

Mute your Mic

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INT. CLASSROOM

TEACHERMAN turns on his webcam, and is surrounded by an empty classroom. He's broadcasting himself teaching Calculus.

TEACHERMAN

Hi everyone! This is the beginning of our virtual classroom... It looks like no one is here-

Teacherman is interrupted by the sound of a student joining. COFFEE-GIRL joins the call, and Teacherman immediately notices the massive eye bags and constant jittering.

COFFEE-GIRL

Hi Mr. Teacherman, sorry I was late. I've been awake for 3 days straight catching up on all my missing homework.

TEACHERMAN

Are you OK?

Coffee-girl sips her coffee for what seems like the thousandth time.

COFFEE-GIRL

(quickly)

Oh yeah, I'm fine!!

TEACHERMAN

If you say so, just try and get some more sleep. Ok, well now that you're here lets start with a basic problem.

Teacherman writes a problem on the board.

TEACHERMAN (CONT'D)

What's the derivative of $x^2 + 3$.

Food-girl joins the call with a piece of toast in her mouth.

FOOD-GIRL
(crunching on toast)
Morning Mr. Teacherman!

COFFEE-GIRL
(loudly)
I GOT THE ANSWER!! IT'S TWO X!

Teacherman begins speaking over the loud crunching noises.

TEACHERMAN
Very good coffee-girl.

Teacherman begins writing the next problem on the board.

(CONT'D)
And uh, good morning food-girl,
could you go ahead and do the
next problem?

FOOD-GIRL
Sure thing! Right after I finish
my food.

GAMER-GUY joins the call, wearing his VR headset and spinning
around with his arms flailing.

TEACHERMAN
Um, what are you doing?

GAMER-GUY
(yelling)
What's up Mr. Teacherman! I'm
seeing you guys in VR! Wow bro,
this is amazing.

TEACHERMAN
Well, could you take off your
headset and work on the problem
for me?

GAMER-GUY
No worries man, I'm doing the
problem virtually.

Gamer-guy starts writing out the problem in virtual reality.
NERDY-GUY enters the chat and immediately begins typing up a
storm.

TEACHERMAN

Who on earth is making all that noise?

NERDY-GUY

Sorry Mr. Teacherman, I was just programming an algorithm to solve these math problems for me.

Nerdy-guy pushes up his glasses.

TEACHERMAN

Hey, that's cheating! Look, if you're going to type something, type the answer to this problem. And for god's sake, type a little more quietly.

NERDY-GUY

It's OK, I'll just write a program that's more fair.

Nerdy-guy begins to type very fast. Right then, Food-girl starts whipping up a blender.

TEACHERMAN

Food-girl, have you even finished a single problem yet?

FOOD-GIRL

(shouting over the noise)

I HAVEN'T FINISHED EATING YET.

Because of all the noise, coffee girl starts getting frustrated and having a panic attack. She begins screaming. Teacherman desperately begins scrambling around his computer to figure out a way to control the situation.

TEACHERMAN

What is happening right now?
Could you all quiet down??

Right then, SLEEPING-GUY logs on, inexplicably asleep the instant he logs on.

TEACHERMAN (CONT'D)

Hey! Wake up! Wait, how did you even log on?

Sleeping-guy doesn't wake up, instead he begins to snore as loud as an elephant. Suddenly, the Darth Maul music begins playing.

TEACHERMAN (CONT'D)

WHAT IS GOING ON?!

GAMER-GUY

I'M AT THE BOSS FIGHT GUYS!!!

Teacherman stands in shock as the virtual classroom erupts into chaos around him. He looks around his computer screen, and finds the "mute button." Slowly and suspensefully, the cursor find it's way to the mute button, and clicks. Suddenly, all goes silent.

THE END.