

Sawbones Episode 44: Warts

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[theme song Medicines by The Taxpayers plays]

Justin:

You did- you didn't glad hand at all.

Sydnee:

I know.

Justin:

I was like, huh.

Sydnee:

Are you done now? [laughs]

Justin:

Wow, okay. [inaudible 00:01:07] [laughs] Hey everybody, I'm Justin McElroy.

Sydnee:

I'm Sydnee McElroy.

Justin:

This is *Sawbones*, a marital tour of misguided medicine. Phew, that was, I'm winded, Syd. Wha- it, it's exciting! Hello everybody, how's everybody doing? Let me hear, how many people we got in the audience from New York tonight?

How many fellas I got in the house? How many ladies I got in the house? How many people have been struggling with warts for most of their adult lives? Yes.

Sydnee:

It's okay, it's a safe space. You can be-

Justin:

Safe space, you can tell me.

Sydnee:

You can tell us.

Justin:

Who here has had warts? Okay, some honest people. It's not, it's not like there's not a lot of people with warts.

Sydnee:

That was kind of a weird icebreaker.

Justin:

It was a little bit weird. [inaudible 00:01:59] wanted to figure out a way to talk about warts, and that was the best I could come up with.

Sydnee:

That was good. That- and, and I mean, of course, we encourage you, if you want to share your personal wart struggles with us.

Justin:

Not with us.

Sydnee:

Don't do that. [laughs]

Justin:

Maybe in an e-mail, with an easily ignorable subject line.

Sydnee:

[laughs]

Justin:

Something about mortgage rates, perhaps.

Sydnee:

Or like eight forwards in front of it.

Justin:

Yeah, right. It's gotta look, make it look like my Nonnee would send me.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Justin:

Syd, tell me-

Sydnee:

Otherwise, I'll feel pressured to help you and-

Justin:

Yeah, it's, we, it gets legally dicey.

Sydnee:

-It's, it's, I can't handle that right now.

Justin:

Tell me about warts, Sydnee.

Sydnee:

All right, well we're going to talk about warts. Um, two people wanted us to talk about warts.

Justin:

Like, in... On earth?

Sydnee:

Uh, that's, that I know of.

Justin:

Okay, so who wanted us to talk about warts?

Sydnee:

Uh, Sullivan and Brandy L.

Justin:

Thanks, you, Sullivan and Brandy L. Uh-

Sydnee:

Yes.

Justin:

-so, Syd, what's, what's a wart?

Sydnee:

What's a wart? [laughs]

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Well, I mean, let's start with the fact that warts have been around for a really long time.

Justin:

I would assume so. Nobody knows where they came from, we didn't discover them.

Sydnee:

Well n- well, I mean, we dis- like, we discovered them on us.

Justin:

Well, somebody at some... okay, all right, granted. At some, at some point someone was the guy to say "hmm, huh, I'll be damned. So, that's weird."

Sydnee:

And we've found them on mummies, so they've been around that long.

Justin:

Ew.

Sydnee:

I don't know how they found warts on mummies.

Justin:

What? How could you tell?

Sydnee:

I don't know.

Justin:

[crosstalk 00:03:26]

Sydnee:

Everything's kind of gushy and-

Justin:

Mummy, and, uh, delicious looking.

Sydnee:

And then dry. [laughs] Throwback. Uh-

Justin:

That's, that's right, yeah. Totally.

Sydnee:

Good job.

Justin:

That's good. Yikes. Keep the feedback coming, I really... it's, it's like subtitles for people who never listened to the show, it's great.

Sydnee:

[laughs] Why are they here?

Justin:

I don't know. Uh, Syd, warts.

Sydnee:

So it, it's-

Justin:

I need information. Feed me.

Sydnee:

-from, okay, so, the scientific term condyloma is from the Greek word for knob or knuckle, 'cause they kinda look that way. And there're a whole bunch of different terms for them through history. They used to call them, like, ficus, cause they thought they looked like a ficus.

Justin:

Ugh. Warts must've been way more heinous back then. "Looks like a tree."

Sydnee:

They called them-

Justin:

"It's disgusting."

Sydnee:

-they called them, like, thymus, cause they thought it looked like thyme, like, the herb. I don't, again, I don't think that's what I'd call a thymus.

Justin:

They just looks a bump. I mean, or, cauliflower, or something. Like a little cauliflower.

Sydnee:

Well, yeah, they kind of do look...

Justin:

Oh, well, you never seen a wart. So sorry.

