

1.31.08: One Step Closer

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We see 9 people make it through Miami.

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Now they are in Miami & the magic number is 10,000. They again claim to have around 10,000 people there. Paula actually shows up on time & Simon tells her her skirt is too short & slutty. Shannon McGough was up first. She works at her parents' meat store & can burp loud. She does 'Cry Baby' & basically yelled the whole thing. I think she has potential if she just didn't yell. Simon said he had a late night & doesn't feel well & that made him feel worse. She attempts to do 'Chain of Fools' & Paula said she has melody problems. They all say No.

Robbie Carrico used to be in a boy band & now is a supposed rocker. He does 'Simple Kind of Man' & I liked it.

Simon thought it was quite good. Randy said he has a nice voice & they all say Yes.

We see a bunch of Nos & then come to Ghaleb Emachah. He was born in Venezuela & says he does "gypsy music". I have no idea what song he did & I thought his voice was kind of weird. Simon said he would like him if he was drunk. Paula thinks he has a very good voice but he still has a strong accent. Randy & Paula said Yes to put him through. The guy kisses everyone he meets when he leaves the room.

Brittany Wescott & Corliss Smith are bestfriends & one likes guys thin & the other likes them thick. Corliss sang 1st to Randy & I thought she was OK. Brittany sang 'My Guy' to Simon & I thought she was better. Simon said Yes to them both & then so did the other 2.

Suzanne Toon went to a performing arts school & got pregnant at 18 & is now a single Mother. She did 'I Can't Make You Love Me' & I wasn't impressed. Paula said she has sexiness in her voice. Simon said she becomes more attractive when she sings & they all said Yes.

Ramielle Maulbay did 'Natural Woman' & she was really good. She is from the Philippines & thinks if Jasmine could do it, she could. Paula said she is a fine singer. Simon said she is a good singer but it not contemporary & more like a hotel singer. Randy was impressed & he & Paula said Yes.

Day 2 starts w/ Syesha Mercado. She likes to think positive. Her Dad is an addict & recently got out of Rehab. She did 'Think Freedom' & was really good. Paula & Randy both said she was good. Randy thinks she is the best they've heard in Florida. They all said Yes.

Natashia Blach did 'At Last' & I liked it. Randy said that was a throwback to old school & they all said Yes.

Illy Lorenia Pinot was also through by all 3 judges.

Then we see a bunch of Nos & then get Richard Valles who did 'God Bless The Broken Road' & was pretty bad. Randy demonstrates how he sang through his nose before they all said No.

Julie Dubela made it to the Top 20 of 'American Juniors' & thinks she is the greatest thing in the world. Man is she a spoiled brat. & I curse her for doing 'One Step Closer' cuz that song has been stuck in my head for years & now it will be even worse. She did 'Me & My Bobby McGee' & I think she has potential but she probably thinks she knows it best & won't take to any training. Simon said she is precocious & she had no idea what that meant. He thought she was just doing weird acting & it was overrehearsed. They all said No & she tries to sing another song. Simon tells her to become an actress instead. She whines outside that she was asked to sing at a Red Sox game & gave that up for this. While she whines AI plays video of her doing 'Rainy Days & Mondays' on AJ. Her Mom put her hand on her to try to comfort her & she shoved it off.

Brandon Black came in doing some comedy routine. He seemed to try to rip off Katt Williams & is nowhere near as good. He butchers 'I'll Make Love to You' doing a ton of runs. Simon said he is very confident but is verging on desperation. He said he sings terribly. He says No as he walks out & Randy does the same.

17 made it through. The last stop is Atlanta. Then on Wednesday is the "Best of the Rest".

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