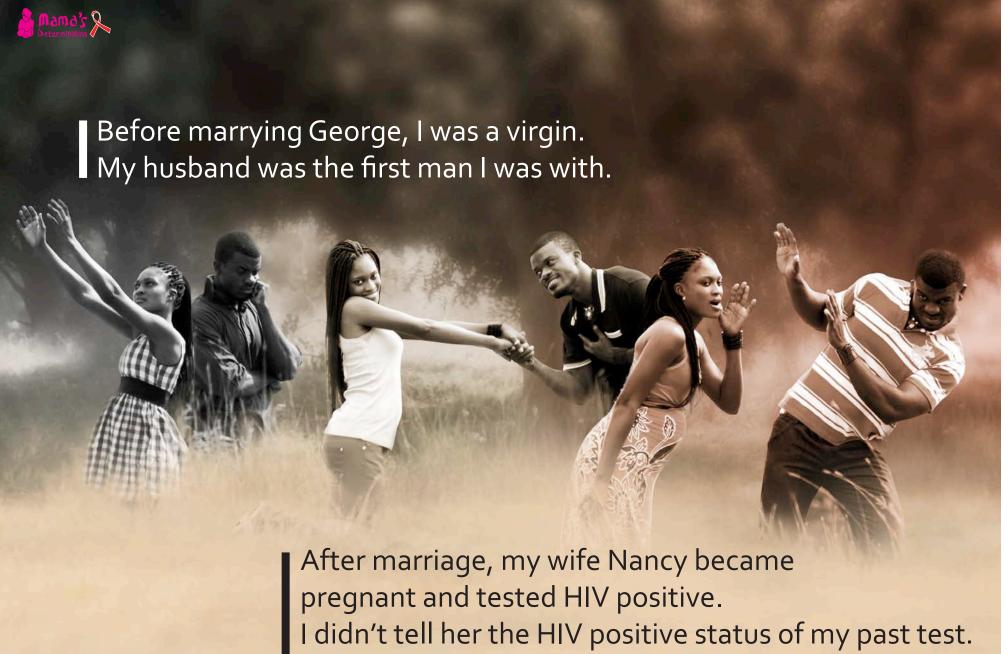


Ah! Ahhh! Ah! I'm making many mistakes in my drumming. I can't concentrate. I'm disturbed too much by my secret from Nancy about me having AIDS.









I never started treatment.

But Nancy started treatment immediately.











Today is the final HIV testing of our baby. All the clinic staffs are friendly. But today I'm nervous.













Wowww! Our baby is HIV negative because I took my drugs!



My bandmaster said he was also HIV positive. He told me to go to the clinic for they would take good care of me, so I can live long.









He also encouraged me to apologise to Nancy for the secret.













While we are enjoying our date on my day off, I have been trying to confess my HIV status to Nancy. I'm nervous! But Nancy is rather laughing at me.

My bandmaster's van suddenly stops in front of us. He is inviting us to join them to drop off somewhere.

Oh today I'm having a lot of fun with my loved ones.