Sydnee:

And the most important thing, I think, we can say about warts tonight is that they're not caused by frogs.

Justin:

Okay. Is, that's a common misconception?

Sydnee:

Yes. Yeah. Warts are not caused by holding frogs, or if they pee on you. Although I wouldn't advise having frogs pee on you anyway. Like, this is not, like, free rein, go, get frog pee. Go for it.

Justin:

Go nuts.

Sydnee:

But that's not, that's not where they come from. They come from a virus. We know that now. The human papilloma virus.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

And that's all warts. All warts, whether on your hand, or, you know...

Justin:

I don't know.

Sydnee:

The, the, the other place.

Justin:

Your belt? I don't know what you're...

Sydnee:

Down there.

Justin:

The bathing su- oh, bathing suit. Got it.

Sydnee:

Yeah, the bathing suit. And they're common, they're very common. They're completely benign, so don't worry about 'em. And most of the time they're going to go away on their own. Um, but, that has not stopped us for centuries, um, trying to find out, how can we get rid of them faster. Actually, King Henry the IIX granted legal residence to anybody who had any ideas on how to get rid of warts. [laughs]

Justin:

[laughs]

Sydnee:

Like, you, they didn't have to prove that it worked, just, like, do, do you ha- do you know? Okay.

Justin:

Yeah, give it a shot.

Sydnee:

Do you wanna, do you wanna be English?

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Come on.

Justin:

Yeah, come, welcome to the team!

Sydnee:

You can be English, come on. So, as far as, uh, so, I told you what really causes warts. But, what did they think caused warts? Do you know?

Justin:

Probably, uh, Jesus? I just mean that generally speaking, it's just like, a lot of times it seems like, Jesus was mad at you, so here's a bump on your finger. So, he's not like, super mad at you.

Sydnee:

Sort of, yeah.

Justin:

But he's like, he is mad.

Sydnee:

That's pretty close, because they thought, um, actually-

Justin:

Every time a wart disappears, Jesus forgives you for a sin. That's a cross-stitch.

Sydnee:

That's true. I learned that in Catechism. Um, actually, sort of, cause they thought it was punishment for little boys and little girls who engaged in solitary habits.

Justin:

Reading?

Sydnee:

Or ba- you know, with the bathing suit area again.

Justin:

Okay.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Justin:

All right. A lot of, all right, a lot of crossover.

Sydnee:

Yeah. There was also a theory that, uh, and I didn't know that girls did this, but that girls who had to go gather eggs, if they would insert their fingers into the hens to stimulate, like, the eggs, they'd get warts. I didn't know that they did that.

Justin:

This is, you're killing it right now.

Sydnee:

That was a thing that they did. Don't do that anyway.

Justin:

No, ew. Ugh.

Sydnee:

Also, again with eggs, if you would dip your hands into water that eggs had been boiled in, you could get warts.

Justin:

Wha...

Sydnee:

Which is different than if you dip your hands into water that potatoes have been boiled in, because then that would cure your warts.

Justin:

Okay.

Sydnee:

So-

Justin:

Now if you're making potato or egg salad, where the two are intermingled-

Sydnee:

Very.

Justin:

-your hands will fall off.

Sydnee:

Th- [laughs] Just do the eggs first.

Justin:

Okay, that perfect. Yeah.

Sydnee:

And then you do the potatoes, and you're covered.

Justin:

So I got warts for an afternoon.

Sydnee:

Um, the... [laughs]

Justin:

It's a Cary Grant movie, Warts for an Afternoon. Did you never see that? It's good. Frank Capra.

Sydnee:

Let's, let's watch that tonight, when, when we're done with all this.

Justin:

Katherine Hepburn. Nah, I think I'm doing six podcasts today. When I'm done with this, I'm going to sleep.

Sydnee:

Now, it was understood pretty early on that somehow, you could give warts to other people. Like, everybody got that idea. And so a lot of the cures, as far as how to get rid of it, that we're going to go over are based on the idea that, I have wart, I don't want it, could- maybe I can give it to you?

Justin:

Oh, so it, transference. Wart transference.

Sydnee:

Yeah, yeah. 'Cause they knew that you could give warts to other people, so they thought, well maybe that was a way to either, you know, pass warts on and then get rid of them. Whether to another person or an animal or just an object, something. So, now, before we go into, 'cause there are lots of wart remedies, and you probably have all heard some, and they're, and they're probably, I don't know, ten times as many as I'm gonna mention.

