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## Hank Azaria Comments on Taylor Swift at Knicks Game

### Description

Hank Azaria expressed his disappointment about Taylor Swift receiving courtside seats at Game 4 of the NBA Finals. During a recent discussion on *The Dan Le Batard Show with Stugotz*, the actor, known for his role in *The Simpsons*, noted the high celebrity presence at the match between the New York Knicks and the San Antonio Spurs. He remarked that only top celebrities, or those on the "A+ list," were seen sitting courtside.

Azaria singled out Swift, saying, "I know she's the hugest thing in the world, but we had to sit with her all through the NFL," referring to her relationship with Kansas City Chiefs player Travis Kelce, before adding that it was "ridiculous" she received three courtside seats alongside friends Alana and Este Haim.

As a dedicated Knicks fan, Azaria explained the difficult process for celebrities to obtain complimentary tickets at Madison Square Garden. He pointed out that on the day of the game, celebrities like Ben Stiller or Tracy Morgan are often assured entry, while others face uncertainty. He believes that even director Spike Lee generally pays for his tickets due to high demand.

After missing out on complimentary tickets for Game 3, Azaria managed to enter Game 4 for free. However, he found his allocated seats in the Cisco Suites, which are located in the upper bowl of the arena, less than ideal. He described being "way up in what they call the Cisco Suites, which are like the ceiling," noting other stars were similarly situated.

Despite being dissatisfied with his seats, Azaria felt fortunate to attend the game. The Knicks achieved a dramatic victory in Game 4, winning 107 to 106, and later clinched their first NBA championship in 53 years by defeating the Spurs 94 to 90 in Game 5.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **courtside** //ˈkɔːrtsaɪd// (adjective): next to the playing area at a game
2. **celebrity** //səˈleɪbrɪti// (noun): a famous person many people know
3. **complimentary** //ˌkɒmpləˈmentri// (adjective): given free; does not cost any money
4. **allocated** //ˈæləˌkeɪtɪd// (adjective): officially given to a person or purpose
5. **assured** //əˈʃʊəd// (verb): made certain; told will definitely happen
6. **clinched** //ˈklɪntʃt// (verb): won something important after a close fight

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Which game did Hank Azaria express disappointment about Taylor Swift receiving seats?  
Option: Game 1  
Option: Game 3  
Option: Game 4  
Option: Game 5
2. What show was Hank Azaria discussing Taylor Swift's seats on?  
Option: The Tonight Show  
Option: The Dan Le Batard Show with Stugotz  
Option: Jimmy Kimmel Live  
Option: The Late Show with Stephen Colbert
3. Who is Taylor Swift in a relationship with?  
Option: Ben Stiller  
Option: Spike Lee  
Option: Travis Kelce  
Option: Tracy Morgan
4. What team did the New York Knicks play against in Game 4?  
Option: San Antonio Spurs  
Option: Miami Heat  
Option: Los Angeles Lakers  
Option: Chicago Bulls
5. How long had it been since the Knicks last won an NBA championship before Game 5?  
Option: 40 years  
Option: 53 years  
Option: 60 years  
Option: 30 years
6. Where were Hank Azaria's seats located during Game 4?  
Option: Courtside  
Option: Cisco Suites  
Option: Upper Bowl  
Option: Lower Bowl



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**True-False**

7. Hank Azaria was unhappy about Taylor Swift receiving courtside seats at Game 5.
8. Hank Azaria mentioned that only 'A+ list' celebrities were at the match.
9. Azaria found his seats during Game 4 to be very desirable.
10. The Knicks won Game 4 with a score of 107 to 106.
11. Hank Azaria attended Game 3 for free.
12. Director Spike Lee generally pays for his tickets at Madison Square Garden.

**Gap-Fill**

13. Hank Azaria expressed his disappointment about Taylor Swift receiving courtside seats at Game 4 of the NBA Finals. The game was between the New York Knicks and the San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. Hank noted the high celebrity presence at the match, mentioning that only top celebrities, or those on the "A+ list," were seen sitting \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. Azaria explained the difficult process for celebrities to obtain complimentary \_\_\_\_\_ at Madison Square Garden.
16. Despite being dissatisfied with his seats, Azaria felt fortunate to attend the game where the Knicks won by a score of 107 to \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. He described being way up in what they call the Cisco Suites, which are like the \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. The Knicks clinched their first NBA \_\_\_\_\_ in 53 years.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Game 4 2. The Dan Le Batard Show with Stugotz 3. Travis Kelce 4. San Antonio Spurs  
5. 53 years 6. Cisco Suites

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Spurs 14. courtside 15. tickets 16. 106 17. ceiling 18. championship

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