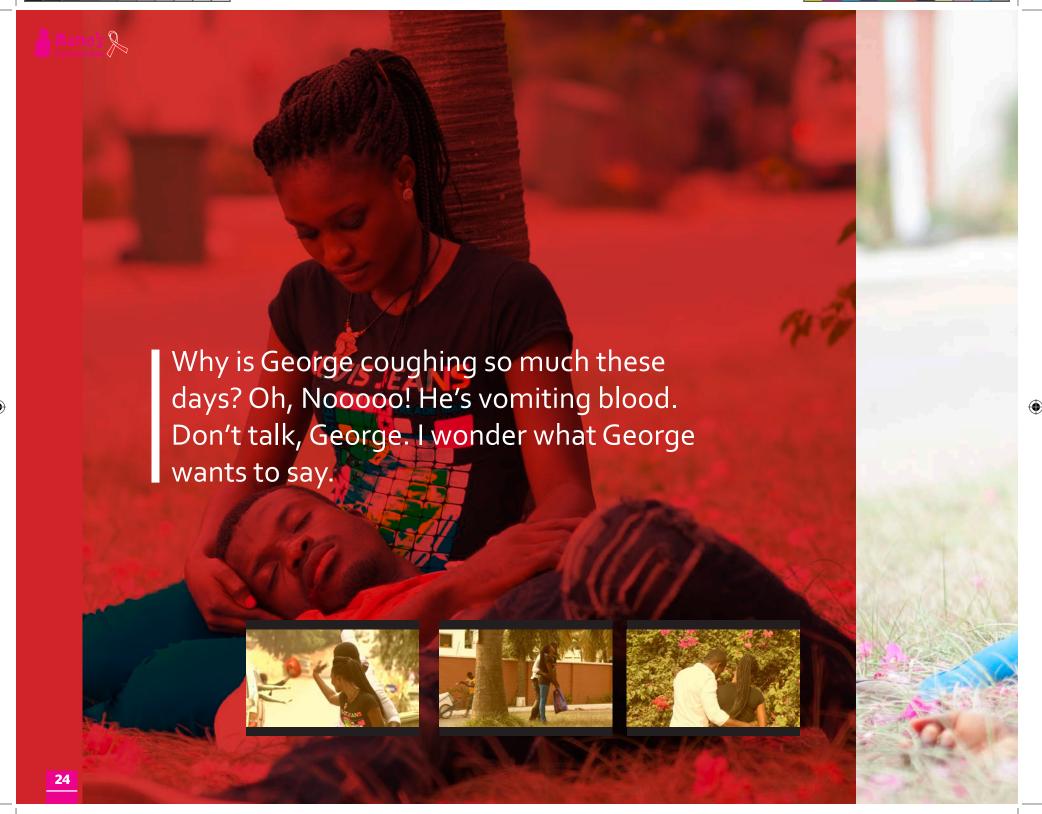




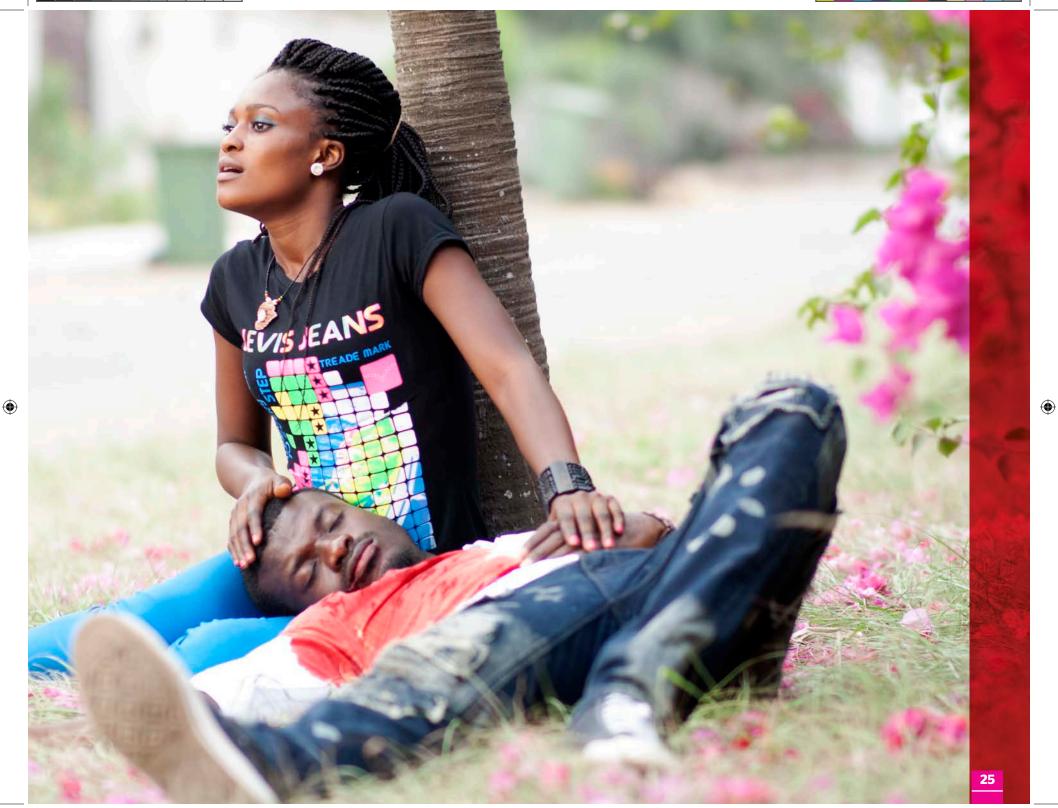








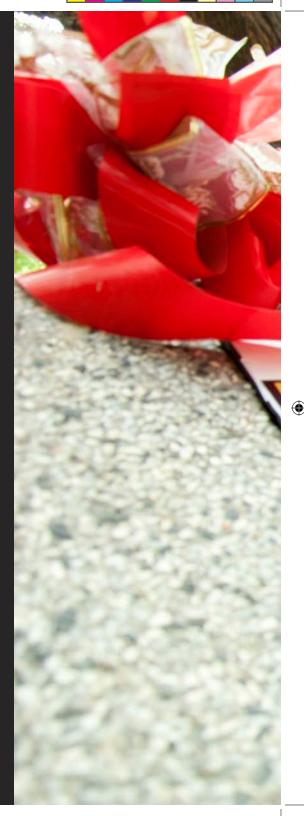






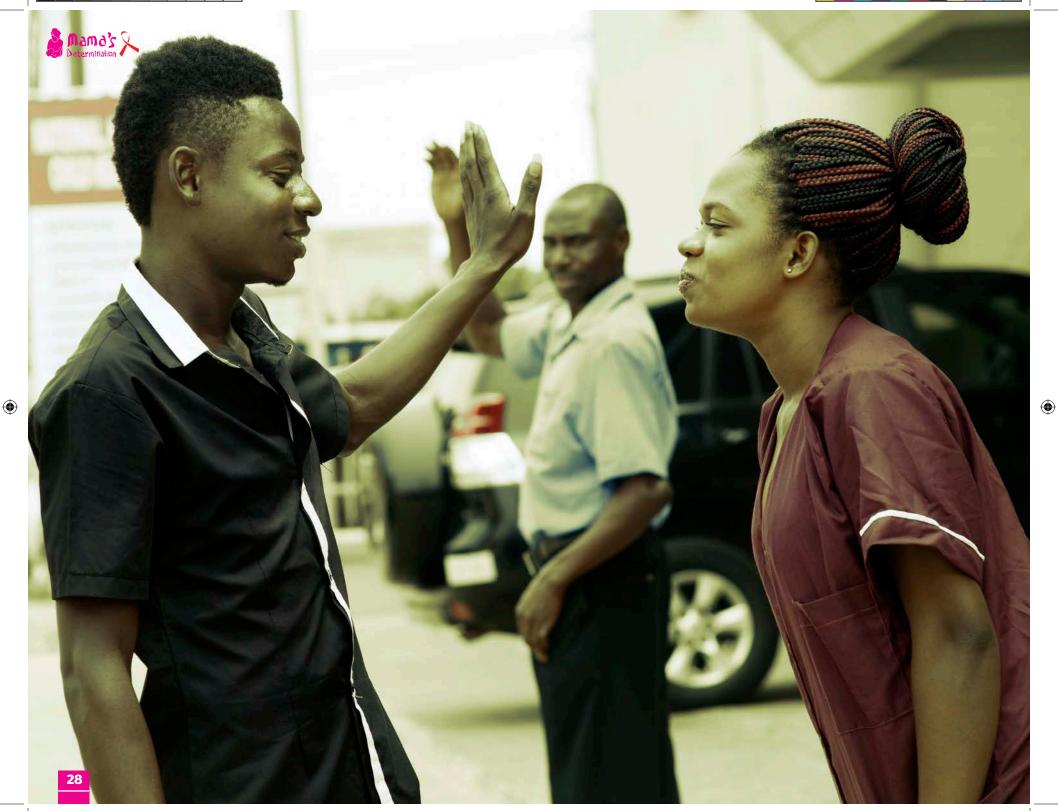


Hello George, it's me, Nancy. It has been 6 months. Our daughter and I are fine. I'm pregnant with our second child. Because of the drugs I'm taking, I will live as long as I can to hug our children for you, George.