Justin:

Right.

Sydnee:

But, just so you know, we did figure out how warts are transferred, you know, by the virus. Uh, by a little bit of self-experimentation.

Justin:

Tell me.

Sydnee:

This was back in 1907. A scientist, Ciuffo, who took some material out of a wart, and then inject- he, he ran it through a filter that was so small, the only thing that could get through was a virus, and then he injected it into himself. And he got a wart.

Justin:

Okay.

Sydnee:

So, there we go, warts are a virus.

Justin:

It's kind of a weird, kind of a weird- didn't have an exit strategy, really.

Sydnee:

No.

Justin:

I mean, yes, uh, very smart. Everybody thinks you're great, you get a Nobel prize or what have you, but you also have warts.

Sydnee:

Uh, well, um, I have lots of exit strategies for you now.

Justin:

Okay, I'm ready.

Sydnee:

So let's go through some wart cures. Uh, and this goes, like I said, as long as there have been warts, people want to get rid of them. In Roman times, you could pay somebody to chew them off. Or this...

Justin:

That, I'm assuming fetish play [inaudible 00:09:38] right?

Sydnee:

You know the way those Romans were.

Justin:

We-

Sydnee:

You know there was somebody who just did it, who was just into to it-

Justin:

We don't-

Sydnee:

-and he was like, om, and just bit it right off, no problem.

Justin:

We don't curse on this show. There are things on this show that happen, that a child's head would melt. I, uh, every, we, no there's no swearing, it's great for ki- there is like, Arc of the Covenant level ideas being opened before your child's eyes, they just melt. Sorry, go ahead.

So you, so, "Daphne, I don't know how to bring this up, but I heard from a guy who heard from another guy that if I give you 5"... drachma? Little bags of salt?

Sydnee:

I don't know.

Justin:

No... [laughs] I don't know their currency.

Sydnee:

Let's go with that, let's go with bags of salt.

Justin:

Okay, we'll go bags of salt, 'cause you could use that any time. [laughs] The, "then you would chew my warts off for me."

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

Justin:

"Don't answer yet, let me tell you where they are."

Sydnee:

And, and, these, all these cures apply to all warts, I should say.

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

All warts. Wherever, wherever they may be.

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um...

Justin:

In that they all work equally well, in which case yes, I would assume so. Which is to say, not.

Sydnee:

Less [laughs] less exciting, they would also just burn them off.

Justin:

Eh.

Sydnee:

So just, take a, you know-

Justin:

Eh.

Sydnee:

-metal iron, heat it up, and burn them off. I know that's not as good.

Justin:

Does that... now let me ask you, if you burn the surface of a wart off, that isn't gonna work, is it?

Sydnee:

I mean, you could burn it off, we don't... yeah, I mean, you could cauterize it off, yeah.

Justin:

Won't it just grow back from below the skin again?

Sydnee:

Yeah, if you burn deep enough, no.

Justin:

Okay. Well that's good to know.

Sydnee:

Yeah. I mean we freeze them off, so you can burn them off.

Justin:

Oh, okay.

Sydnee:

I... don't do this. Don't.

Justin:

But it would work!

Sydnee:

No, there are much less painful ways to get rid of your warts.

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, you know, Mark Twain was really into wart cures.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

Sydnee:

Did you know that?

Justin:

I, I find that much more upsetting than I would have three minutes ago.

Sydnee:

It, it's about to get worse. Tom [laughs] Tom Sawyer-

Justin:

That should be the subtitle of our show.

Sydnee:

That's fair. Uh, Tom Sawyer had a wart cure. He said just put your hands in spunk water.

Justin:

Now hold up.

Sydnee:

It's not a-

Justin:

I think we've run into a linguistic barrier.

Sydnee:

[laughs]

Justin:

Let's just skip over it, there's no way we can make that.

Sydnee:

No, it's-

Justin:

I'll never get that clean tag on iTunes if I go any deeper down this, this, this-

Sydnee:

It's not what you-

Justin:

...spunk water well.

Sydnee:

-think it is.

Justin:

Uh, what's, what, what else?

Sydnee:

No, it's water that collects in the hollow of a tree stump.

Justin:

Ooookay, got it.

Sydnee:

I know, not nearly as exciting as you thought it was gonna be. Um [laughs] so you, but you have to do it at midnight.

Justin:

Ah, of course.

Sydnee:

And then there's a chant that you say.

Justin:

Sure.

