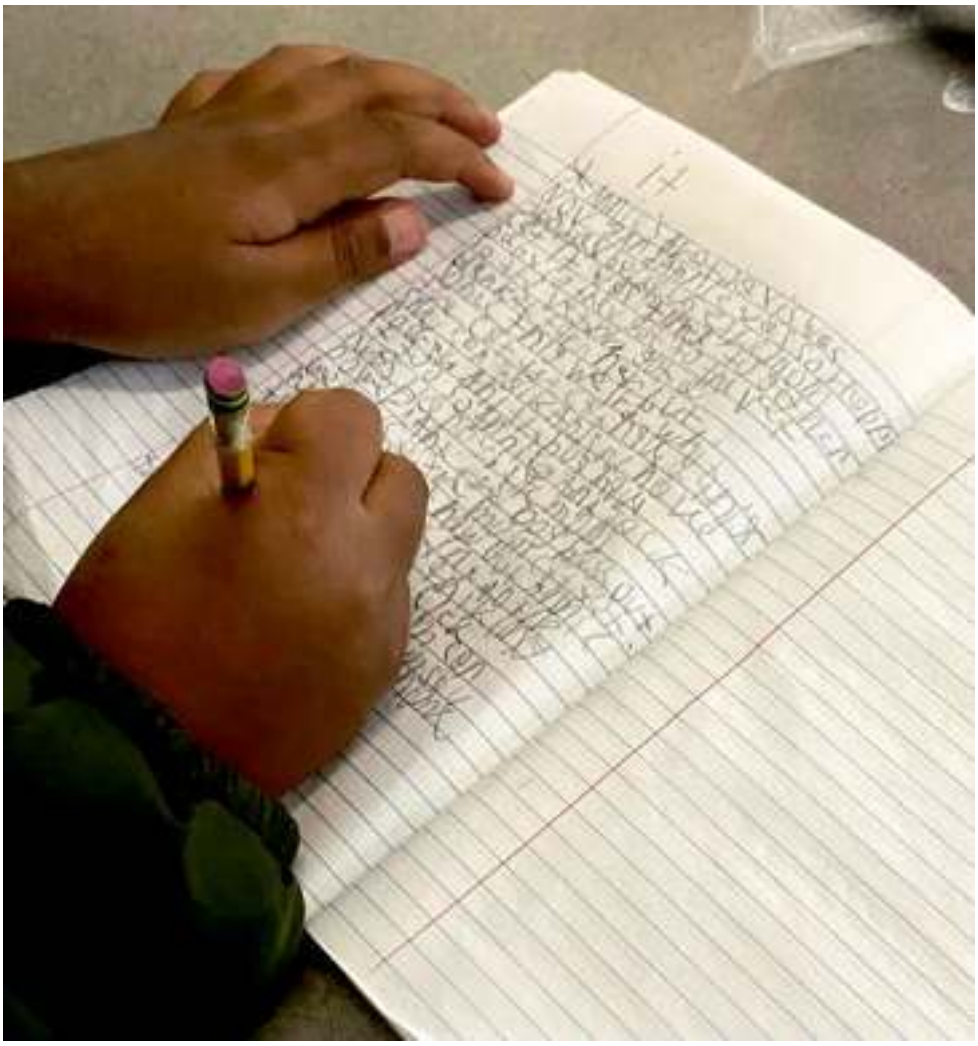
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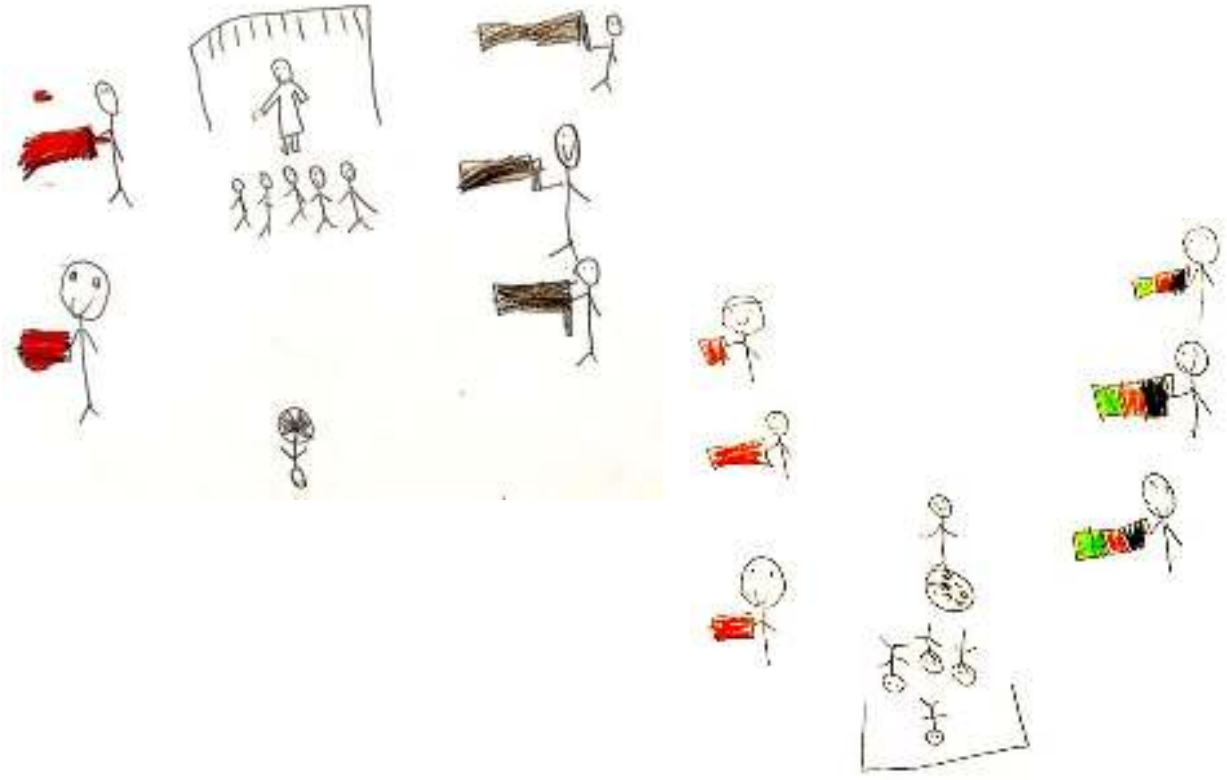
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Soccer

by Abubaker

One time we were playing soccer on the field at recess. I kicked the ball, and it hit another player so hard that he went to the hospital. It hit his hand, then bounced off and hit his head. then his foot, and then the ball went out of bounds. He was in the hospital for days. I visited him.



The Soccer Match
by Ahsanullah

I am 10 years old.

It is fun to play soccer.

The ball is hard to kick.

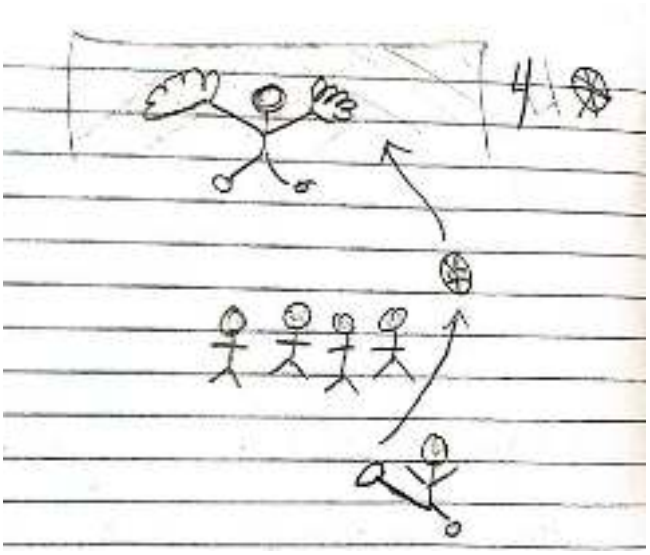
5 people play on my team.

My teammates are also 10 years old.

We have been a team for 3 years.

Our color is orange.

The other team is green.



The soccer ball is kicked.

The ball goes in the goal. We get a point.

Then the ball goes into the other goal. The green team gets a point.

Our team gets a penalty kick because someone kicks one of our players.

We make the penalty kick.

I kick the ball.

I kick the ball far away.

Then we kick another goal.

The green goalie is good.

But our orange goalie is better.

He blocks all of the rest of their shots on goal.

The orange team wins 3:1.



Animation Crush

by Ava

Chapter 1

“OMG, my first day at school!” Amy thinks. “I hope I make a friend.”

The school bell rings, and she goes to ELA class.

Kayla walks up. “Hi Amy,” says Kayla.

“Hi,” Amy says.

Kayla says, “Can you be my best friend?”

“Yes!!” Amy says.

The bell rings again. “Time to go to math,” Amy says.

Kayla and Amy walk to math class.

“Hi Ms. Sahra,” we say, as we enter the classroom.

“Hello class,” Ms. Sahra says. She passes out paper.

When Amy meets Khis, she says to Kayla, “OMG, Khis is so cute. I have a crush on him.”

Amy says, “Can you tell Khis I like him?”

Kayla says, “Girl…”

Amy says, “Please.”

Kayla says, “Okay, Okay, fine.”

“Hey Khis,” Kayla says. “Amy told me to give this to you.”

“Okay,” Khis says. Khis opens the paper. It says, “Hey Khis. I like you. Want to be my boyfriend?”

“OMG,” Khis says. He writes “Yes” and gives the paper to Kayla.

Kayla gives the paper to Amy.

