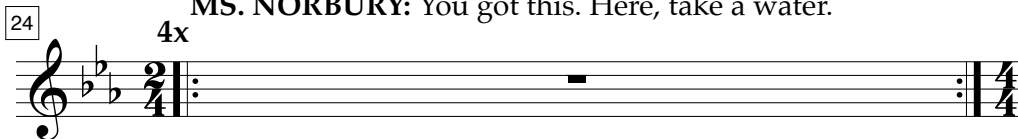


(A water break. MS. NORBURY checks in like a Corner Man.)

MS. NORBURY: How you feeling?

CADY: Amazing.

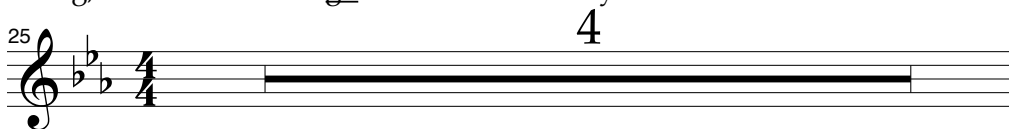
MS. NORBURY: You got this. Here, take a water.



(AARON is there handing out waters.)

CADY: Thank you— (screams) —Aaron! Why?

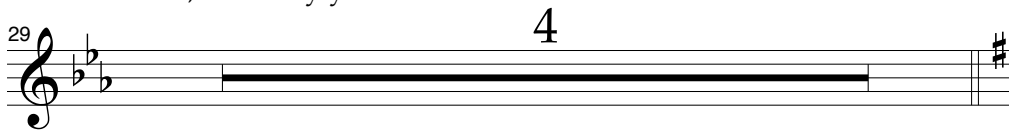
AARON: Ms. Norbury asked me to help 'cause everyone else is at Spring Fling, and since I don't go to North Shore anymore—



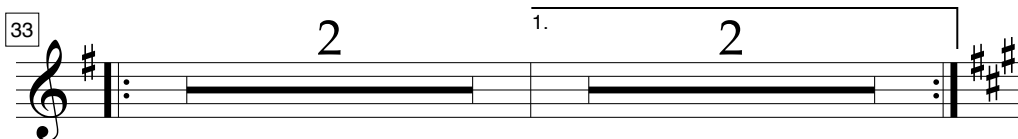
CADY: Aaron, I didn't write that stuff.

AARON: —I know. That was Regina. I forgot who I was dealing with.

CADY: Well, I'm sorry you have to be homeschooled.

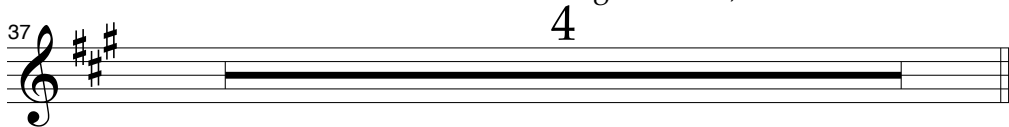


AARON: Yeah, so's my mom. (She laughs. A buzzer signals the end of the break.) Go get 'em. I like seeing you be awesome. I haven't seen it in a long time.



(AARON takes everyone's water bottles and rushes "offstage." The other MATHLETES start to take their places.)

MATHLETES MODERATOR: Ladies and gentlemen, we have a tie.



START

(MATHLETES MODERATOR)

In the event of a tie, we move into a one-on-one sudden death round in which each team may choose their opponent. Marymount, who do you select?

MARYMOUNT CAPTAIN

We pick the girl.

KEVIN G

(pointing to CAROLINE KRAFFT)
We pick her!

MATHLETES MODERATOR

Ms. Krafft and Ms. Heron, please step forward.
(CAROLINE and CADY move center.)

Contestants, find the limit of this equation.

(An equation appears on the screen. CAROLINE works it out on paper. CADY babbles nervously to herself.)

CADY

Why can't I remember anything about limits? All I can think about is the fact that Aaron's here and I'm worried you might be cuter than me, because you have a really nice nose. Even though I think my eyes are better, your earrings look more expensive—Why am I even thinking about that?! This is not a competition.

KEVIN G

It kind of is, though.

CADY

Right, a math one.

(CAROLINE KRAFFT rings in.)

CAROLINE KRAFFT

The limit is negative one!

(CADY deflates for a second then...)

MATHLETES MODERATOR

That answer is incorrect. If Ms. Heron can answer correctly, we have a winner.

CADY

(out loud to herself)

Okay. Ms. Norbury is right. Calling someone ugly won't make me any prettier. Calling someone dumb won't make me any smarter.

CAROLINE KRAFFT

(offended)

Are you talking about me?

CADY

No! Sorry. I'm just... learning a lesson out loud. If I can just focus on the absolute value of x divided by x —

(CADY answers the question.)

The limit does not exist!

END

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