Sydnee:

And then, after you're done with that-

Justin:

Meka leka hi meka hiney ho.

Sydnee:

No, I've got it.

Justin:

Meka leka hi meka warts gotta go.

Sydnee:

That was good.

Justin:

Thank you.

Sydnee:

We'll go with that, that one's better than the first one. That's better.

Justin:

Yeah, I like that in the woods better.

Sydnee:

So then after you say your chant, you walk away for 11 steps, and then you turn around three times, and then you walk home, completely silent. You can't say a word. And then when you get home, your warts are gone.

Justin:

H- How do they beta test this? How did they try that and they're like-

Sydnee:

It's Mark Twain.

Justin:

-you know what, I feel like, I feel like I'm close to something, but I did talk to someone on the way home. Maybe that's the X factor that's ruining my samples.

Sydnee:

I'll go try that again. Let me do that tomorrow at midnight.

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Huck Finn had a different idea though.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

Sydnee:

Uh, it was much simpler. Um, I don't know if it was lovelier. But you just take a dead cat and throw it in a graveyard.

But it's already dead. Like, don't kill the cat. That- he wasn't advocating murder or anything.

Justin:

That's just, like, clean up. That's, like, municipal services.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Justin:

Then it, he should've, they should extend that. Like on a beach, see some trash lying around, you throw it in a garbage can, your warts will disappear. No way you're getting your bump bigger.

Sydnee:

[laughs]

Justin:

That's my Mark Twain impression.

Sydnee:

That's a great new campaign-

Justin:

Mark Twain as Hal Holbrook. Stick around for my one man show, Twain: A Life Well Lived, starring Justin McElroy as Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain.

Sydnee:

I can just stop this and you can finish that up when you're done.

Justin:

No, no, go ahead. No.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Justin:

I want to hear more about warts.

Sydnee:

So, there was a lot of stuff about crossroads. Um, this plays into a lot of the wart, wart mythology, I guess. Wart mythology. Um, so one thing you could do is take dust from crossroads and just rub it on your warts, and that would make it go away.

Um, or you could rub a cinder on your wart, and then put it in a little, like, package and tie it up and go bury it in a crossroads and wait for somebody to walk through the crossroads, and then they get the wart from you. I don't know.

Or you could cut a bean in half, and then you could take some blood from your wart, so you gotta, like, cut it and get some blood out of it. And put it on half the bean and go bury that in the crossroads. Again, you have to do that one at midnight.

Justin:

Sure.

Sydnee:

And then, and then-

Justin:

Well, obviously.

Sydnee:

But this is, like I said, a lot of this was the idea that I- we know that sometimes we pass warts on to other people so maybe we can do it through, like, kinda like voodoo. So, um, you could also buy and sell warts this way.

Justin:

Like on the stock exchange.

Sydnee:

Like [laughs] are, are warts trading well?

Justin:

Yeah, all right. Like Pokemon cards. Gotta catch 'em all.

Sydnee:

What?

Justin:

The warts.

Sydnee:

No, I think it was more like, as a service, like, you could say, like, "Hey"-

Justin:

I will take that burden for you, sir. Beget me your warts. Let me- I'll carry that.

Sydnee:

That's a, that's a weird thing, 'cause you're kinda like, I'm assuming if you're the one without the wart, you're not gonna pay for the wart.

Justin:

No, you're saying, if you carry this wart for me... It's like a surrogate, baby wart. You carry this wart for me, and I'll give you 30 dollars, or drop more packets of salt, whatever-

Sydnee:

Okay.

Justin:

Whatever time period we're talking about.

Sydnee:

Let's just continue to deal in salt.

Justin:

Yeah, that's an easier conversion rate anyway.

Sydnee:

You could also, if you want to just stay away from the whole crossroads nonsense and all that, you could rub your hand against the father of an illegitimate child. [laughs]

Justin:

I'm weighing having warts versus having that conversation. "So were you two... when he was... Are you..."

Sydnee:

Or you just go up to a guy and say, "Hey, do you think you have any kids that you don't know about? Can I"-

Justin:

"Can I- do you mind if I just..."

Sydnee:

"Do you mind if I..."

You know, that's almost worth playing the odds. Just start rubbing your fingers on guys. Just different guys.

Justin:

Finger on, on dads. Just like, guys. Guys that have that look, you know that look. You know that illegitimate dad look?

Sydnee:

There's also this terrible one where you can, for nine nights, you go out and you find a slug, and you rub the slug on it. And then you hang the slug on a thorn.