“OMG,” Amy says. She opens the paper. “It says, ‘Yes! Khis is my boyfriend!” When the bell rings, Amy walks up to Khis, who is packing up his stuff at his desk. “Well, time to go to lunch.”

They walk to the cafeteria, and Khis and Amy got their lunch. “Time to eat,” Amy says.

Amy and Khis eat. “Well, what do you want to do?” Khis asks.

“Well, it’s now science time,” Amy says; and the bell rings again.

Soon science class is over, and it’s time to go.

“Can I walk you home?” Khis asks, and Amy says, “Yes, Okay.”

The bell rings. “Bea, are you ready?” Khis asks.

So Khis walks Amy half way home.

“Well, you want to make a kiss for it?” Khis says.

“Yes,” Amy says.

They kiss.

Then Khis says, “Well, bye Bae.”

Amy says, “Bye.”

Chapter 2

“Okay, time to get ready for school.”

“Well, I’ma eat breakfast.”

Amy eats, goes to school, then goes to ELA class.

“Hey Kayla,” says Amy.

“Hey,” Kayla says back to Amy.

“Guess what?” says Amy.

“What?” Kayla says. “Bestie, what? What?”

“Me and Khis kissed.”

“What!?” Kayla says.

“Yep,” Amy says. “Me and him kissed.”

“OMG,” Kayla says.

“Well, let me say hey to Khis,” Amy says.

She goes to Khis.

“Hi, Khis,” she says.

“Hey Amy,” Khis says.

“That was so nice of you. But yeah, Khis, I’m so hungry.”

“You’re welcome.”

“Well, we got math class now though.”

The bell rings.

“Math time! Well, come on Khis.”

Amy and Khis and Kayla walk to math class.

Miss Sahra says hi to all the students.

“Hey Miss Sahra,” the students say back.

Miss Sahra passes out some work to do, so we all start doing our work.

After ten minutes, Amy says, “I’m so bored.”

“Well,” Khis says. “It is about to be lunch.”

Khis and Amy and Kayla finish their work.
“I’m done with my work,” Amy says to Miss Sahra.

“Okay. Just put your head down.”

The bell rings. Yay! Time to eat!

They walk to the cafeteria and get their lunch.

“Guys, can we have a party?” Kayla asks.

Amy says, “Maybe.” At the same time, Khis says “Okay. I can come.”

“So I guess we are having a party! Yay!” they all say.

The bell rings.

Chapter 3

At the end of the school day, they are all happy because it is Friday. They all walk home together. As they are walking, Amy says, “Well, we need to buy stuff for the party. I’ll need to get money from my dad, because I only have 30 dollars. We’re gonna need like 50 or 60 dollars to buy everything.”

Kayla says, “I’ll buy snacks,” and then she breaks away from them.

“Seeya!” Amy says.

After Kayla has left, Khis says, “Bea?”

“Yes,” Amy says.
“Do you want to hang out before the party?”

“Yes,” Amy says, “But I only have 30 dollars.”

“Khis says, “I will pay.”

Amy says, “Okay. Kayla went to get the snacks. It’s only 4:30. The party is at maybe 5 or 6, and we can have a sleepover too!”

Back at Amy’s house, the phone rings. “Hello?” Amy says. “Oh, hey Kayla.”

“Hey girl. What’s up?” Kayla says.

“What up with you, girl?” Amy says.

“What are you and Khis doing?” Kayla asks.

“Oh, we’re just hanging out. But you know you’re bringing snacks, right?”

“Mm-hmm,” Kayla says. “Well, bye girl.”

After Kayla gets the snacks, she calls Amy.

“Hello,” Amy says.

“I’m on my way to the house.”

“Ok, bestie,” says Amy. Then she says, “Well, Khis, let’s set up the party and the sleepover.” Khis says Ok.

After 5 minutes pass, Amy says, “OMG, that was a LOT. And there are a lot of pillows.”

“I know,” Khis says. “Well, we’re done setting up.”

Kayla knocks at the door.

“Who is it?” Amy says.

“It’s Kayla.”

“Come in.”

Kayla comes in with the snacks.

“Yay!” Amy says. “It’s good it’s just us at our sleepover and party.”

“Wow!!” Kayla says. “The house looks so good!!”

“OMG,” Khis says. “I am so bored. Let’s do this party!!”

They all start to play music. Then they start dancing.

Kayla says, “I’m having so much fun.”

“Me too,” Amy says.

Khis says, “This is so fun.” He checks the time on his phone. “OMG, it’s 12:30!”

“Dang, Khis,” says Kayla.

“Turn the music off, guy, It’s 12:32,” says Kayla. “I think we should be asleep.”

“But we did not get snacks yet,” everyone says.

They eat the snacks.

Then they put on their PJ’s.

“Good night, y’all,” Amy says.

Kayla and Khis say, “Good night.”

Amy yawns.

They all fell asleep. Yawn.

Chapter 4 - Flash Forward

Wait. I’m in the 12th grade.

OMG. We have college, oh yeah. We are in the 12th grade.

Ok. i’ma get ready.

They all get ready.

After they finish 12th grade, Amy, Kayla, and Khis go to the same college together. On the first day, they all go to their first class.

“Hello my name is Ms. Johnson.”

“Hi Ms. Johnson,” they all say.

They all sit down.

This is so boring. Ugh.

“Here you go. Your papers,” Ms. Johnson says.

Eventually the bell rings, and they all walk out.

Khis says to Amy, “I think we should get married.”

“OMG,” Amy says.

“Tomorrow,” Khis says.

“Well, I have to go get a dress to wear.”

“Well, bey beu, I got to buy a suit.”

“And I got to get my dress.”

They both got their clothes.

Kayla says, “I can’t wait for you guys to get married. It’s going to be so nice. I’m going to be there for sure!”

Kayla says, “I will love this, and I got to buy a dress. Well, I’ma go buy my dress.”

“Khis, I think this is going to be lovely,” Amy says. “I’m so happy. I love you so much.”

“I love you too, Amy,” Khis says. “I’m so so happy.”

“I cannot wait,” Amy says.

Khis says, “Calm down. Calm down, okay?”

Kayla came back home from shopping.

“Hi Kayla,” Amy says. “Well guys, it is 12:30. I think we should get some sleep. But we got to put on our pj’s.”

They all put on their pj’s.

“Goodnight y’all,” Amy says.

“Goodnight,” Khis and Kayla say to Amy.

Shoes
by Chris

Note from the author:

I love how shoes feel on the inside. Soft.

And some shoes help your ankles.



And I like shoes because they go with a lot of outfits.

My favorite kind of shoes are Jordans and Air Forces (AFI). These are both the same brand - Nikes, with the Nike swoosh on the sides.

I have shoes that are mostly white.

I have shoes that are blue and white.

I have shoes that are all black.

I have shoes that are peach colored with white on the bottom.

I have shoes that are all the colors,

And shoes that are all black but have white shoelaces and soles. The tongues are black on the outside and pink on the inside.

I had 7 pairs of shoes, but I just got 2 more pairs - off-white Dunk Lows and Air Jordans that are all black, even the Nike swoosh.

On Friday, I'm going to get the shoes that Michael Jordan actually played in - Air Jordan Lost and Found 1. It is red and white with a black swoosh. I'm gonna put them in a glass case and put them up on a wall.

Shoes

One day, I came home from school and my best pair of Air Jordans weren't in their case on the wall. The case looked fine - there were not even scratches on it. But the case was empty!

I felt like I was gonna faint. Those are $3,000 shoes!

I knew who took them. It was my friend, Xavier. He was the only one of my friends who even knows where I live. My mom always kept a key under the mat, and the key to the case was on the same keychain as our house key. Xavier went and took my shoes, and I was so mad!

Then I went to Xavier's house. Nobody was home. I had a key to his house, so I went inside. He keeps all his shoes on the top shelf in his closet. So I opened his closet and saw my Air Jordans. I grabbed them, and then I grabbed a pair of his Jordans - they were green with a white bottom and a white stripe. Then I took the shoes home with me.

Then he came knocking on my door and told me to give him his shoes back, and I slammed the door in his face.

Then he left and let me have his shoes. And we never talked again.



The Classic
by Christian J.

Chapter 1

The GOATS are all in the same school.

Team Barcelona has captain Messi, Suarez, Neymar Jr., Ronaldinho, and the goalie Mark Andre ter Stegen.

On the other side is Real Madrid. The captain is Cristiano Ronaldo - Siuuuuuuuu (which means “Yes!” in Portuguese). Real Madrid also has Kylian Mbappe, Roberto Carlos, and goalie Thibaut Courtois.

The game was a classic. (El Clásico or El **Clàssic** means "The **Classic**”, which is what *any* football match between Barcelona and Real Madrid is called.**)**

The best players were there.

The game started.

Chapter 2

The fans were going WILD!

Messi felt good. He passed the ball to Suarez.

Suarez took down Mbappe, but Roberto slide tackled Suarez for a free kick.

Messi took the free kick and goal, Goal, GOAL!!!! Messi made the goal with a curve in. The fans went wild! The score was now 1:0.

At 17 minutes, Ronaldo kicks the ball. Neymar Jr. kicks the ball, and it hits the top corner of the goal but misses.

Suarez tries to pass, but Roberto blocks it, and Mbappe pushes Neymar Jr. Mbappe and Neymar Jr. get into a fight, and both of them get yellow cards; but there is a free kick for Barcelona.

Then Neymar takes a shot at the goal and misses. There are three defenders in front of him, and he kicks the ball toward the bottom corner but Courtois blocks it.