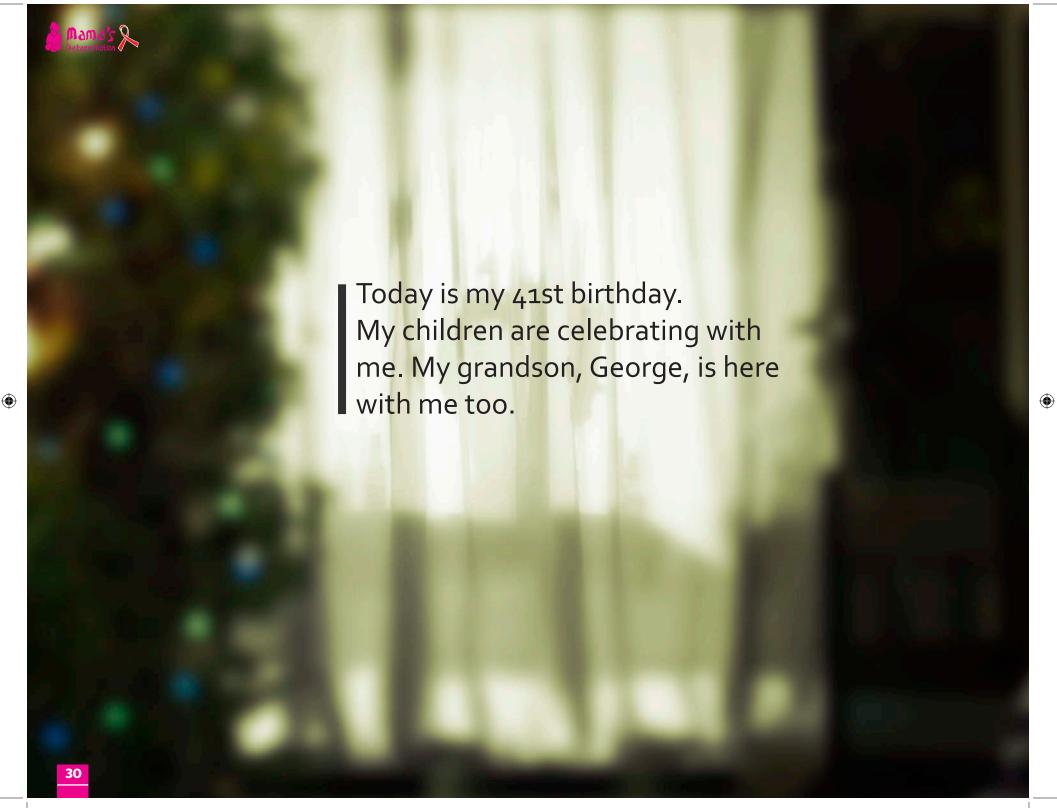




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I'm a Health Volunteer.
I encourage people to go for the HIV test.
This is my sister, a nurse. She reminded me of our Mom, Nancy's birthday today.









Oh G-e-o-r-g-e, you are the man among men.
We all miss you.
I will live long to hug our children and grandchildren for you and me.





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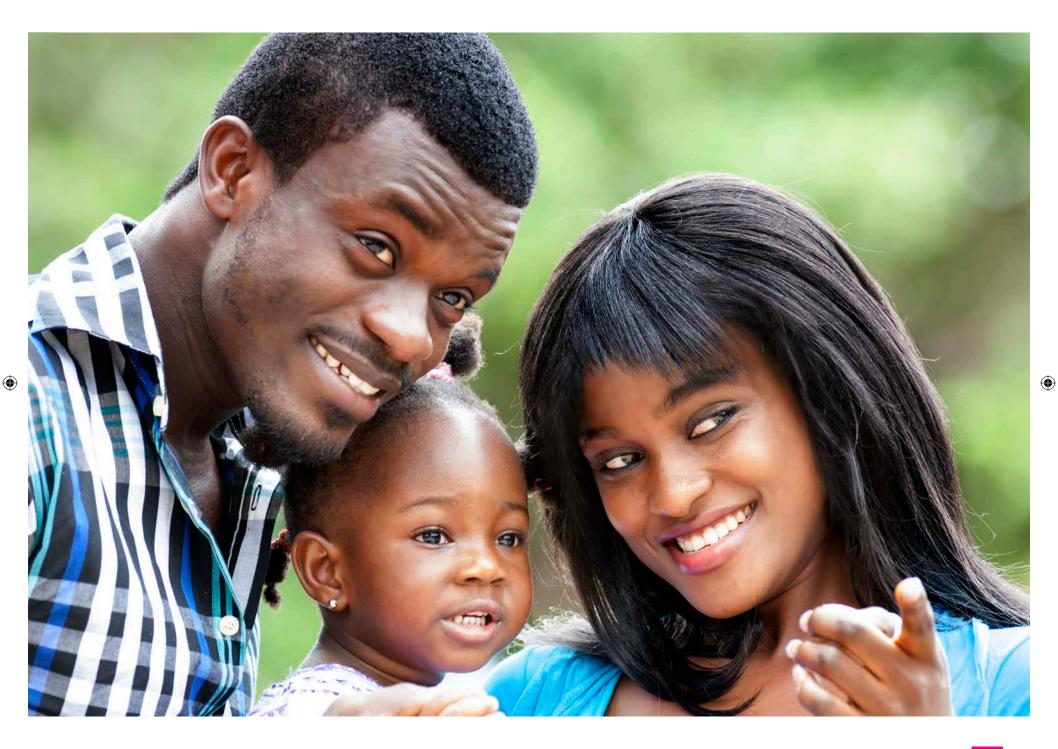
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