Justin:

How-

Sydnee:

So you have to murder the slug afterwards.

Justin:

How big of an inconvenience in these people's lives are their warts? Like, seriously, how much of an issue is this for them? Is it a hobby at this point?

Sydnee:

Oh, yeah.

Justin:

It's like, well, we don't have TV yet. Um...

Sydnee:

Well, everybody was trying to get into England, I guess.

Justin:

Yeah, right.

Sydnee:

Like, hey.

Justin:

I got one.

Sydnee:

I got one. I got one.

It was also a source of employment, if you were a vagrant in a town, and everybody probably wanted to get rid of you anyway, I guess, if you're a vagrant.

Justin:

Right.

Sydnee:

Like, we don't want you here. One service you provide is, "Hey, okay, I'll leave, and if you'll pay me, I will count all the warts in town." [laughs]

Justin:

Like a census. Wart census.

Sydnee:

Not people with warts, all the warts, and then I will write the number inside my hat and then wear it out of town and take all the warts with me.

Justin:

That, that is actually how FUBU got it's start. Now you know.

Sydnee:

There you go.

Justin:

That is how, that was the first FUBU hat. Uh, and after that... It's true! The first hat made by FUBU had the number of warts in a town written on it, the brand started in the 1700s and it's been flourishing ever since.

Sydnee:

And then-

Justin:

Read a book! Yikes!

Sydnee:

Where does Daymond John come into that?

Justin:

What? He, he discovered it later. FUBU went dormant for a few hundred years. He discovered it later.

Sydnee:

Oh.

Justin:

He didn't understand the dark power. The lower half of the man's body is covered in warts.

Sydnee:

So you're proposing wearing FUBU clothing as a treatment for warts?

Justin:

What I'm saying to you, your highness, [laughs] is... so may I go in my [inaudible 00:18:38]

Sydnee:

So, there's a lot of gross stuff people tried to rub on warts.

Justin:

No!

Sydnee:

'Cause, why not? Why not? Um, dove poop was pop- was popular-

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

Sydnee:

-you gotta get that. Tobacco spit, um, any, any dead mouse part will do.

Justin:

Oh, yeah.

Sydnee:

It doesn't have to be, you know. Any you're saving.

Justin:

Not picky.

Sydnee:

Spider webs, that's not as gross. That was in, that was one of the middle ages cures. Which isn't gross enough, I think, for them.

Justin:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

They usually like, like, pig's blood, or menstrual blood, if you're out of pigs blood. No, no.

Justin:

Rather not.

Sydnee:

Or there was a specific grasshopper that actually, the German name for the grasshopper means wart fighter, because you could catch this grasshopper, it's a long horn grasshopper, and try and get that to bite it off.

Justin:

Perfect.

Sydnee:

So, I don't know if that works.

Justin:

It's great. This is a great day so far.

Sydnee:

But I've got stuff to add. Um, there were a lot of, like I said a lot of this was tied to voodoo and witchcraft, so there were a lot of um, I don't, they said they were witches. You could go and pay them and they'd give you stones that they'd put charms on, and they'd be like "Just rub this stone and your warts go away."

Justin:

Okay.

Sydnee:

So that was a very popular business. See, there was a lot of, it was a great boost to the economy.

Justin:

Warts were a big industry. Yeah, right.

Sydnee:

Maybe we need to do that now.

Justin:

How 'bout it, Oklahoma?

Sydnee:

There were [laughs] there were also a lot of ways to give them to corpses.

Justin:

Oh, perfect.

Sydnee:

So if you're gonna give warts to somebody, it may as well be somebody who's dead.

Justin:

'Cause I really hate my warts, let me get down with a corpse real quick.

Sydnee:

You could, like, as you saw funeral processions pass by, you could, like, rub things on your wart and throw 'em in their path. "Take this wart with you, to the afterlife!"

Justin:

"Nathaniel, I saw that! You get back in the house this second young man! I saw you scrape your wart fragments off in front of that casket."

Sydnee:

You could, you could, I like this one. You could take a tick off a dog and put it on a wart, and leave it there for a couple days. And then-

Justin:

It'll drink the wart juice.

Sydnee:

And he does. He drinks the wart juice. And then you take it off, but you gotta put it back on the dog. It's essential. [laughs] Screw you dog.

Justin:

I love the idea that you're gonna make... how, how well trained are these, uh, ticks? "No, no, no, right here. Perfect. Go nuts." Yeah, put a little peanut butter on there.