Courtois gives the ball to Roberto Carlos. Roberto passes it to Mbappe, and Mbappe passes it to Ronaldo. Ronaldo does tricks to get past Messi and then Suarez and Neymar and Ronaldinho. Then Ronaldo shoots the ball with a nice curve that ter Stegen cannot stop. GOAL!!! The score is now 1:1.

At 48 minutes, Messi is exhausted, but Neymar Jr. still feels good. Now Messi passes to Suarez. Suarez to Ronaldhino. Ronaldhino does tricks to get around Mbappe, and Mbappe injures Neymar Jr. Nobody expects that Mbappe will get a yellow card. They get into a fight. Free kick! Suarez passes it to Neymar. Neymar falls, then Mbappe takes the ball. But Ronaldinho hits the ball to stop the game at minute T3. Two minutes more, and the first half finishes.

Chapter 2

The second half starts. Now Messi passes to Ronaldhino. Ronaldhino to Neymar. Neymar takes Mbappe with an insane meg (he tricks Mbappe and kicks the ball between Mbappe's legs, which is called a nutmeg or meg). It looks like it's gonna make a goal, but instead he passes it to Suarez. Suarez throughs the ball (passes it between two back defenders). Bottom, Corner, Right, and ¡GOAL! Neymar, Messi, Suarez and Ronaldhino do the Paqueta (which is a dance move). Now the score is 2:1.

At minute 73, with 17 minutes to go, Ronaldo starts with a pass to Mbappe. Mbappe runs so fast that nobody catches him. Then he passes it back to Ronaldo, but Ronaldo gets slide tackled at the last minute. It's a free kick. Ronaldo takes it and ¡Goal! The ball went in the top corner. It was an insane goal. ¡Goal! Now the score is 2:2.

Then they go to penalties.

Messi takes the first penalty. He takes a deep breath and he hits it and Goal! 1:0.

Nest Ronaldo takes the second penalty and GOAL. 1:1.

Suarez takes the third kick and Goal. 2:1.

Carlos takes the next one and Goal. 2:2.

Neymar takes the fifth one and misses. 2:2.

Mbappe kicks a goal. 2:3.

Stergen takes the 7th kick and Goal. 3:3.

Then Courtois takes the 8th penalty. If he makes it and the other team does not, then Real Madrid wins. Courtois misses the shot.

Then Messi is gonna take it and GOAL!!!

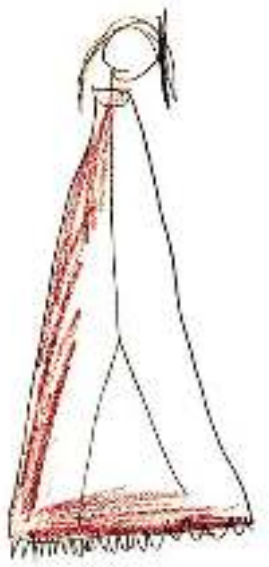
Barca wins!!

The End.

A Good Day in a Wonderful House
by Christina

Author's note: I have a baby cousin who is about 2 months old now. His name is Braden. He has some hair too. Brownish black. Like his hair, his eyes are dark brown. He looks a lot like me, and he is heavy - oh my gosh, this baby is heavy.

Part 1:



When I first saw baby Ava - Jayden's sister - I didn't know if I was going to like her. But she is pretty cute. She already has hair - at only 1 month old. She has blue eyes and is healthy but not chubby. Still, she's pretty heavy when I hold her.

Part 2:

The mom's name is Alexis and the Dad's name is Christian. They had a baby boy named Jayden and then they got a house.

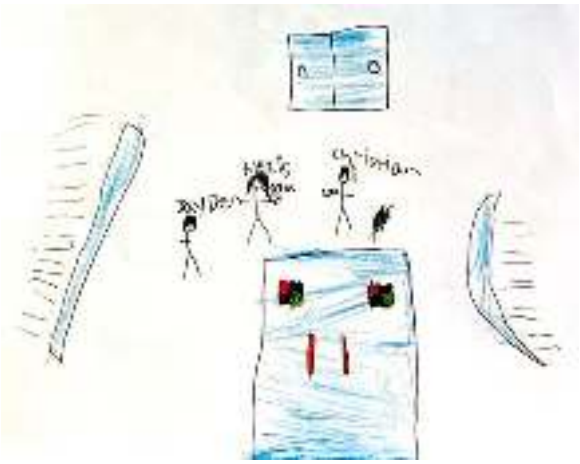
The dad got Alexis a present.

Alexis said, "OMG. Wow. You got me a cheap ring. Really Christian?" Then she said, "What - you got our babies? Let's just take our kids to daycare."

They dropped their kids off.

Then they went to the store and they bought some clothes for their kids and then they picked them back up and they all watched television. They watched CoCo Melon. The kids like Cocomelon.

The house is like a mansion, but they have like 12 rooms, and they have 2 stairs that look like spirals. And they have a big front door that you can open and look out. They have a back door that opens onto a deck with hammocks on it. And there's a remote that you can open or close the front and the back door. The babies love it.



Jayden is 7, and baby Ava is only 1 month old. Ava crawls all over the place, but she doesn't know how to crawl up the stairs.

Christian wanted to buy Alexis a cheap ring because he thought that all the money they spend on that big house is too much. He bought her a cheap ring because he spent all the money on the big house and wanted to get her something.

They were all very happy in their big, beautiful house.

The Girl Who Was Scared Of Everything

by Eliany Vega



Once upon a time, there was a girl who was scared of everything.

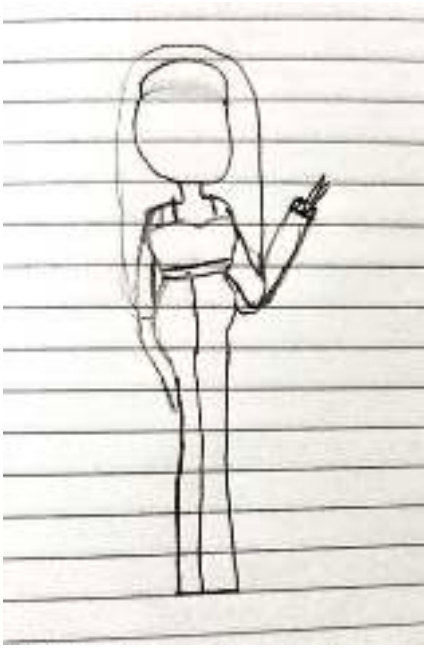
One time, she saw an ant in the kitchen of her house. She was getting a snack, and she saw the ant on the closet floor. She was afraid of ants, because one time they bit her and she was bleeding. She thought this ant would bite her again, so she cried and mumbled as loud as she could and ran and ran until she got outside. Once she was in the garden, she relaxed, because she could not hear any insects.

But no sooner had she relaxed than she heard a sound and it was a cricket. She saw it and ran to her neighbor's house, because it was a teacher workday and her mother and father were at work.

She knocked on the big front door, then rang the doorbell.

The neighbor, who was named Sasha, said, "What happened Sully?"

Sully responded, "I saw a cricket and an ant!" She was shaking and crying.



Sasha said, "Don't be scared, Sully. It's just nature. You don't have to be scared. You have to control your emotions. You are a big girl now."

Sully said, "I know. I know. But I can't. It is too difficult for me. I can't." Although Sully was fifteen years old, she knew she was acting like she was 5 years old. "I think I'm going to tell my mom to take me to a class that would help me control my emotions. I promise I will pay attention in that class."

That evening, Sully told her mother what had happened. She said she was tired of being afraid of everything and that she would like her mother to call someone to help her.

The next day, Sully's mother called a class that would help Sully.

Sully went to the class 4 times a week for 4 months.

Days passed and Sully sometimes felt scared. But her mom helped her, and she got better and better.

One time, she saw a spider on the kitchen counter, and she got scared. But she said to herself, “Nothing will happen, nothing will happen,” over and over again. She took deep breaths - in and out, in and out - to calm her shaking. And she thought about how beautiful things are instead of how scary they might be. She thought about rain and flowers and rainbows.

More days passed, and Sully learned a bit about how to control her emotions and not be scared of everything. Sometimes she still got scared, but she took deep breaths and thought about beautiful things like her teacher told her. But most the time she did not even get scared anymore.

Today she saw an ant in her bedroom, and she acted like nothing happened. She wasn’t even 1/2 percent scared. She wasn’t scared of anything anymore. She had learned how to control her emotions.

Sully and her mom went out to celebrate. They went out to a restaurant to eat - Golden Corral. There was a lot of food - chicken, bread, vegetables, even ice and soda and icecream. Then they went to the Mall, Walmart and Target. They bought clothes, shoes, purses, takis, hot cheetos, deserts, a Christmas surprise, a jacket and a sweater. Her mom said, “Good job, Sully. I’m glad that you know how to control your emotions.”

That Friday, at 5:38, the neighbor Sasha came over to their house and asked her mom, “How is Sully doing in her emotion class?”

“Well, she’s been doing great,” said Sully’s mom. “So I took her out of the class, because she doesn’t need it anymore.”

Sasha went upstairs to Sully’s bedroom. Sully was washing her phone. Sasha told Sully that she was impressed about her control over her emotions.

