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1 The girl is afraid of fractions.
1.05 Although she dare not admit it, she too is a fraction.
1.10 The girl is a fraction clothed in decimal form.

2 She has a numerator, and she has a denominator.
2.01 She chooses not to acknowledge her upstairs / downstairs divide.
2.02 Problems involving negative exponents and fractions are easy to trip over.
2.03 Negative exponents must not be allowed to linger for long on the steep stairs.

2.1 Tallish and willowy, her name is not Juliet / nor is it Daisy.
2.11 She is an unusually stable heroine who cannot abide instability.
2.13 Denominators / numerators assert their uncertainty regardless of application.
2.14 She peruses worksheet 6-3 for the whole number and the real integer.

2.7 Fractions make her nervous and unsure of herself.
2.8 She seeks help for her hang up.
2.9 Her affliction is exceedingly esoteric.
2.91 A mystical white haired fraction healer who lives in a rusty green trailer.
2.92 The healer has flowering pink and red geraniums in her rear bay window.

3 On her way to see the healer, she meets face to face a familiar fraction.
3.01 It’s a dramatic encounter: to come upon one unannounced in the wood.
3.02 The forest which until then has shielded her from a fraction mad world.
3.03 This particular fraction is stubbornly unwilling to combine freely and easily.
3.04 He is incomplete, and his alliances are fragile + noncommittal + ever shifting.

3.33 In their own slash / burn fashion, fractions are troublesome / bothersome.
3.34 Why in the world does the world (which is the case) put up with them?
3.35 All fractions should be rounded up immediately & forthwith!
3.36 Every fraction and its reciprocal should be detained indefinitely, future.

3.6 The girl who is afraid of fractions has been dealt a stacked deck.
3.7 From birth day through toddler time / adolescence / puberty / teen hood
3.8 A sundering in the midst of growth spurts / with intense internal sparring.
3.81 Swordfights of epic proportions from which she suffers sharp pointed pricks.
3.82 A female Soriano in white tights during these "like" vs. "unlike" duels.
3.9 Gradually succumbs to the monomial grip of c/3; c being the chastity wedge.

4.031 Healer defines fractionalism as the desire by your past to divide your future.
5 She shoots up 'til she’s a fraction short of six feet.
5.1 She finds confidence and prominence in her new-found elevation.
5.2 A hoopster in spite of herself; basketball as a small-town way of life.
5.222 Sinks 93% of her free throws in her senior year; still a school record.

5.32 No desire to get married / no / not ever / not married / no guy / nope.
5.33 Her too eager coordinate; her pale ordered pair; her $a \leq b$ to dude.
5.34 His love, her timidity; desire unrequited; no one home, in her underwear.
5.35 In front of the mirror; in the mirror; in lipstick on the mirror: over he.

5.73 Healer applies a few well worn rules to cope with fractal disruptiveness.
5.74 Finding everyday common commonalities which, when multiplied -
5.75 And here a functioning intimacy with the multiplication tables proves
5.76 It’s worth the way they – the $\ldots$ - are eliminated! And banished!

6 But not him, to him she gives in, he rose, she ran, rise over run, to the ruin
6.1 Of the old mill, in the long grass, in the tall grass, ticks abounding, her eyes
6.2 To the sky, seeing but a fraction of it – later: he brags, she weeps, tears like
6.3 The waterfall dirty work of fractious saboteurs splitting perfectly perverted
6.4 Caucasians into a clenched fistful of personalities / strangers unto themselves.

7.11 Overcomes inhibitions / learns to accept fractions / as they appear / disappear.
7.12 Infatuation / her young diplomat / slightly shorter / measured against basement
7.13 Door where all heights are delineated for all time in incomplete integers.
7.14 Convinced by healer to "transcend them to see the world aright."
7.15 Did not have to be vanquished by this horizontal divide, but live on, beauty ^
7.16 Less propensity for self subversion / height $< / weight$ / "til quite quaint.

7.780 Learns to nullify by converting to decimals and thus have done it.
7.781 And achieve in her grand bargain a no-fear no fraction atmosphere.
7.782 So that she knows (temporarily) the peace which passeth understanding.
7.783 Healer says not necessary to jump from yon cubist cliff into 'ol symbolist sea.

8 But now her daughter says that her teacher said that "Everything is a fraction!"

9 They make / themselves manifest

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