

Rise OVER Run

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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 < or = 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: **c 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 ////////////// - 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 with 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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