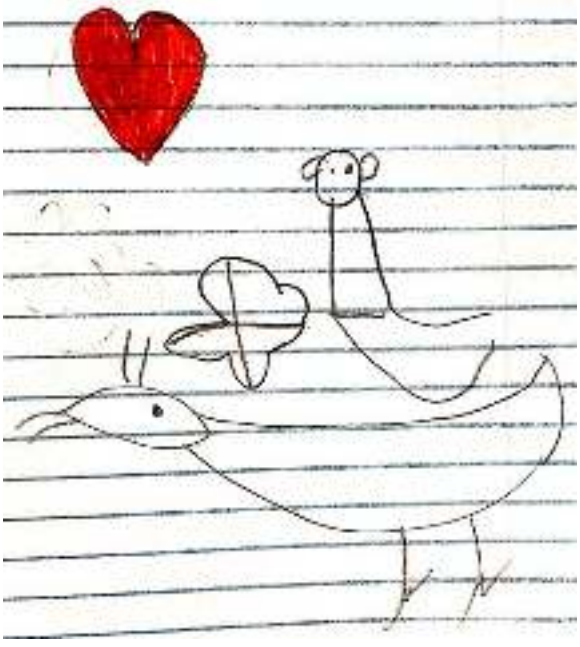
Sully said, “Thank you, Sasha, for helping me start that class and for staying with me and taking me to the class when my mom had to work. Look, I’m not scared of anything anymore.”



Drawings
by Emevrll







Life of Sophe
by Genesis

Chapter 1

Sophe was a girl who was in the 9th grade. She was shorter than the other girls and had long, black hair. One day, Sophe was in math class with her three friends Lily, Kemberly, and Kayla. They were planning how they were going to sit together during ELA class. The math teacher, Ms. Sarah, had to separate Kayla and Sophe, because they kept talking. When Ms. Sarah, their math teacher, moved Kayla away from Sophe, Kayla changed seats with Omar. Omar is a boy that Sophe has liked since 8th grade. He is handsome, he plays on the soccer team, and he has been nice to Sophe ever since she first met him in second grade.

Once math class finished, the four friends went to ELA class and sat together at a table in the back of the room. Sophe tried not to look like she was looking at Omar, who was sitting closer to the front. But, even though he was trying to hide it, she could see that he was looking at her too.

“He keeps looking at me,” Sophe said to her friends.

“Oh gosh, she is never going to stop talking about it,” said Lily.

“Ladies at the back, stop talking,” said Mr. Salas, the ELA teacher. Mr. Salas was reading a book called *The Baked Bean*. It was about a baked bean that was bad. The girls started paying attention again.

When ELA class was over, it was time for lunch. The friends walked past Omar as they left to go to the cafeteria together. Omar looked at Sophe.

Sophe, Lily, Kemberly, and Kayla walked into the cafeteria, which was full of kids, and they sat at a table together. They brought their own lunches - chips and meat.

“I wish I could sit with Omar,” said Sophe.

“You do know that you can sit with him, right?” said Lily.

“ARE YOU CRAZY?” said Sophe. “Omar is one of the most popular guys in this school,” said Sophe. “It would be so weird. He probably won’t even talk to me.”

“You were the one who said that you wanted to sit with him, not me,” said Lilly.

Kemberley stood up. “I’m coming back,” she said.

“Where are you going?” said Lily.

“I’m going to get some chips,” said Kemberly.

“From where are you going to get them?” asked Sophe.

“From Omar. I’m going to say that you sent me to get them,” said Kemberly.

“Nooooo,” said Sophe. “Don’t go!”

“What will you give me if I don’t go?” asked Kemberly.

“I will give you….” Sophe stammered. “I will give you *my* chips.”

“Okay, I guess I’ll take your chips,” said Kemberly. “Because I am still hungry.”

“Well, I am going to get a spoon, because all this talk about Omar made me forget to get one,” Lily said.

When lunch ended, they all went outside because school was over.

“Do y’all want to come to my house? There will be a party,” said Kayla.

“I will see if my mom will let me,” said Sophe.

“Ok, I’ll see you at my house if your mom will let you come,” said Kayla.

Chapter 2

When Sophe got home, she asked her mom if she can go to Kayla’s party.

“Like at what time will you come back?” asked Sophe’s mom.

“Maybe like at 9:00 PM, because the party starts at 6 PM,” said Sophe.

“Ok. You can go, but be careful,” said Sophe’s mom.

“Ok. I am going to get ready,” said Sophe.

When Sophe was ready, she asked her mom if she can drop her off at Kayla’s house.

Her mom said, “Yes. Start getting in the car.”

“Ok,” said Sophe.

“We are here,” Sophe’s mom said when they got to Kayla’s house. “Tell Kayla’s mom that I said hi.”

“Oh, I will,” said Sophe.

Chapter 3

“Hey girl. I was waiting for you,” said Kayla when she opened the door. “Are you hungry? We have pizza.”

“Yes, I am hungry. Can I have a slice of pizza,” said Sophe.

“Sure. The pizza is on the back table,” said Kayla

“Ok. Thank you,” said Sophe.

“You’re welcome,” said Kayla.

Once Sophe got her slice of pizza, she went to the table where Kayla, Kemberley and Lily were sitting down.

“Ooooo, guess who came?” said Lily.

“Who?” asked Sophe.

“Your crush, Omar, is here,” said Sophe.

“Why didn’t y’all tell me that he would be here!?” said Sophe.

“Well, if we would have told you, I’m sure that you would not have come,” said Kemberley.

“And you would make up lies to not come because you would be shy,” said Kayla.

“OMG, he’s coming!” said Sophe.

Chapter 4

“Hi. Ummmm. Why are you talking to me? You never talk to me,” said Sophe.

“Well, I was just going to tell you that you dropped your phone,” said Omar.

“Oh, um, thank you,” said Sophe.

“You’re welcome,” said Omar.

“Ok, bye…,” said Sophe.

“OMG, I talked to him!” said Sophe to her friends after Omar walked away.

Chapter 5

“Well, I have to go. I told my mom I would be back by 9:00 PM, and it’s 8:48 PM,” said Sophe.

“Are you leaving too, Lily?” asked Kayla.

“Yes, I also told my mom that I would be home by 9:00 PM,” said Lily. She’s gonna be here to pick me up soon. Do you need a ride, Sophe?”

“Sure,” said Sophe.

“Oh, let me call my mom to tell her to drop you off,” said Lily.

“Ok,” said Kemberly and Sophe.

“What are you going to do if Lily’s mom says no,” said Kemberly.

“I’ll see,” said Sophe.

“Ok, so my mom said yes,:” said Lily.

“Ok, let me grab my bag,” said Sophe.

“Ok,” said Lily.

Once Lily’s mom picked up Lily and Sophe, she started driving to Sophe’s house.

“Hello. How did he party go?” asked Lily’s mom.

“Very good,” said Sophe.

Lily’s mom dropped Sophe off at her house.

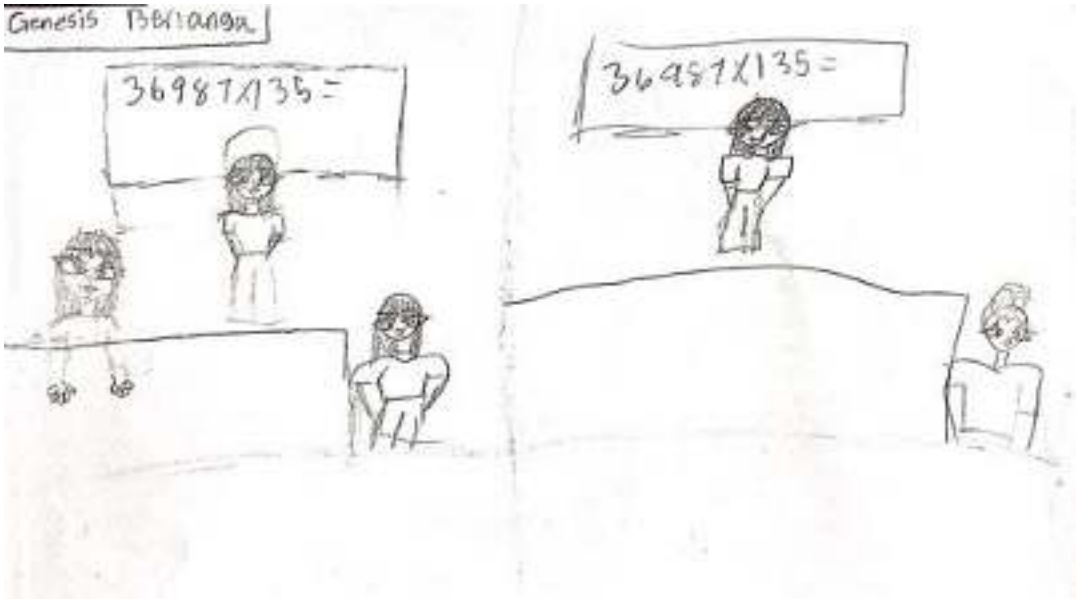
When Sophe went inside, her mom was waiting for her. “It’s getting late. You should go to sleep,” said Sophe’s mom.

“Goodnight,” said Sophe.

“Good night. Sweet dreams. Love you,” said Sophe’s mom.

And that’s the life of Sophe.

The End.



The Big Football Passout
by Geon



Chapter 1

One day in Minnesota, Justin Jefferson scored the winning touchdown 49 to 21.

Then he had to play another game against the Cowboys. He won another game 42 to 9.

His little brother made a touchdown against the Bull City Bulldogs. After that, Justin passed out. Then his brother called the EMS. When they came, they tried to wake Justin up. They gave him a big hug. Then the EMS said he needs to go home.



Chapter 2

“Justin, you may not play this game.”

“Why?”

“You passed out so -“

“I can do it.”

“No, go home.”

“I wish I did not pass out. Hmmmm. I got a plan. I will act like I am not injured.”

“Well, do you think that’s right?”

