

## **GOING TO THE NEXT ROUND**

3 ACTOR SCENE FOR FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

RUNTIME: 4:30

from

***NERVOUS The Musical***

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THEME

**FACING FEARS**

**"Do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Becky has progressed to Round 3 of "America's Next Top Superstar Student." YES! Wait - NO! Round 3 requires a mandatory interview. Becky explains to her close friends why this is something she absolutely cannot do. Do Jamey and Pinky give her a pass?

### **CAST**

**BECKY**(F) Responsible, thoughtful, leadership qualities.

**JAMEY**(M/F) Mature, loyal, keeps Pinky in line.

**PINKY**(F) Fun loving, spirited, keeps it light, stays on the surface.

*Becky, Jamey and Pinky in school hallway before or between classes.*

*Becky scrolling phone.*

**PINKY**

(to Becky)

Hey! You're scrolling more than me today. Expecting to hear from Zac Efron?

*Change star name to keep relevant with your community.*

**BECKY**

I keep hoping I'll hear from **America's Next Top Superstar Student**. I applied to be on their show and if I get it, it means an all expense paid trip to Los Angeles next summer.

**PINKY**

Los Angeles! Wow! Maybe you **will** hear from Zac Efron.

**JAMEY**

Hope you get it, Becky!

**BECKY**

Me too, cause if I don't, I'll have to watch my little brothers all summer.

**ALL**

UGGGHHH!

**JAMEY**

I remember when you applied before. Didn't you make it through 3 rounds last year?

**BECKY**

Yeah, I did, actually.

**PINKY**

Ohh! So exciting!

**BECKY**

Don't get too excited. I got this far last year, and the year before. Then everything fell apart like it always does - on the terrifying **Interview** portion.

*PINKY does drama sound.*

**JAMEY**

Pinky!

*Becky sees screen notification, stops scrolling.*

**BECKY**

Here it is! Here it is!

*Becky reads.*

"An Official Notification from **America's Next Top Superstar Student.**"

**PINKY**

Open it!! I'll help you fix your face if you cry.

*BECKY reads phone. Looks up with joy!*

**BECKY**

I'm going on to round 3!

**JAMEY AND PINKY**

Yeah!!!

**BECKY**

Wait! That means I'll have to get past the **interview.**

**PINKY**

Oh! **BOOO!**

**BECKY**

I'm the worst at interviews. I'll never make it through.

**JAMEY**

Why not?

*Beat as BECKY inhales, mustering courage.*

**BECKY**

It's so embarrassing.

**PINKY**

*(eager)*

What? What do you do?

**BECKY**

When I get nervous, like I definitely will be in an interview, sometimes I-

**PINKY**

-laugh at their jokes that you don't understand!

**JAMEY**

Pinky!

**BECKY**

What!?! What are you talking about?

**PINKY**

You know how people just laugh when they really aren't sure what's funny...

*JAMEY clears throat to cut PINKY off.*

**BECKY**

I don't do that, do I?

*JAMEY gives PINKY obvious "behave" look.*

**PINKY**

Uhh...no...I guess not.

**BECKY**

OK good.

**JAMEY**

Go on, Becky.

**BECKY**

When I get scared, and feel out of control, sometimes I-

**PINKY**

- run the other way? Like when you're out and you unexpectedly see someone you know? But you pretend you don't see them?

**BECKY**

No! I don't do that! Do I do that?

*PINKY looks to JAMEY who's shaking head "No."*

**PINKY**

No! Actually I've **never** seen you do that. Or anyone! No one has **ever** done that. **Ever.**

**BECKY**

OK, thank you. May I please finish?

*PINKY holds out her ears.*

**PINKY**

All ears. Put your troubles on PINKY.

**BECKY**

OK, just **listen**, Pinky. When I get nervous sometimes I can't stop-

**PINKY**

- twirling you hair? Biting your nails? Digging at the wax in your ear-

**JAMEY**

Would you stop it!!!!

**PINKY**

I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I just know the answer so bad!

**JAMEY**

Well you don't know this one 'cause you keep interrupting.

**PINKY**

That's it! You interrupt them!

**JAMEY**

No, that's YOU!

*Calming beat.*

Please tell us, Becky. We're **both** listening.

**BECKY**

Thank you, Jamey. OK, when I get nervous in a conversation, I always talk too much! It's like I can't stop talking.

**BECKY (CONT'D)**

*(accelerating pace and vocal pitch)*

I give WAY too much information! Like I talk about how before I was born, how my grandparents worked in a chicken factory and how their parents before that – my GREAT grandparents – ran a rodeo and – well it wasn't really a rodeo, more like a circus-

**JAMEY**

**STOP!!!! OVERSHARE! TMI!**

**PINKY**

I thought everybody did that.

**JAMEY**

*(of course)*

That tracks.

**BECKY**

No, some people clam up and don't know what to say. But me...I tell my whole life's story.

I don't think I can put myself through an interview again. I'm not gonna do it. It's so nerve wracking and embarrassing.

**PINKY**

Wait! Did I just hear you say you're not gonna do it? As in, "Give up?" as in, "I quit," as in, "Let it Go?"

*PINKY becomes ELSA singing "Let the storm rage on..."*

*JAMEY puts hand over PINKY's mouth as she wails on the word, "...on."*

**PINKY (CONT'D)**

Hey!

**JAMEY**

Becky, you're not gonna walk away from this are you?

**BECKY**

Yes, I'm gonna walk **away** because I don't want to walk **out** crying again.

**PINKY**

But you can't.

**BECKY**

Look, you're not the ones sitting in the hot seat, face on fire, with a Big Wig staring at you. Not to mention letting everybody down.

**JAMEY**

You won't let us down no matter what happens in the interview. You **will** let us down if you don't go in and try.

**BECKY**

What? Why are you guilting me!?! You been talking to my Mother?

**JAMEY**

*(confessional)*

Look, I know how easy it is to not try things that take courage. I'm an expert at it. I find all kinds of reasons not to try things when I'm scared.

*Beat.*

But you're strong.

**BECKY**

Wow, Jamey. I...I never knew you felt that way. But you have to understand...I **am** like you. I'm scared too! I don't do hard things because I'm strong.

But I've learned that...

*Searches for the words.*

...when I feel like God wants me to do something that scares me, He always helps me and...makes me stronger.

**PINKY**

*(melodramatic)*

That was deep.

*Beat for Becky to ponder.*

**BECKY**

OK! I'll do it...for you. And for my own good. But will you guys help me practice?

**PINKY**

Will we help you practice!?! Of course! I took public speaking!?!?

**JAMEY**

Didn't you get a D?

**PINKY**

The teacher had it out for me. She was jealous of my skills.

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