

The Beyond Level Of The Game

CHAPTER 1 - WINNING

Soccer games after soccer games the game drastically changed and became even harder for the boys. The losses and wins affected them as a whole and left them with no choice but to continue playing and to make a change. All famous soccer players are always pondering how to defeat other soccer teams. “Use your skills and playmaking to your advantage, never give up” would say. This year they will hold tryouts, he thought. Randy, Ozzy and Alex tryouts were held at the university and many more teammates from last year tried out. The first thing was to play a scrimmage game to decide who would be on the team. Ozzy was a year younger than everybody, Ozzy had short brown hair and dark blue eyes. His hands shook as the ball came to him. He would need some confidence. The players who played the scrimmage were all good. The same people from last year were put on the team plus Randy and Alex. Then out of nowhere fans shouted

“ Go, Go, Go!”

“ Score,” says the fan.

“Okay they understand the rules and procedures,” says Ozzy.

The game started when Randy scored the first goal and Alex scored the other two. The fans start yelling like crazy and the coaches stay quiet. The other scored one goal. CMON! I heard the whistle explode in my ears from two fields down. “ Alright team We are up by two we need to still stay strong remember last year,” says Randy.” Okay we will do the same positions except Ozzy goes in for Alex and Tyler goes in for Jack.”

The game begins and the other teams start acting weird and they get nervous. He is prey not a predator. The soccer team gets the first ball. Dribbles it down the middle then passes to the outside. Ally gets the ball, she dribbles it into the box and then there is the fox. Wide open in the center. Phoot! The ball is put in the air at the feet. When the team gets the ball an incredible moment of tragedy happens.

Left....Then Right. Alex went dodging the other team.

CHAPTER 2 - RESOLVEMENT

One final kick would make them and their team win the game. The ball moved in-between everyone's feet as if there was a magnetic force that refused to let go. This was it. They'd be the star if they could kick the ball through the white painted goal posts. Alex kicked the ball and it whooshed past the opposing team, now if it could overpass the goalie. Randy's eyes were stuck on the ball watching if it would make it. Went the ball as it hit the net so hard it was as if it would rebound and come right back at Alex.

The crowd cheered, screaming at the top of their lungs! "THEY'VE WON THE GAME!" They all felt proud of themselves. Alex ran to the car and tripped on his way. He fell onto the concrete path and there was blackness, then he heard a reassuring voice and at the same time familiar. He couldn't make out what they were saying but most importantly who they were. Everyone knew the fans were tearing and crying. Right now, Alex, Ozzy and Randy were feeling as if they were in the worst pain like they just tripped and fell down a building but miraculously survived. They wondered what happened before this. Trying to recall the painful memory, they remembered hearing a repetitive beeping. It was loud, noticeable. But that was only them hearing the thought

of what they saw at the time, yes they remembered it clearly. And he remembered the game, the game where teamwork was shown and Alex scored the last goal which won his team the game. Did someone push him? Did he bang his head on the white goal posts? Or did he just trip over one of the loose stones on the path? Alex remembered it so clearly now. He tripped and banged his head, he heard the doctor saying his head was alright but his leg was broken. He couldn't play soccer anymore? He couldn't be in the championship for his team. On the day of the game Alex was in the hospital watching his team play on the television. The outcome wasn't good. His team was losing and even though they were showing effort they were still being dominated. So Alex decided to join in, not thinking of his fractured leg he still played but there was no point in showing up anyway, he was helpless. Two minutes left and Alex's team had to score just one to win. That's when Alex got the ball, his heart pounding hard. He kicked the ball, it flew in the net, they won. His team won??? Alex smiled and collapsed with full emotion . Two weeks after the game Alex and his team went to the ceremony to get their award, Alex received a special medal, he showed true team play despite what happened.