“No, but I got to do it.”



“Well, Justin, you do you.”

“I didn’t… No, no, no… What did you do?”

“You are so dumb. I just want to play.”

“Well, STOP. You are making it worse.”

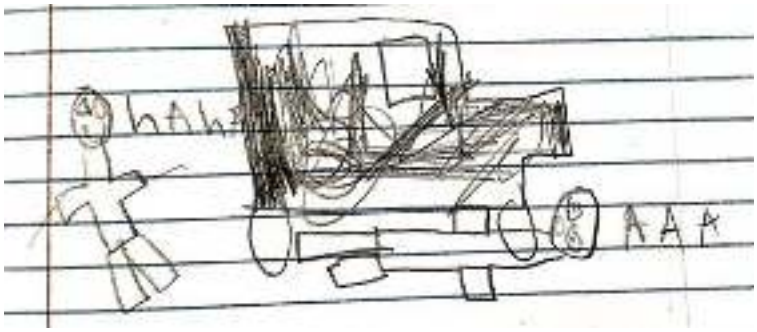
The Life
by Geon

One day in Durham, Mariah gave birth to CJ.

When he turned one, he got a hair cut.

When he turned 4, he got punched.

“Why did you do that?” CJ asked.



“Shut up, Dummy,” LJ said.

“Ahhhhh! Mom! I got hit by a car!” yelled LJ.

“I am coming,” called Mom.

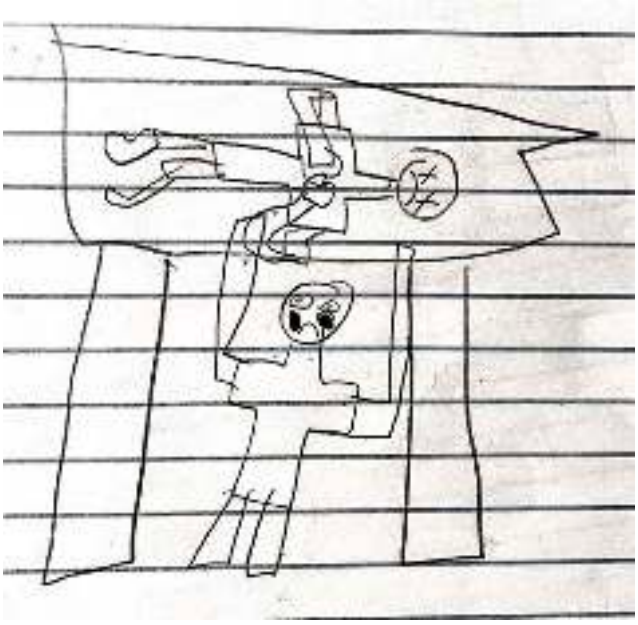
“Help!”

The next day at school, everyone was asking, “Where is LJ?”

“He got hit by a car,” they were told.

LJ was a bully and everyone was afraid of him.

When he got hit by the car, he passed away.



Where is Cleo?
by Jazlen W.

Setting: Home, woods, mystery fun house, school.

Characters: Cleo, Sarah, Cleo's mom, Cleo's dad.

Plot: A thirteen-year-old girl named Cleo Marsona had gone missing on October 11. all that was left was her phone.

Chapter 1

It was October 10. I was at home talking to Cleo. We were planning on going to the fair. We both had to go to bed. But we talked more at school.



"The movies?"

"No."

"The fair?"

"Yes."

At school, we saw our friend Sarah. But, for some odd reason, she was being weird. Like, she was looking at us all day. Cleo and I were very scared, because we thought she was going to do something bad.

In science class, Cleo, Sarah and I were told to do a project on the solar system. After school, we went to my house, but Sarah said she had to go home to babysit her twin brother and sister, so she left.

Cleo and I had a week to finish the project. Sarah didn't help at all. We turned in the project and got an A+ on it. But Cleo told the teacher about Sarah not helping, and Sarah got an F.

When Sarah found out, she was mad. Sarah was so mad that she told us she would kill us. We were scared, so Cleo told her mom and dad. Cleo's mom and dad were mad and told the school, and Sarah got detention.

Chapter 2

One month after Sarah's detention was over, she hadn't talked to Cleo and me in weeks. We thought she was still mad at us for telling. We tried to text her, but Cleo said to forget about it.

The next day, Cleo and I decided to go out that weekend. We went to a lot of places, like the movies and the mall. Then we went home.

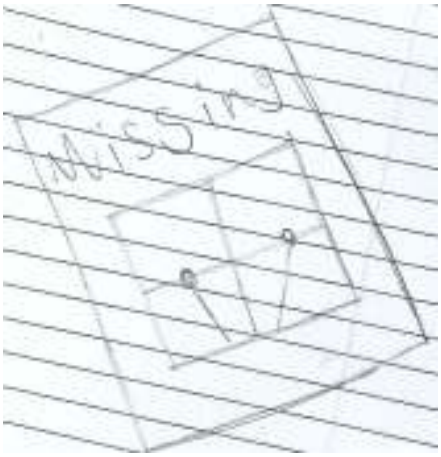
Back at school, we didn't see Sarah for 3 months, but we didn't care.

A few days before the fair, my parents had to go on a business trip. I had to stay at Cleo's house for the weekend. The fair was open for only 2 months. We went to the store to get some snacks.

A few days later, Cleo and I found out that they had shut the fair down because of a shooting.

Since we couldn't go to the fair anymore, we went to the beach instead. Behind us was this fun house, and it was very old. Cleo wanted to go inside it. I said no, but we went inside the mystery fun house. There were a lot of mazes, mirrors, a few traps, and lots of jump scares.

One minute later, I heard a loud scream!



I looked behind me and saw blood.

Then I saw a blood trail on the floor, so I followed the trail of blood.

The trail ended at an exit door.

I went out the door, but I didn't see Cleo.

When I told Cleo's mom and dad, they called the cops and made a report.

It's been two weeks since we last saw Cleo.

Sarah came back after 4 months. I told her the news.

After telling her what happened, she started to cry a lot. She was very sad, but she had two scars on her body - one on her cheek and one on her arm.

When I asked what happened to her, she said nothing.

I asked again. Still no answer.

I asked her all day about what happened to her.

But she told me to leave her alone because I was annoying her.

I was still worried about Cleo; so, to keep my mind off of it, I walked.

I went on a walk that night, but then I saw someone holding a person covered in blood!

I followed the person and chased them into the woods.

When they turned around, their mask came off. It was Sarah!

And Cleo was on the ground. She looked like she was dead.

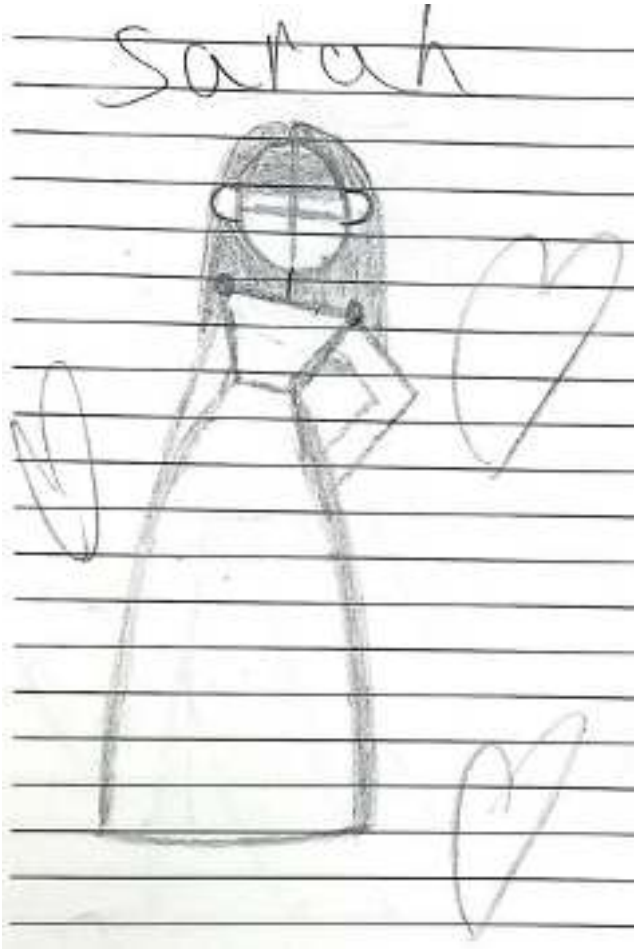
Cleo was covered in blood.

I called the police, and Sarah was taken to court.

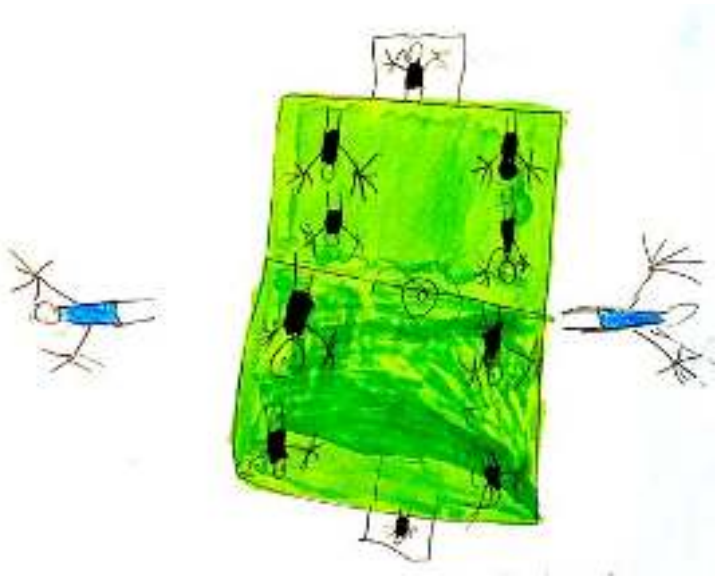
Cleo was sent to the hospital.

