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Chapter 1: The Diagnosis

Learning I have AIDS

I was diagnosed with AIDS in 1991. It was a time of great fear and uncertainty. There was no cure for AIDS, and the treatments were harsh and often ineffective. I was given a death sentence, and I didn't know how long I had to live.

I was in my early 20s when I was diagnosed. I had just graduated from college and started my first job. I was full of hope and ambition. But when I found out I had AIDS, my whole world came crashing down.

I was afraid to tell my family and friends. I didn't want them to see me as a sick person. I didn't want them to pity me. So I kept my diagnosis a secret.

I tried to continue living my life as if nothing had changed. I went to work, I went out with friends, and I pretended that I was healthy. But it was hard. I was

always tired and sick. I had to take a lot of medication, and I had to go to the doctor for checkups all the time.

Eventually, I couldn't keep my secret any longer. I told my family and friends that I had AIDS. They were shocked and scared, but they were also supportive. They helped me to get the treatment I needed, and they helped me to cope with my diagnosis.

I'm grateful for the support of my family and friends. I know that I wouldn't be here today without them. They have helped me to live a full and happy life, despite my diagnosis.

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Telling my family and friends

Telling my family and friends that I had AIDS was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I was scared of how they would react, and I didn't want to burden them with my problems.

I decided to tell my parents first. I called them on the phone and told them that I needed to talk to them about something important. They were worried when they heard my voice, and they could tell that something was wrong.

I took a deep breath and told them that I had AIDS. There was a long silence on the other end of the phone. Finally, my mother said, "Oh, Pasquale De Marco. I'm so sorry."

My father didn't say anything. He just started to cry.

I told my parents that I was going to be OK, and that I had a good support system. They said that they would always be there for me, no matter what.

After I told my parents, I told my close friends. I was surprised by how supportive they were. They told me that they loved me, and that they would do anything to help me.

Telling my family and friends that I had AIDS was a difficult experience, but it was also a liberating one. I no longer had to keep my secret, and I could finally be myself around the people I loved.

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Dealing with the stigma

Being diagnosed with AIDS in 1991 was a life-changing event. Not only did it mean that I had a deadly disease, but it also meant that I was facing a great deal of stigma and discrimination.

At the time, AIDS was still a relatively new disease, and there was a lot of fear and misunderstanding surrounding it. Many people believed that AIDS was a punishment for being gay or promiscuous, and they were afraid of catching it from people who had the disease.

As a result, people with AIDS were often ostracized and discriminated against. They were fired from their jobs, evicted from their homes, and even denied medical care. Some people were even afraid to touch people with AIDS, for fear of contracting the disease.

The stigma surrounding AIDS made it very difficult for people with the disease to live their lives. They were often isolated and lonely, and they had to deal with the constant fear of being rejected or discriminated against.

I remember one time when I was walking down the street and a group of people started yelling at me. They called me names and told me to go home and die. I was so scared that I ran away, and I didn't stop running until I was safe in my apartment.

The stigma surrounding AIDS is still a problem today, but it is not as bad as it was in the early days of the epidemic. There is now more awareness and understanding of the disease, and people with AIDS are no longer as likely to be discriminated against.

However, the stigma surrounding AIDS still exists, and it can still have a negative impact on the lives of people with the disease. It is important to remember that

people with AIDS are just like everyone else. They deserve to be treated with respect and compassion.

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