

**DONOVAN, CHRISTIAN, NICK, TALBOTT**

**DONOVAN** WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON!

**CHRISTIAN** (*Pacing, hands on his temples:*) I can't abide this.

**NICK** Oh man oh man oh man...okay, just...everybody stay calm...

**DONOVAN** No touching, hate touching, hate skin, stop, go away, uh, uh...

(*TALBOTT frantically repeats aircraft-lingo as DONOVAN and CHRISTIAN argue about math.*)

**TALBOTT** COCKPIT FUSELAGE YOKE FAN AIRFOIL RUDDER COCKPIT FUSELAGE YOKE FAN AIRFOIL RUDDER...

**DONOVAN** ...We can let *a of n plus one* be the first element in the sequence *x* that is strictly between *a of n* and *b of n* because of *Property Three*, which states that between any two numbers there is another.

**NICK** Everyone be quiet, please!

**TALBOTT** Touching, laughing, stop it, cockpit, fuselage, yoke, fan, airfoil, rudder, cockpit, fuselage, yoke, fan, airfoil, rudder...

(*TALBOTT repeats this, more and more loudly, throughout.*)

**CHRISTIAN** That is *completely* bogus! There can't be a first element, since according to *Property Three* it is imperative that there be an element in the sequence *x* that is strictly between *a of n* and *a of n plus one*!

**NICK** Stop it! Austin, COME ON! Please, just look at her, just look at how perfect she is, don't do this!

**DONOVAN** But that element won't come *EARLIER* in the sequence. It will be some *a of m*, where *m* is greater than *n plus one*, so therefore *LATER* in the sequence!

**CHRISTIAN** You always insist on being right, don't you, Donovan. You ought to learn to speak to your intellectual superiors with a little more respect, Mr. Community College.

(*The action in both rooms escalates frantically. NICK is near tears.*)

**NICK** Please, please, don't scare her away, she's the first person who ever liked you and you're scaring her...

**TALBOTT** COCKPIT FUSELAGE YOKE FAN AIRFOIL RUDDER COCKPIT FUSELAGE YOKE FAN AIRFOIL RUDDER...

**NICK** STOP! EVERYBODY STOP!

**DONOVAN** Don't you dare call yourself my superior, you arrogant little twit!

**CHRISTIAN** Washed-out old pedant!

**TALBOTT** NOT THE FACE! NEVER—THE—FACE!!!

(*DONOVAN pushes CHRISTIAN. A stunned silence from the others.*)

**NICK** (*Shouting at AUSTIN:*) Why can't you ever do anything right, you stupid slob?