Cleo survived. She was safe, and we never saw Sarah again.

The End.



My Favorite Sport and Friends
by Jeremiah



My friends Jeremy, Christian, Josue and Kzon were on my soccer team, and we played in the championship game for our league: Portugal.

Jeremy stole the ball and passed the ball to me. I dribbled the ball down the field. I got near the goal. I fake-kicked it. It looked like it was going to the right; but I kicked it high and to the left. My friend Eli was the goalie. Eli went to the right, and the ball went into the upper left corner of the goal. I scored the first goal! I made a celebration.

Then the other team threw the ball into play.

Next, I got the ball and I passed it to Jeremy, and he made the goal and we won the trophy!

I was happy, and we had a celebration. It was fun.

Next we went to Mexico, and, after we had some food, we played another game. This one was against Mexico. We scored four goals, and the score was 4 to 0. We won!

Then we celebrated and took a break for 2 days. During the break, we ate and watched a movie. Then we had practice. After that, we had a 2v2. Jeremy and I were on one team, and Josue and Christian were on the other team. That game ended in a tie. It was 2:2.

When I went home, I was tired. I drank water, took a shower, ate tacos, and went to sleep.

I woke up at 7:00 and had morning practice.

Then our next game started at 1:00. We played for 2 hours. This time was against America. And we won! It was 7-0. We demolished them!

Then we took two trips. We went to Mexico for two days, and we went to Japan for 1 day. In Mexico, we went to Mexico city and the pool. And in Japan, we went to eat and take baths. We came back in the morning.

We got back January 1st. We got home at 2:30, and I went to eat with my date. We got Chinese food.

Then we played again, this time against Africa. And we won! The score was 9-1. Their goalie was not very good. Afterwards, we flew back to Portugal and I went with my date shopping at Walmart. We got some food and snacks -meat, chips - and then we went to a movie.

Cristiano Ronaldo
by Jeremy

Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the best players in soccer history, but he wasn't always famous or rich. He was born in Portugal, where he was really poor and he used to clean streets.

When he was 15 years old, he got invited to Lisbon, Portugal. That was his first ever soccer team. Ronaldo began his professional career in 2002 with Sporting CP (Sporting Clube de Portugalat) when he was 17.

After his 3rd game for Portugal, Ronaldo's dad died. Ronaldo cried non-stop. Ronaldo was so upset that he could not play, so Manchester United signed him. Manchester United still believed he would play well.



In Manchester, Ronaldo had great soccer seasons. He won more than 10 trophies. At that time, Ronaldo cost $80 million, so Manchester United could not keep him because he was too expensive. So Ronaldo went to Real Madrid, a Spanish professional football club based in Madrid. Real Madrid bought him. With Real Madrid, he won like 12 trophies - 5 of them are Champions League (team trophies that teams compete to win every year). Ronaldo also scored his best goal in his whole career at Real Madrid. It was a bicycle kick, and Ronaldo says it is his favorite.

Until one day everything changed. Ronaldo went down the stairs and never came back to Real Madrid. He went to Juventus, which means youth, in Italy. The Juventus Football Club is Italy's most famous football team. But Juventus didn't win many trophies before Ronaldo. Ronaldo helped them by scoring over 100 goals while he played for them.

Then Ronaldo joined Manchester United again, because he thought he would play with more passion if he went back to the club he played for when he was young. After that, he played for Portugal and won the European Championship in 2016 for the Portugal national team. He also won the Nations League.

Al Nassr offered Ronaldo 200 million dollars a year to play for them, so he went to Al Nassr. He also left Manchester United because the coach was treating him badly. Right now Ronaldo plays for Al Nassr, where he has won 2 trophies, including the Arab Club Champions Cup.

In total, Ronaldo has won 34 major football (soccer) trophies.

One time, when he was 15 years old, Ronaldo said, “I am gonna be the best player ever.” His teammates laughed.

Today, Cristiano Ronaldo is known to be the best player to ever live, and he is the most famous person on social media. He gained 1 million followers on his Tik Tok account in just one day! He is also the most famous person on Instagram. Ronaldo represents the Nike company. Reporters, coaches, sport writers, all of these people say that Ronaldo is the best player of all time.

Ronaldo once scored a goal for Real Madrid and he heard people saying, “Siuu!!” So when he was going to celebrate, he said, “Siuu” and did this celebration (dance). Ronaldo liked this celebration a lot, so he started adding jumps, and he started running when he did it. The Siuu Celebration is now one of the most famous celebrations in the world.



Playing with My Friends
by Jevian

I would like to go to the park near my house.

I have to take a car.

It takes two hours to get to the park.

I go to the park with my friends.

My friend and I will play football - American soccer.

Other people play soccer with us.

We run around the park.

We kick the ball to the goal.

My friend keeps the score.

We can eat ice cream.

My Favorite Sport
by Josue

Author's Note: For me, Ronaldo is the best soccer player.

Jeremy and Christian were on my team. We were all wearing blue soccer shirts with numbers on the back. I was number 11, Jeremy was number 7, and Christian was number 10. The position I was playing was LW (left winger). Christian was RW (right winger), and Jeremy was St (striker). A new player we call Rock was GK (goal keeper).

We played another team called the Tigers. This team is not bad, and their color is purple. A member of their team slide-tackled all three of us at different times. The first slide tackle got a red card, and the second 2 slide tackles didn't hit that hard, so they got yellow cards. Our team got 3 free kicks.

At the first free kick, Jeremy kicked the ball. He kicked it hard, and it went up into the left corner and the goalie couldn't get it.





Christian kicked the second free kick and scored another goal. He kicked it soft, and the players jumped, and the ball went into the lower right corner.

I kicked the third goal. It curved and went into the top right corner of the goal. The goalie just stood there - the ball was too fast and too high.

When the other team got the ball, Christian hit the player too hard and got a yellow card. They missed their penalty shot, because it went right and the goalie went right and caught it. We have the best GK.

We won the game 7-3. I scored two goals, and Jeremy scored one. Christian missed one and then made a penalty.

So we got to go eat pizza!

Note from the Author: I like to pass and make a goal, but I like to pass more. I am happy when I play with friends. Oh, one last thing: Ronaldo is the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time).

Messi GOAT or Ronaldo GOAT?
by Kennedy



Messi was really short, because he did not have enough growth hormones. At the age of 9, he was taking medicine to make him taller. He got really picked on because he was short. He got kicked off his youth soccer team in Argentina, so he played against adults. He was really good. So people started liking him again. He stopped playing when he was 30. He's 36 now.

Ronaldo grew up very poor in Portugal. His mom had to find money to feed them. He was sweeping streets when he was 12 years old. He played with a soccer ball made of clothes. His mom couldn't afford soccer.

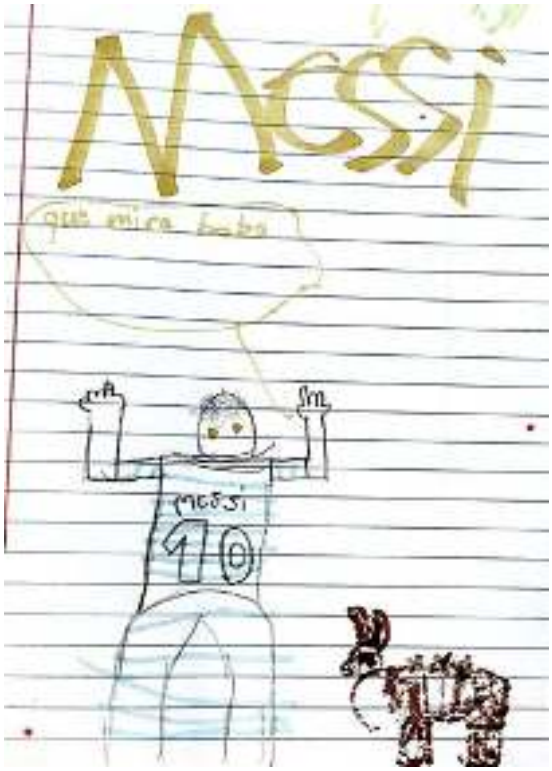
Ronaldo's dad abandoned him.

After he got famous, his dad tried to make him come home, but Ronaldo took his mom and siblings to England, where he played for Manchester United. But his dad stayed in Portugal, and Ronaldo sent some money to his dad.

Messi plays for Argentina, and they won the World Cup in 2022. Messi spent a lot of money to buy gold iPhones for everyone on his whole team and for all the staff of the Argentina team.

Ronaldo got 3rd place in the Championship Special, but he never won a World Cup. This is why some people think Messi is the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time), and not Ronaldo.



