

Battle of the Voices

(2 Guys, 1 Girl)

CHARACTERS:

Gus: Fan of Curt, the hard-core singer.

Brad: Also a fan of Curt; doesn't like Amber's favorite singer.

Amber: Thinks Daniel is the best singer and is glad that Curt got voted off.

SETTING:

Sitting around (could be one of their houses) talking about the national singing show results from the night before.

- 1 **GUS:** There's no way Curt should have gone home last night.
- 2 It's completely bogus.
- 3 **BRAD:** For real. They kept that hoarse sounding guy who forgot
- 4 his lines and got rid of Curt? It's completely rigged.
- 5 **AMBER:** Hey, America voted. And America says Curt is gone! I
- 6 think America got it right!
- 7 **GUS:** You would.
- 8 **BRAD:** You just didn't like Curt because of his hair.
- 9 **AMBER:** Well, it sure didn't help! How could I possibly think of
- 10 him as a star with nasty hair like that!
- 11 **BRAD:** It's not supposed to be about the hair, it's supposed to
- 12 be about the singing.
- 13 **AMBER:** Exactly. His nasally sounding voice got on my nerves.
- 14 His songs made me want to vomit.
- 15 **BRAD:** Daniel's songs make me want to vomit! All gushy junk.
- 16 He might as well be a girl.
- 17 **AMBER:** Please. Who even knows what Curt sings about; you
- 18 can't even understand him! It's just a bunch of screaming
- 19 and stuff! Most of the time I just plug my ears when he
- 20 comes On-stage!
- 21 **GUS:** That's just because you don't know what good music is.
- 22 If it's not some slow song about love, you don't want to
- 23 hear it.
- 24 **AMBER:** How are you supposed to sing along if you can't even
- 25 understand the lyrics?
- 26 **GUS:** Sing along? What are you — in kindergarten? You don't
- 27 sing along to songs like Curt sings. You just sit back and
- 28 enjoy them.
- 29 **BRAD:** *(Throwing head up and down)* And maybe do a little head
- 30 banging — like this!
- 31 **AMBER:** All that does is give me a headache. Like Curt's music!
- 32 **BRAD:** Well, your precious Daniel's going to be the next to go.
- 33 He can't possibly last much longer. He forgot his lyrics!
- 34 What kind of a star does that?
- 35 **GUS:** For real. Never been to a concert before where the singer

1 was like, "Whoa! Wait up. I forgot the words. Can we start
2 again?"

3 AMBER: Who would know if Curt forgot his lyrics? He doesn't
4 even sing any! And Daniel forgetting his lyrics just made
5 him seem more real. More humble.

6 BRAD: What else could he be but humble? Dude forgets his
7 lyrics. I doubt he's going to be strutting around the place.

8 AMBER: It doesn't matter what he sings — right or wrong words
9 — he's still way better than Curt. Obviously.

10 GUS: The vote last night doesn't prove anything! It just shows
11 America's biased — like you!

12 BRAD: I'm so sick of the judges saying that Daniel could sing
13 the phone book and people would listen! Just shows they
14 don't have a clue about real talent either!

15 GUS: It's more of a popularity contest than anything. People
16 don't care what the contestants sound like. They just vote
17 based on who's cute and who isn't.

18 AMBER: So not true. Have you seen the past winners? At least
19 three of them are plain — if not downright ugly.

20 GUS: That was the beauty of the show before all of America
21 started watching it. Now it's just so predictable.

22 BRAD: For real. Cute. Great personality. Doesn't matter if you
23 can't sing, we're going to vote for you anyway.

24 AMBER: What about last year? That old guy won! You think that
25 was a popularity contest?

26 GUS: I don't know *what* that was. But have you heard of him
27 since? No. Obviously America got it wrong on that one.
28 He's faded into oblivion.

29 BRAD: I just want to know what would happen if they only
30 allowed one vote per person. That would sure change
31 everything!

32 GUS: No more non-stop texting votes from lovesick girls like
33 you! Then those teenage boys who can't sing — like Daniel
34 — wouldn't have a chance.

35 AMBER: I think that just proves how great they are. We're

1 dedicated and loyal fans. Just imagine if we voted for the
2 President that way. We'd have the guy ... or girl ... who the
3 public *really* loved.

4 GUS: What? No we wouldn't. We'd have some hot guy that all
5 the teenage girls loved! Probably wouldn't have a brain in
6 his head either, much less the experience to be President.

7 AMBER: So you think I'm incapable of voting for a good candidate?

8 GUS: Exactly. I can just hear you now. (*Mocking*) Ewww ... I
9 wouldn't vote for him. Look at his hair! How can we
10 possibly have a president with hair like that?

11 BRAD: (*Mocking*) Ooooh ... or clothes like that! I wouldn't be
12 able to look at him wearing something so ... nerdy!

13 AMBER: You guys are a real hoot. I can just see who we would
14 get if it were left up to you. A gun-toting Amazon-type man
15 who would start more wars than we have countries to fight
16 with!

