

The Hardest John Green Quiz You'll Ever Take: Swedish Women's National Team #5

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day of the shoot but Sarah told me that I could not buy a 13 year old minivan and then drive around town in it and be, like, "Look at me in the *Paper Towns* minivan everybody!" And I was like "I don't know, they seem quite reliable." But she was like "They have cloth seats. I hate cloth seats with children". That's true, children do puke on everything, so it's easier with the leather seats just to...

Ooh boy. This is.... We are getting pelted by France. This is, this is an anxious, strange, and overwhelming time. I don't know what to say. We're either gonna play the United States of Brazil in the final if we can get there. But Meredith, we need to think long and hard about what's going wrong with these, with this team. We've got Samuelsson exhausted, so that's one problem. But I mean, I really think we just, we need to go out there and score a goal. We need to lean on Jakobsson and Lotta Schelin which is the right amount of Schelin. We just need to go score a goal, we need to go score a goal, girls. OK? You understand?

It's a pretty straight forward half time talk. I want us to score a goal and not give any more up and then we'll see what happens in extra time. We can win this game in extra time but we've got to get there. That's nice. That is much less nice. But it opened up space there. It actually turned out to be pretty smart! Oh! Ah! I liked that shot, though. I liked that whole set up of just, you know, let's not try... Let's just keep possession oriented football. Like, let's not try to be the team that's... There. There. No! I was fouled! Oh, there's been an injustice.

Meredith, what's the next question. *Judge Judy*. What TV show is Hassan obsessed with? *Judge Judy*. That was a shout out to my real life friend Hassan who is obsessed with *Judge Judy*. But I also thought it was, like, a nice metaphor for, like, Hassan's, like, interest in fairness and, like, feeling, like, really kind of, like, personally offended when the world is not fair because that is sort of, like, the attraction of *Judge Judy*, I think, or part of it, that, like, she rights the wrongs.

Get there! Get there! For your country! Oh! Oh, that was frustrating, Meredith. Turn. To the middle please, yes. Shoot. You're strong enough! Oh! Dang it! Oh, this is tense times. Very, very tense times. Next question. Oh! It's in the goal! It's in the goal! It's in the goal! They listened to my half time talk! I said to score and Jakobsson was like "Oh, we're supposed to score!" And then sure enough, oh, she finds the hole and it's beautiful finish into the corner!

"Swede Caroline! Bum-bum-bum. Who'd believe we'd ever score?"

What a, what a... How do you say "Go Sweden"? Go Sverige! I'm never gonna learn that, I'm always gonna rely on Google Translate. Alright. What's the next question? Now I'm into it.

The game show Colin appeared on? I am going to need my multiple choices, please. *Kids Say the Darndest Things*, no. *KrainalKidz*, I think yes. *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: Kids*, no. *Smarly-Pants*, I think no, although that is a *Katherines* reference. I think it's *KranialKidz*. Yay! I'm still in this one. I can't believe I missed one question about my own fricking books. Alright, what's next?

Peter Van Houten's daughter's name? Oh wow. Oh geez. I remember picking it for a particular reason and if I could remember the particular reason I could probably remember the name but I'm gonna need the mul-Anna! Anna. Incorrect! Yeah, I know! But isn't that, isn't... Didn't he name the girl after the girl? She isn't mentioned by name! Come on! That's unfair! That's cheating! Oh, wow. The reason that's cheating is because I'm pretty sure her name is Anna. I, well you could say I would know but if it's not in the book, it's not in the book. Books belong to their readers. Authors can't come in and add stuff to the text in retrospect just to get answers right on BuzzFeed quizzes, so fine. I've missed two

questions.