Sydnee:

I think, I think the most romantic was to wash your hands in moonbeams. Yeah. Which, I was, I don't, wash your hand in moonbeams? So what they meant is you get a really well polished sink, and then an open window, and the light of the moon, and just, I don't know.

Justin:

You know that may not fix warts, but that ones good for the spirit.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

It's very poetic.

Justin:

That's nice. What do we do, what about now, Syd?

Sydnee:

Well, just as a note, in reality, I- I wouldn't do any of these things. But they probably all worked.

Justin:

Huh. What?

Sydnee:

In the sense that... In the sense that warts usually just go away. So if you do, if you wait long enough, and you're doing any weird thing to a wart, it will probably go away after a while.

Justin:

Eventually, right.

Sydnee:

So, you don't have to, you know, put menstrual blood on it, or try to give them to dead people, or anything.

Justin:

Heck, don't!

Sydnee:

No. Um, and, uh, and one little note; warts and seeds. This is something a lot of people think that warts, have you heard this? Warts have seeds?

Justin:

No.

Sydnee:

Has anybody ever heard that? Did your, did your mom ever tell you, you gotta get the seed out of the wart before it will go away? Especially... they were roots? [laughs] Yeah, well, same kind of thing, in like, in like a plantars wart, on your foot, if you've ever seen those flat warts, they'll say the little black things, like, "Oh, you gotta get that outta there, they're roots or seeds or something."

They're not. They're just clotted off blood vessels. It will not help you to pick them out, so don't do that.

Justin:

You hear that, you chuckleheads?

Sydnee:

That was something, my mom told me that.

Justin:

Yeah, she showed you. You just got big timed by a physician.

Sydnee:

I thought it was [crosstalk 00:22:43]

No, I'm just trying to be helpful!

Justin:

Come on, we got, we got two minutes left.

Sydnee:

Okay. So-

Justin:

Tell me what else we do now?

Sydnee:

What do you do for warts now?

Justin:

Tell me, please, cover it.

Sydnee:

One, you can just leave them alone. Live with them.

Justin:

All right.

Sydnee:

They're, they'll go away, probably.

Justin:

You win.

Sydnee:

Most of them go away. Um, two, you could put duct tape on 'em, that actually does work. You put duct take over it for, like, a week, and then you take it off. Rub it with a, like, a stone, like a pumice stone or something. Leave it off for twelve hours, put the duct tape back on, it'll probably go away in a couple weeks. Easy. No, seriously!

Justin:

That sounds... You are, you are the last vestige of crazy wart cures.

Sydnee:

I'm super serious [laughs] I'm serious, that works!

Justin:

This is the latest one you guys cooked up. Like, "No, I think this one's legit. No, it's perfect. No one checks for weeks. Seems legit."

Sydnee:

That is fair, they'll probably go away anyway. If- if you don't like that, you know, they can be frozen off. There's stuff over the counter, and then your doctor can freeze them off with liquid nitrogen. I do that sometimes. And then there's salicylic acid, it's in a lot of the over the counter products, so, there's a lot of the, a lot of stuff you can buy now.

Um, and then we can get rid of them with a, it's kind of like vinegar, so if you read online that you can cure warts with vinegar, this is where it's coming from. There's a kind of acid called TCA that's related to vinegar, which we do use in the doctor's office, and will get rid of um, usually used along, you know, the bathing suit warts.

Justin:

Perfect.

Sydnee:

Those ones.

Justin:

So who's gonna go fix-

Sydnee:

But the vinegar probably won't do much.

Justin:

Who's gonna go fix their warts tonight? It's Saturday, and I'm depressed.
Okay.

Sydnee:

Leave 'em alone.

Justin:

Just leave 'em alone, let 'em be.

Sydnee:

Don't worry about it.

Justin:

Thank you all so much, uh, for coming to our show. We, uh, this is our first live, um, *Sawbones* that we've ever done. You all made it, you all made it super easy, and super fun. Uh, if you, if this is your first time listening to our show, we put up a new one every Tuesday. Um, and, uh, that's gonna do it for us. Thank you to, for having us here.

Sydnee:

Yeah. Thank you guys for coming.

Justin:

Thank you to the People's Improv Theater for having us. Thank you, you all, for coming. My name is Justin McElroy.

Sydnee:

I'm Sydnee McElroy.

Justin:

As always, don't drill a hole in your head.

[theme music plays out]