17 GUS: Well, we could use a guy with a little more guts, that's for sure.

18 BRAD: Yeah! We need a guy who will stand up to people. Show
19 other countries exactly what America is made of! Stop
20 acting like a girl and be a man!

21 AMBER: See what I mean? You're no different! You wouldn't
22 vote on the issues, you'd vote for some macho maniac.
23 Like Curt, just because you thought he was cool with that
24 funky, nasty hair!

25 GUS: At least he dressed like a star! Your guy looks like he
26 should be doing taxes or something! He'll never make it
27 dressed like that!

28 AMBER: I thought you said it was about the singing. What does
29 it matter what he wears?

30 GUS: Just saying ... if you think the public is going to vote for
31 him; you're crazy.

32 AMBER: Well, they voted for him last night, didn't they?

33 BRAD: They're going to get tired of his "I'm so humble" attitude
34 real quick. A star has to be confident and sure of himself.

35 AMBER: Really? 'Cause your boy's over-confident attitude got

1 him voted right off the stage, didn't it? America doesn't
 2 want some puffed-up male diva winning the show.
 3 GUS: Male diva? Are you kidding me? I read somewhere that
 4 Daniel demands fresh-squeezed lemonade — at a certain
 5 temperature — every day before practice.
 6 AMBER: Lemons are good for your vocal chords. That's not
 7 being a diva, that's being smart! And I heard that Curt
 8 demanded *only* red M&Ms in a bowl on his dressing table.
 9 BRAD: That's just quirky. Not diva-ish.
 10 AMBER: And that he makes the cameras only shoot his left side
 11 so that everyone can see that stupid scar running down his
 12 cheek. It's probably fake, too.
 13 GUS: That's his trademark. He's making sure everyone
 14 recognizes him.
 15 BRAD: Yeah, like Marilyn Monroe.
 16 GUS: Or Cindy Crawford.
 17 BRAD: Or Donald Trump's hair! To be famous you have to have
 18 a trademark!
 19 AMBER: That's funny. I thought it was about the singing.
 20 Shouldn't a great voice be his trademark? If he had one.
 21 GUS: We'll never know, now will we? Since finicky America
 22 voted him out.
 23 BRAD: Oh, he'll be a star anyway. They'd be crazy not to snatch
 24 him up.
 25 AMBER: He's had his fifteen minutes of fame. I hope he enjoyed
 26 them!
 27 GUS: You are so wrong! I bet he'll have an album out by the end
 28 of the year.
 29 BRAD: And I'll be the first one in line to buy it!
 30 AMBER: You'll be the only one in line to buy it!
 31 GUS: Your guy will probably be singing in a karaoke bar or playing
 32 a character at a theme park musical before it's all over.
 33 AMBER: You are so off-base. He's going to win the whole thing
 34 and be a mega-star!
 35 GUS: Maybe he'll sing kiddie songs for children's shows.

1 BRAD: Or jingles for commercials.
 2 GUS: Or — I know! — He'll become a soap star! I can see it
 3 now, long-lost son finally introduced to dear old Dad on a
 4 heart-wrenching, cliff-hanging episode of some lame
 5 daytime soap!
 6 BRAD: Or he could sell hair products! You know that fifties style
 7 is bound to come back one day!
 8 GUS: Wait! I've got a better idea! He can star in a horror movie
 9 about nerdy boys gone bad! He'll stab people to death with
 10 his mechanical pencil!
 11 BRAD: Or kill them with his singing!
 12 GUS: Oh yeah! Now *that* would be torture!
 13 AMBER: You guys are a real comedy routine.
 14 GUS and BRAD: (*Nudging each other and laughing, clearly pleased*
 15 *with themselves*) **We are, aren't we?**
 16 BRAD: (*Suddenly jumps up.*) **I've got the best idea! If America**
 17 **loves Daniel, they'll love you, Gus!** (*Pulls him up, too.*)
 18 GUS: What?
 19 BRAD: You should totally try out, dude!
 20 GUS: I *have* always loved singing!
 21 AMBER: Give me a break!
 22 BRAD: Come on. Sing us some tunes! You know you've got to
 23 be better than Daniel! (*GUS uses hand as a mic and starts*
 24 *singing badly. Can sing the lyrics of any popular love song —*
 25 *clearly making fun of the situation to AMBER. BRAD claps and*
 26 *encourages.*) **Awesome, dude! You rock! You sound just like**
 27 **Daniel, man! I can see your name in lights already!**
 28 GUS: (*Acts like he's handing mic to BRAD.*) **Your turn, dude! Rock**
 29 **it out!** (*BRAD starts belting out a tune. GUS can chime in, too.*
 30 *AMBER watches for a minute, clearly disgusted, shaking her*
 31 *head, rolling her eyes.*)
 32 AMBER: (*Loudly, over BRAD's singing*) **I'm out of here. You guys**
 33 **clearly don't know a great singer when you hear one!**