APRIL

Hey, Michael. What are you reading?

(Note for actor: You are very “matter-of-fact” but also annoyed to have been disturbed during your study session. You just want her to leave.)

MICAHEL

Intermediate Algebra. It’s a

college textbook.

APRIL

You’re preparing, huh?

MICHAEL

Of course, I am. College is only

months away. I need to be sure I

can keep up.

APRIL

Keep up? Aren’t you ahead by now?

MICHAEL

I’m going to MIT, you see.

APRIL

Oh. Good for you.

MICHAEL

I know. Was there anything you

wanted or are you just here to

waste my time?

APRIL

How did you get over it?

(Note for actor: This is another part of the conversation. Michael is trying to convince April that she can chase her dreams just like he does. Deep inside, Michael does about other people even if he basically never shows it. You are more passionate when you speak about this as it’s basically about your dream and the journey you have taken toward becoming the “studying-machine” you are now.)

MICHAEL

I had a frank conversation with myself. What is it I really want in life? To work for NASA was the answer. I’ve always been fascinated by space. Would I regret it if I never worked there? Definitely. What would I do to make sure I didn’t feel that regret? Anything.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

So, I forced myself to study every day. Just a little bit in the beginning until it became a habit, and then I started being able to study more and more. Discipline is nothing but practice. And practice makes perfect.