CHAPTER 3 - DANGER OUTSIDE

Once all the commotion was done, the area where they live in is a very corrupted area and is home to many crimes including homicide, murder and robbery. They have been working on moving out and raising money to move into a better neighborhood leaving them no choice but to continue to stay in such an area. Alex said "Do y'all want to work so we could raise some money? Maybe even apply for a company to benefit our dreams of chasing soccer?" Leaving them into an intimate state of not knowing what to decide or choose. Randy said "How about we

resell some of our equipment and clothes so we could make some extra money?” That’s been really popular lately so we should be able to make some profit out of it.” Ozzy added “But won’t that affect our time we should be putting into practice?” Eventually moving forward all three of them found jobs working as busboys which they were experienced coming from a family of native workers. They made useful profit but it wasn’t enough to sustain their needs of moving. Practice came the day after a tragic incident happened in the park, a group of kids who are known to cause violence and trouble. Ozzy was always into fighting he has been into fights throughout his years, “No cap if they want to rumble I’ll 1v4 all of them in a second” Ozzy said. Randy stated he saw them around their neighborhood patrolling the area “They were dead looking deep into my eyes as if we had beef or some.” “None of them about that lifestyle, all of them pussy’s watch them get humbled one day.” They continued practice by themselves and it was 8:30 PM perfect time and weather to be on the pitch. Alex was disciplined to have another wonderful season next year but their many priority was to focus on winning an upcoming tournament consisting of high level academy players who come from across the world. “We should be focused on winning this tournament like we did before, let’s try to win no matter what and get noticed by many scouts!” Alex said. Randy added “Probably will be the one and only chance to show off our true potential and become what we dreamed of becoming, which is to go pro right guys ?” “Yes,” Ozzy and Alex said. As soon as it started getting darker the area they lived in had gotten worse such as the sound of gunshots and screaming. “Crazy out here people need to live this area and find a new place to live *shake my head*” Ozzy said. Randy laughed and said “Nah really??? Of course people here got to move, not safe out here” Alex said “Let’s go get some food I’m mad hungry right now”.

CHAPTER 4 - FINALIZATION

At the chinese restaurant a car pulled up and it was the kids who stared directly at Randy then took out a gun and pointed it directly at Alex. Randy and Ozzy were shocked and didn't know what to do, "BRO CHILL PUT THAT DOWN" Ozzy said. They claimed Alex was affiliated with some sort of beef or problem towards one of their friends but Alex declined and said "Bro... do you understand I play soccer? I'm not even into that type of stuff, are you serious?" They said "We caught you lacking stop lying you definitely an opp we came here to comfort you." "BOOM BANG" the gunshots were fired and Alex fell to the ground, he was not responding he was bleeding. "ALEX!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Ozzy and Randy said. "BROOO" the kids left zooming away with their car as if they didn't care. Ozzy called the ambulance and Randy supported Alex with pressure to where he was shot, which was in the chest. "Alex, don't die on us you got to complete the dream we always wanted, we were going to become pro soccer players and play at the top level". Randy said. "We can't lose an important player like you, ever since we were kids we always played and dreamed about becoming professional players. You can't just end that dream here, you have to stand up and be strong for us." Ozzy said "Deadass we got to do something he can't die on us like that." Sad moment happened, Alex closed his eyes and from that point on he was not breathing. The memories made with Alex, he was a true star and showed his potential in many ways. Ozzy and Randy said to themselves "We can't let Alex down in our journey we are going to continue". We will carry his legacy beyond and show what great potential we have."

I choose my story to be filled with multiple perspectives and to create suspense throughout, using different techniques such as snapshots, thoughtshots and dialogue. I also included the essential question which is “what does it mean to be family ?” I briefly described the term “teamwork” because my characters worked together to win and play together. I described family as a group and to become one whole. I believe dramatic irony was shown when I mentioned the pain Alex went through when he endured the pain of his injury, I stated how he felt and what he went through to win the trophy and I also included dramatic irony when the group of kids confronted Alex, Ozzy and Randy towards the end of the story. Some thoughtshots I included were found in the middle of the story describing the feeling of winning, how they felt after the win was used as a thoughtshot. Nevertheless I used more dialogue in the story in order to conversate between characters and what they were going through. The discipline to win another championship such as “We should be focused on winning this tournament like we did before, let’s try to win no matter what and get noticed by many scouts!” Alex said. Randy added “Probably will be the one and only chance to show off our true potential and become what we dreamed of becoming, which is to go pro right guys ? Talking about that really put the story into a perspective of trying to win once again. Overall many techniques were shown and displayed throughout the whole story even though some might be hidden. Motif such as the term soccer kept on being repeated and visualized.