DEBATE CLUB

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HARVARD DEBATOR and YALE DEBATOR are standing behind their respective podiums on a stage. In between them, sit the MODERATOR, behind a table with a stack of papers and a gavel.

MODERATOR

Welcome to the collegiate debate championships. Our schools in our first round are Harvard and Yale.

The debaters from Harvard and Yale leave their podiums and meet in the middle to shake hands.

HARVARD YALE

Good luck.

Good luck.

MODERATOR

Our topic for these two schools is: "Should carbon tax credits be able to be traded?". On the "affirmative" side is Yale...

YALE MOM

Whooooooo!

(to Harvard Mom)

That's our children!

MODERATOR

...and on the opposing" side is Harvard.

HARVARD MOM

Yay!

(to Yale Mom)

I know! I'm so glad I'm finally able to get some time off to see one of these debates.

MODERATOR

Harvard makes their opening statement first.

The Harvard debater adjusts their tie. They stand up straight, bring back their shoulders, and slightly lean into the microphone.

HARVARD DEBATER

Nu uh. I yield my time.

MODERATOR

Wow! What an opening! It is now Yale's turn for their opening statement.

YALE DEBATER

Uh huh. I yield my time.

HARVARD MOM

What's going on here?

MODERATOR

Now we have a debate! Harvard can now cross examine Yale's argument.

HAVARD

Yale takesies-backsies when we traded deserts a lunch. They would just takesies-backsies a carbon tax credit trade as well! I yield my time.

MODERATOR

Does Yale's have a rebuttal to this attack?

YALE

My mom said I can't eat nuts and Harvard said their brownies didn't have nuts but they did!

Yale turns to the audience.

YALE (CONT'D)

Isn't that right mom?

YALE MOM

(from the audience)
That's right honey!

Harvard mom looks incredulously at Yale Mom.

Yale turns back to the moderator.

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(smugly)

I yield my time.

MODERATOR

Incredible defense!

HARVARD MOM

Was it?

MODERATOR

Harvard, you can now cross examine.

YALE

Harvard is a four eyes --

HARVARD

Your a four eyes too! I saw you put in contacts --

YALE

Nu uh --

HARVARD

Uh huh --

YALE

Nu uh --

HARVARD

Uh huh --

YALE

Nu uh --

HARVARD

Hu huh --

YALE

Nu uh --

The Moderator bangs their gavel.

MODERATOR

No interruptions please! Lets keep this debate civil. Yale, continue.

YALE

Harvard is a four eyes nerd. All the cool kids support tradable carbon tax credits. I yield my time.

MODERATOR

Excellent repost. Harvard, your rebuttal?

HARVARD

Well if I'm a nerd, then Yale's a nerd too. They got an A on their last test --

YALE

Nu uh

HARVARD Uh huh YALE Nu uh HARVARD Uh huh YALE Nu uh HARVARD Uh huh YALE Nu uh HARVARD Uh huh YALE Nu --

Moderator bangs their gavel again. Yale stops talking and makes a pouty face.

HARVARD

They got an A on Mrs. Bankas's Calc III quiz, Suzie saw it! Only a nerd gets an A in math! I yield my time.

Harvard Mom's face is in her hands.

MODERATOR

Brilliant rebuttal. Now for Harvard's constructive argument --

HARVARD

Yale smells bad!

YALE

Nu uh, that's your own B.O. you're smelling --

HARVARD

Nu uh

YALE

Uh huh

HARVARD

I'm rubber and you're glue, everything-bounces-off-me-andsticks to-you. I yield my time.

YALE

(stunned)

Well... well...

MODERATOR

Incredible! Harvard has struck a crippling blow.

YALE

(pulling it back together)

MY mom is a lawyer and she's going to sue you?

(to the audience)

Right mom?

YALE MOM

(from the audience)

Whatever you say honey!

HARVARD MOM

(to Yale Mom)

Is this not at all weird what's happening?

Other mom gives Mom a disapproving look.

YALE

And your going to be in big trouble when she does! I yield my time.

HARVARD

You can't sue me! That's against the 5th abendment!

YALE

Well my mom is going to repel the 5th abendment and THEN sue you!

HARVARD MOM

Are they saying "abendment"?

HARVARD

You're just making stuff up!

YALE

Nu uh

HARVARD

Hu huh

MODERATOR

What a performance from both schools! Now it is time for our traditional mid debate juice break and nap. We'll reconvene in 3 hours for closing arguments.

HARVARD MOM
I can't believe how much we're paying for this...

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