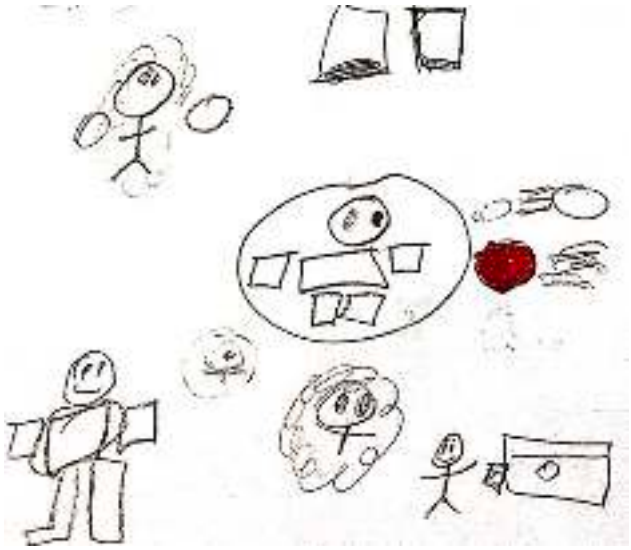


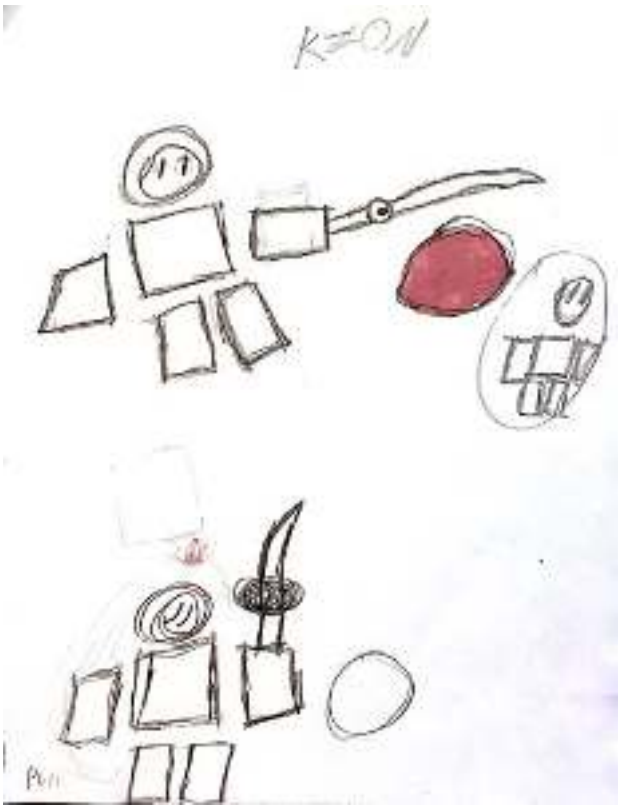
Blade Ball
by Kzon

Author's Note: I like blade ball. It is a Roblox game on the PlayStation 4. My username is kgotdrip325.

You can run and you can hit the ball, and you can buy special abilities - dash, jump, a sword, a shield. You can use the shield to block the ball. You can change your avatar and your clothes. You can play a bot (the computer) or another person. You can also waste a lot of money.

When you hit the ball, it moves to somebody else. They can hit it back fast. You can pull the ball to you and then you can hit it again. When the other person doesn't hit it back, they die, and you get coins that you can use to buy swords and abilities.





You can use the swords to hit the ball, and each sword costs about $80. Different swords cause different amounts of damage - the more damage they cause the more they cost. You can increase your jump power too - this costs around 300 coins. It costs around 450 to get a tower that you can go up and play from. If you want to become invisible, it costs around 8,000 coins.

You can also get a yellow ball - when it comes to you, it just bounces back without you having to hit it. There is also a wheel you can spin to randomly choose abilities.

Right now, Roblox is the only game I have. It is entertaining and has a lot of games I can play to earn coins.

AFK stands for "Away from Keyboard" on Roblox, and you can use it to indicate that you are away from the game, so you aren't playing right then. AFK is so you can exit the game and get coins.

Blade Ball
by Kzon



I am playing more than one person, and I have some special abilities. My special abilities are dashing and super jumping. I start with dashing.

I have to start over a couple of times before I get into the groove. I start hitting the ball back and killing other people to get coins. Then I use an AFK to get away from the game and use my coins to buy special abilities.

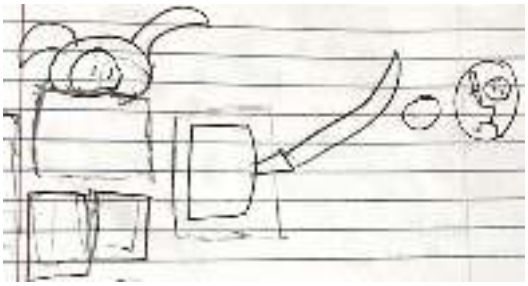


I say hi to my friends in the chat box that is on the screen. We also talk through microphones and speakers.

There are 4 teams that are playing this game. One team is red, another team is blue, and the other teams are yellow and green. I have friends on the green and yellow teams.

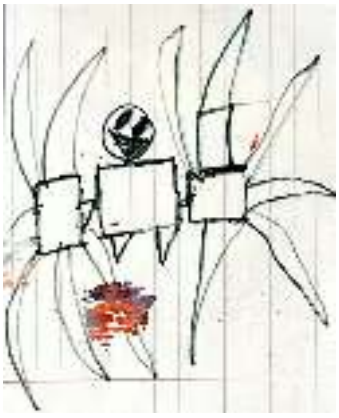
I walk to the ball and hit it.

It moves to somebody else.



They hit it back fast.

I pull the ball to me, and then I hit it again.



Every time I get the ball, I am ready.

While I am playing, my friends say hi.

I hit the ball with a sword.

The other team blocks the ball.

The Red team gets the ball and runs to the goal.

This is a fun game to play with friends.

What is Amy Going To Do Next
by Mychalah Mayo



There is a girl named Amy. She is 11 years old. Her parents are divorced - for about 4 months. She has been living with her dad in his apartment. Now her dad is taking her to her mom, Mya, for the winter. Amy loves her mom.

Amy's mom's house is along a mountain road in the woods. On the way there, Amy and her dad get into a car crash. Her dad did not see a big curve that was coming, and the car kept going straight and hit a tree.

She tries to wake up her dad, but he will not wake up. Amy is the only one that survives, so she is lost along a road in the forest. With no adult. But there is a small town they passed before the crash, and Amy knows where Mya lives. So Amy can go home. But it is getting dark.

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Mya is looking for Amy. She calls Amy's phone, which is in Amy's bag that she packed her things in to go to her mom's house. But Amy's phone is dead. So Amy needs a charger.

Amy goes to the town. There is a man named Jake. Jake asks Amy, "What do you need?" Amy says, "I am looking for a place to stay."

"How old are you?" Jake says.

"I'm 13," Amy says, knowing that she is 11 and that you have to be 13 or older to get a motel room.

She pays Jake. "Thank you for the room," Amy says.

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Mya is going to go find Amy. She calls the police and says, "I would like to file a missing child report. Her name is Amy Lopez."

"How old is your daughter," the police lady says.

"She is 11 years old."

"Where's sissy?" Amy's little brother says in the background.

The police lady says,"We have an Amy lopez in a motel by the highway and a crash.'

Mya is so worried she hangs up before the police can tell her that Amy said she was 13."

Mya gets in her car to go to the motel.

“Guess what? Amy went to go find food to eat and a place to charge her phone,” says Jake to Amy’s mom.

So Amy isn’t at the motel when Mya gets there.

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Amy goes to a fast food place that sells chargers and has food. In the bag she packed to go to her mom’s, she has money, clothes, a little granola bar snack, and a charger. But she left her charger because she was charging her phone in the car.

So Amy buys herself a hamburger and some fries. She charges her phone. Then she calls her mom and says, “I’m at the McDonalds.”

Her mom says, “I’m on my way,” But Amy’s already on her way back to the motel.

When Amy gets to the motel, she takes her stuff and tries to go to her mom’s house, but her mom is already at the McDonald’s.

The mom calls the police again to say she found Amy but that Amy’s missing again - because Mya went to the motel and Amy is not there.

The police officer says, “Amy Lopez was checked out of the motel.”

And as Amy is walking back to her mom’s house, she sees that her Dad is not dead. He’s still in the car, because his seat belt has tangled him. She grabs her charger and tells her dad, “Come on, let’s go to mom’s house.”

He can walk but he’s limping, so Amy’s helping him.

It’s about 11:03. It’s dark. So they have to find somewhere to stay. So they decide to go into the forest. They meet this deer named Lucy.

Amy didn’t know that she could talk to animals, but she started talking to the deer. The deer shows her around the poison ivy and stuff like that.

Amy and her dad gather sticks and leaves and build a little shelter for them to lay in. Amy’s dad finds some berries to eat, because Amy ate a burger earlier.

The berries that the dad ate weren’t poisonous but they can make you sick. So her dad, whose name is Alexis, his cheeks start to swell up. He can’t speak, but he can still breathe.

She can either stay in the forest or walk back to the motel and get some medicine from the shops. But she wouldn't know which medicine to get, so she stays with her dad in the forest.

Then Alexis (Amy's dad) rolls over into a pile of poison ivy. Now his face is all swelled up and his eyes are red and closed shut.

So he can't open his mouth and talk and he can't see at all.

Amy goes to find food for them. *Was she going to find food or buy the food,* she thinks. Then she remembers that she has a granola bar in her bag. She feeds the granola bar to her dad. She squeezes his cheeks and opens his mouth for him and then closes his mouth so he can eat the granola.

Alexis is very grateful to have a daughter like Amy.

They decide to try to go back to the street to go to Mom's house. But they forgot where they came from, so they keep going into the forest. They see more animals. Amy says hello to this rabbit named Chexter. Chexter shows Amy and Alexis where he hid his carrots, because they need to eat. He tells them to go to the lake near where he stores his carrots. And you will meet my friend, who is a squirrel. She will tell you where you can find some other food if you don't like carrots. She has celery.

