One weekend, Teuraki and his friendship group decide to meet up with their partners. They want to get condoms. The group of friends all play rock, paper, scissors, and the winner must sneak into the health centre and grab a bunch of condoms.

This is a story about contraception amongst teenagers in Kiribati. The story is made up, however, it is based on real life experiences that happen in Kiribati amongst our youth.

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Rock!, paper!, scissors! I can’t get too many, people will see me.

Condoms

- Protect against STIs
- Help avoid pregnancy

So that we can achieve our goals without worrying about becoming parents at a young age.

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...and many other places that we can not be seen taking it. What do you think if I go and get them?

For instance, a place for collecting fares at Betio (Nippon Causeway).

Party areas (social night)

That will take too long. Catch a bus to get it because I can't wait.

Niko doesn't need them haha!

Don't talk to me like that! I'm more popular than you!

Take this bag so you can get enough for everyone.
Ummm... Ahhh... nothing?! She said you were looking at the condoms! You are too young to be thinking about such things! You have embarrassed the whole family! You are never to do anything like that again!

As Teuraki leaves the health centre his aunty sees him putting the condoms in his bag. He panics when his aunty sees him and quickly runs out to his friends.

That night, Teuraki and Niko are in their bedroom when their father enters.

Your aunty saw you at the health clinic. What were you doing there?!

Ummm... Ahhh... nothing?!

She said you were looking at the condoms! You are too young to be thinking about such things! You have embarrassed the whole family! You are never to do anything like that again!
I don't have condoms and can't get them; people will see me!

Teuraki, I'm scared. What if I become pregnant? I'm not ready to be a mother and I want to finish my education.

Waiting to have sex and using a condom will allow you and your partner to stay healthy and not have a child before you're ready so you can achieve your goals, like finishing school.

Make sure to use a condom during sex to avoid unwanted pregnancy and STIs. Don't pressure your partner to engage in sex, especially without condoms.

There are many places you can get condoms. If you're worried about getting them from one place, try somewhere else:

- Health centres
- Public toilets between Nanikaai and Teaoaereke
- Party areas and social nights
- The place for collecting fares at Betio (Nippon Causeway)

Maybe we should wait?

Yes, that's a good idea. Maybe when we can get a condom, we will try again, okay?

The end?