Oh man, that's frustrating. Oh God. You know, you know what, Meredith? It would be ideal to just win this game instead of having to go to extra time and... That's what I'm screaming at the Swedish women on the sidelines. I'm screaming "We've gotta win the game! We've gotta win the game! Guys! Guys! Score! For your country! For Sverige!" Oh God. By the way, that's my, that's my panicked voice if you weren't familiar with it. Come on, come on, come on. No goals. No goals. Anything but a goal. Make her, make her, make her run wide! Get there! Yes! Get there! Yes! We pass it out of the back like Swedish women do. Yes. No! What just happened!? Did you see that!? Like, it was, I was magically pulled backwards because I was gonna be on the ball and a breakaway and the *FIFA* physics didn't like it.

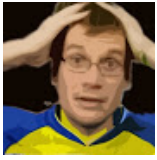
Oh no, I overran, I over-corrected as I so often do. Oh France! France! I over-correct again! France! Oh, pass it out of the back. Go-go-go-go-go-go! Counter attack! Gegenpressing! Go! Go! Go! Go. I don't really know what Gegenpressing means. I think at this point that's clear. Go! Go-go-go-go-go! Go! Go! Get there! One time! Pass it. On your, on your... Why did you dribble the ball out of bounds! Sorry, that was an overreaction. Sorry, it's the World Cup semi-finals and I'm having trouble staying appropriately calm. Oh God. OK. Stay attacking, stay attacking. Focus. Stay attacking. Focus. Yes. Push them. Push them. That's Gegenpressing. Alright. Ah, gdgdgah. Yes. Go. See, you've still got people, we've still got people committed up top. Alright, alright. And go. Yes. Yes. Yes, you beat her, you beat her. Now cross it in to your friend and compatriot! Ohoh! We needed a stronger cross! Needed that to go to the back post.

Meredith, are there any other questions? What breakfast establishment in *Let it Snow*? Waffle House. The only breakfast establishment in *Let it Snow* so far as I know. Oh, I made a pun, I mean I made a, I made a rhyme. I didn't make a pun, I made a rhyme. I don't know the difference between them, really.

It's the 88th minute, Meredith. It's time to throw on the best of the best and the worst of the worst. Alright. Who do we have to bring in here? We have Diaz in right midfield, in exchange for Asllani. She's a step down in quality put a step up in pace. We've got Dahlkvist! Who's Dahlkvist coming on for? I don't know, I don't think it's time yet. I think maybe in extra time. I do think, though, that it's time to bring in Schough. You'll remember that she was very good to us last time. Jakobsson is tired and she's done her duty by scoring a goal. Or did she? I don't remember. Point being those are the two substitutions I'm making and I'm saving the third substitution for extra time if it comes. Alright. Jakobsson, you did great. You're a good person. I'm proud of you and I am grateful to you for your hard work. Same with Asllani. You guys are great. However, now I need Diaz and Schough to come up and just play fantastically. Look me in the eyes 22, look me in the eyes. I want you to be a winner. Today is the day to be a winner. Alright, let's do this thing.

Oh, that was really bad. That was really bad. That was really... They're really onto my pass it out of the back trick. Oh God. Oh God. Huh! OK. You know what, I'm not even mad. I'm not even mad. I'm focused. Not even mad, I'm focused. Ultra-attacking. All out attack, that's what we're doing. All out attack. Everybody, everybody... Nobody does an attack. Go. Stay, keep the ball in bounds. That's a foul! OK, great, perfect. That's what we needed. OK. Get the, bring the ball back. Bring the ball back. Focus, focus. Why!? Why not a better ball!?

Oh, it all comes to an end for the Swedish women. It's stunning, it's sickening. It happened all at once. I'm so sorry, Sweden. Some day, maybe next year, maybe next year we'll come back and try again. I feel, I'm just sick to my stomach. This is worse, far worse than not



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knowing the name of Peter Van Houten's daughter. This is just... Oh God. Oh, it's unbearable. I'm so sorry. I apologize to my friends, my family, the entire nation of... Meredith, how do I say "Go Sweden" again? The entire nation of Sverige. I'm so sorry. I... You trusted me to bring your nation to glory and all I brought it to was the semi-finals. Maybe next year. Best wishes.