The lake there is very clean, so Amy and her dad can drink the water and bathe. So they drink the water. Amy puts some of the water on the dad's cheeks, and it helps reduce the swelling. She feeds the water to her dad, and then the dad feels better.

The next day, they ask Chexter where the road is, so they can go find Mom's house.

Mom lives by the cabins, and Amy remembers when she was at her mom's house once, she had this juicy tender turkey that was making her very hungry. So Amy starts drooling.

She tells her dad, "We have to get out of here." But Amy doesn't know that her mom is looking for her already.

The mom is searching the motel, because maybe Amy is in the parking lot or somewhere else that's not her room. Then she drives to the police station. On her way there, she sees Dad's car. And she sees Amy's charger in the car. And she sees that the doors are open, so she has hope that Amy and Alexis are still alive.

Mya decides to go to the police station and file another missing person report. She says, "I would like to file a report. Amy Lopez, 11 years of age, is missing. And her father Alexis Lopez is missing too."

The police lady says, "Where were they last seen."

Mya says she doesn't know.

And the police lady searches both of their names and sees that Amy checked out of a motel at 9 PM.

So now Mya is looking for other places Amy could be. She knows Amy can talk to animals, so she goes into this forest. She has a bag with a first aid kit, water, and a flashlight. She shouldn't need it because she knows all the animals in the forest, because something like this happened to her when she was a child.

She talks to the deer that Amy talked to. The deer says, "Oh, I talked to Amy. She went to go talk to Chexter, the rabbit, to get carrots to eat. She was with a strange looking man. His cheeks were swollen up. His eyes were swollen shut and red."

Mya gasps. "That's my ex-husband! The police said he got in a car crash a couple days ago."

Mya goes deeper into the forest and sees the squirrel that is Chexter's friend. It's very dark. So she cuts on her flashlight and she asks the squirrel for some of her celery. She takes it to the little pond and washes it off. She's going to eat it because she's hungry.

She takes the little blanket in her bag and lays down on leaves with her son.
"I'm cold," he says. She cuddles him tightly.

"Before it becomes morning, I will get back to my car and find them," she says.

When Mya wakes up early in the morning, her son is playing with Chexter the rabbit. "We have to go," she says to them both.

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They walk out of the forest, and Mya drives them home. When she gets there she sees Amy and Alexis in the house. Amy had a spare key. They were so tired, they laid down on the carpet. Mya is so relieved.



They all hug. Amy whispers in her mom's ear, "Are you falling in love?"

Her mom doesn't reply, but her mom already cooked for Thanksgiving, so she says let's go eat.

They have a great Thanksgiving. Mya and Alexis get back together, and they all live happily ever after.

The Extinction of the Dinosaurs
by Nakata

Authors Note: The dinosaurs went extinct 6.5 million years ago because of a meteor that hit the earth and a volcano that erupted at the same time. There was a big explosion. The dinosaurs tried to run and hide, but they couldn't. And that's how the dinosaurs went extinct. Dinosaur fossils may be even older than when they went extinct. People still hang and put up dinosaur skeletons. A dinosaur skull costs like 5.5 million dollars, and a dinosaur egg costs like 9.5 million dollars. So if you go to the history museum, you will probably see dinosaur skeletons. Remember to get out there and be creative and maybe you will find a dinosaur bone or fossil.





The Extinction

The dinosaurs went through a lot. When the explosion happened, the dinosaurs were surprised and scared, because they didn't expect it.

A T-rex tried to run but then it climbed up the ledge of the mountain and roared and roared. This T-rex was big and brown and a female. The males were red and blue and had manes like lions on their necks, and their teeth were much sharper.



There was lighting and thunder and big dinosaurs running, and the wind was howling. The meteor's hit was so hard that it made a hole in the earth and a volcano erupted - maybe more than one, but I think it is just one - and started to spit rocks out. The dirt and rocks flew up high and crashed to the ground. Lava was flowing everywhere, and smoke and dust filled the sky. The dinosaurs got sick breathing in all that smoke and dust in the air. All the dinosaurs were traumatized and terrified.

This female T-rex was on the ledge, and the lava and smoke and dust were below her. But the smoke was coming up,

and the magma appeared to be burning the cliff. The female T-rex was calling out to the dinosaurs, and she saw that the dinosaurs were running everywhere and some dinosaurs were getting stuck in the lava and hit by lava rocks. The T-rex could not run back, because she would get stuck in the lava, a.k.a. magma, or she would git hit by a lava rock, or she would fall in the hole that the meteor made when it hit the earth. So the T-rex stayed on the edge of the cliff and called to the other dinosaurs to run so they would be safe.

Finally, the female T-rex ran back down the mountain. But she got stuck in the lava and hit by one of the lava rocks, a.k.a. magma rocks.

The dinosaurs tried to fight back, but they couldn't.

Millions of years later, the female T-rex's skeleton may be hanging in a museum - maybe in Washington D.C. - because people still find fossils in caves or places with rocks and dirt. I have some fossils at home.



Crocodile
by Oliver

Chapter 1

Once upon a time, there was a crocodile called Jake. He was 12 years old. His friends were all crocodiles too - all the students at his school were crocs.

Jake liked to play sports. His favorite was basketball.

Monday, he was doing school lessons in the cafeteria while his friends were eating. He was doing math. Five minutes after he started doing his math homework, the bell rang to end the school day. Jake went home, got on his bed, and slept.

The next day, Jake woke up and ate eggs. Then he went to school. First he was in gym, and they were playing basketball - his favorite!

“Mom, Dad,” Jake said. “Can I have new shoes?”

“Sure,” both said. “What kind of shoes?”

“Sport shoes,” Jake said.

“What sport shoes?” they asked.

“Nike,” Jake said.

“Ok,” said Jake’s mom.

Ten minutes later his mom appeared with Jake’s new shoes.

“Thank you,” Jake said.

Chapter 2

Not a good day.

Jake woke up from a bad dream.

At school the teacher gave his test to him, and he got a C-.

He went to specials. The gym teacher set up for dodgeball. Jake was hit 17 times. He was tired. The gym teacher walked up to Jake and asked, “Jake, what’s wrong?”

Well, what do you think?

Little Sister In Trouble
by Sofia

My name is Sofia. I like to draw. I do my art in the playroom. Today I am painting a lake with a bright sun.



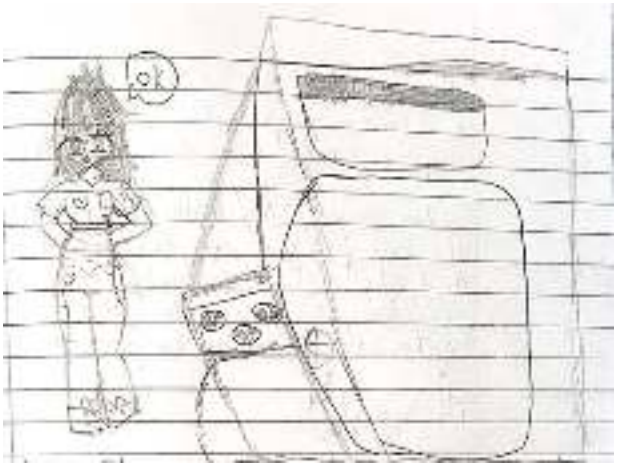
Oh no! My little sister is destroying my art! My little sister is one year old. She has picked up a paintbrush and spilled paint on the floor.

“Noooooo. My art! What did you do? AAAH. Mom!”

“What Sofia?” Mom says.

“My little sister destroyed my art!”

“So? She is a baby. Look at her,” Mom says.



“TaTa UwUw,” says my baby sister.

“You are the biggest,” Mom says to me. “Now go to sleep.”

“Okay,” I say. I lay in my bed. “Why do I have to be the biggest?” I think. My brother is the middle child and my sister is the youngest. “Why? Why? Why do I have to be the biggest?”



In the morning, I wake up and say, “Ahhh, I got soccer practice today!”

My mom and sister stay during practice. My little sister walks onto the edge of the field sometimes, where the ball can hit her or a player can run into her.

I play a lot. I can score a lot. Then my teacher says she’s gonna call some people to rest and some to play.

When we rest, my friends say, “Hey Sophia. Why are you so stressed?”

I say, “ My mom said my little sister is the baby, and I am the biggest. And she told me at today’s soccer practice, if my little sister gets hit, I need to protect her.”

Just as I’m saying this, my little sister wanders to the edge of the field. My mom is talking to people and she doesn’t see this. So I jump up and run over to the edge of the field and pick up my sister and take her to my mom.

Even though she stresses me out, I love my sister and I protect her.

The end… or not.



Basketball
by Zariyah

One time, Lexi was at school and she saw tryouts to join a basketball team. After she saw the sign, she took her pencil out and signed up for it.

The next day, Lexi went to school. She went to the gym to practice. They ran laps outside.

Lexi worked hard until the big day. She was very nervous when she walked in the school. She walked into the hallway and saw all of her friends sitting down in the hallway. The game was about to start.

Lexi ran around the gym with the other basketball players. Before the game started, she practiced shooting the ball by doing some layups.

All of the basketball players took a seat when the game started. They decided to put Lexi in first.

Lexi's friend Ameila passed the ball to Lexi.

Lexi bounced the ball all the way down to the hoop, then she shot the ball.

The ball was going around the hoop, and it went down the hole.

Lex screamed very loudly. Her mom and dad were so proud of her.

It was the last game and the blue team was winning the game by one point. Lexi's team had to score one more basket to win the basketball game.

Ameila passed the ball to Lexi. Lexi bounded the ball all the way down the court and jumped into the air. She took the shot and Whoosh! It went into the basket.

They won the game! And Lexi made the winning point.