

CHAPTER 14

‘STRIKE FORCE’

‘SCREE’ ‘SCREE’ ‘SCREECH’ squeaked the children’s sneakers upon the court floor as they raced forward toward the balls, and two kids on Hoagie and Cindy’s team wearing over-sized shoes instantly took plunging falls! They fell face forward to the court floor, while soaring up and out of their big shoes, but if anyone really thought they could play in those things, they were just asking to lose! The rest of the kids on the court- in their regular sized shoes, neared the dodge balls like fast track runners- ready to snatch up one of five balls and fire them off like elementary school machine gunners!

Louis ran straight for the mid-court line and quickly grabbed the dodge ball in the middle, while Cindy and Brent snatched up both balls to left side near coach Gruff- there was no time for anyone to diddle! All three of them then swiftly ‘BA’ ‘BA’ ‘BACKED’ away to a safe distance- insuring that they couldn't get hit, because there would be no second chances*you got hit- and that was it!*

Big George and Mike P, both grabbed the two balls to the right and did hover, causing the entire right side of Hoagie's and Cindy's team to instantly race away for cover! Big George was known to throw balls hard enough to bruise the skin- he was! Big George and Mike P- wasted no time aiming their balls at the two shoe-less kids down on the floor, before they launched two powerful missiles that targeted them like freekin' laser beams! The two balls ‘SWOOSH’ ‘SWOOSH’ed past Hoagie as his teammates tried to quickly get up, but Mike P's ball struck a boy so hard that he fell back down onto his butt! Big George's ball struck the girl in the face with a ‘WHAM’ knocking her right off her feet

and down to the floor with a ‘BAM’!

Coach Gruff blew his whistle- ‘WHIRL’, then pointed at the two downed kids and yelled-“OUT”!

Two kids on Hoagie's team raced over and quickly grabbed the thrown balls in play, causing Big George and Mike P to swiftly ‘BA’ ‘BA’ ‘BACK’ up- far far far away!

“**STRIKE FORCE ON THREE!**”, instructed Cindy- to the four players on her team that now held dodge balls within their hands. Louis did not like what he had just heard, so he backed away even further- he did!

“**ONE!TWO!STRIKE FORCE’EEE!**”, yelled out Cindy- with a loud war cry that caused her team to spring into action.

Upon hearing the words ‘*STRIKE FORCE*’- Kelly North raced forward past Hoagie's right side; while Christopher flew past to the left! Christopher had his sights set on his arch-enemy, Jeff The Pest- he did! Cindy and Brent also raced forward with their balls held high, before all four of them aimed and released their balls one after another- ‘SWA’ ‘SWA’ ‘SWOOSH’!

Kelly North- with her sights set on Big George, was the last to release her ball. Just as she released it- Hoagie bumped into her from the left, causing her to misfire her shot and take a diving sideways fall! The dodge ball flew across the court and ‘BA’ ‘BA’ ‘BOUNCED’ right into Big George's open hands, moving right along with Louis's super sneaky cheating sabotaging dodge ball plans! Luckily- Christopher's ball clipped Jeff's neck as he tried to duck down instead of running like the others, while Cindy's ball slapped another boy across the shoulder- before they quickly ‘BA’ ‘BA’ ‘BACKED’ away for cover!

‘WHIRL’- blew the coach's whistle- as he pointed at

the two kids on Louis's team and yelled- **"OUT!"**.

Louis swiftly leapt out of the way of Brent's ball as it came 'SWOOSH'ing fast in his direction, before he immediately spun around and returned fire- hitting Brent across the back as he attempted to flee the mid-court section!

'WHIRL'- blew the coach's whistle- as he pointed at Brent and yelled- **"OUT'TTT!"**

The crowd erupted with joyous shouts, cheers and joyful howling tunes, as they watched the action on the court with excitement- like vampires and werewolves under a full moon!

.....Or- an Eclipse!

Ten minutes later.....

After several minutes of all out kick butt dodge ball war- only Louis- Stuart- Big George- and Mike P- remained on their side of the court; while Hoagie- Cindy and Christopher- held down their end of the fort. It was four on three- it was! All four members of Louis's team held dodge balls within their hand, while across the court only Hoagie held one- as the rest of his team outwardly did spand.

"YO!WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR GEE!YOU GOT A CLEAR SHOT!YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING THAT BALL FOREVER- JUST THROW IT ALREADY", wailed Cindy.

"JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT CIND!", replied Hoagie.

"JUST THROW IT ALREADY!", she barked.

Holding onto their dodge balls- Louis and his teammates huddled together to work out a plan, a really special plan to do away with little Cindy Chan!

"On three- we hit her with everything we got!No way she can dodge four balls at once!No way Dog!", plotted Louis.

[Suddenly] 'WONK' 'WONK'- rattled the gym doors as they yanked open allowing the bright afternoon sunlight to enter within! A short chubby kid wearing a number twenty-three basketball jersey rushed right on in! He stopped inside the door threshold and rested his hands upon his knees, where he 'FA' 'FA' 'FOUGHT' to catch his breath! Everyone within the gym looked toward him and quieted on down, preparing for some important breaking news- while nobody made a sound! Important news- like the school was on fire or the soda machines were broken and shooting out free soda pop like bullets!

"HEYHEYHEY- CHRIS!THEY'RE STARTING A FULL COURT BASKETBALL GAME!HURRY COME QUICK!", shouted the boy.

Without a single word- Christopher dashed off of the court, past Hoagie- Cindy- and the Coach- on his way out the gym doors! **"YOU- QUITTER'RRRRRR!"**, hollered out Cindy- as the doors 'WONK' 'WONK'ed shut, quickly cutting off the sunlight behind them.

Louis quickly looked from the gym doors- back toward Cindy. **"THREE'EEEEEE!"**, he hollered out- just before he and his teammates raised their dodge balls and raced forward in Cindy's direction like soldiers wielding attack swords.

"RAA'AAAAA!", they all shouted out- as they aimed

and released their ammunition.

Cindy- caught off guard, peeped the incoming balls much much too late to avoid or catch any of them, so she just raised her arms in order to block her face! For one ball would sting- and two might hurt, but four balls at once would most definitely put in some serious work! Hoagie stood to her distant right- just watching as the balls prepare to slam her, but if he were a true friend- he wouldn't just standby and watch her get hammered- he wouldn't! She closed her eyes and braced herself to get hit by at least one incoming missile, while coach Gruff inhaled a deep deep breath and prepared to blow into his whistle!

[*Suddenly*] All four dodge balls stopped inches from Cindy's head and fell down to the floor *'BA 'BA' 'BOUNCING'* up and down! The entire gym- which had just been as noisy as a flock of birds, now sat quieter than a school library on a Saturday- it did! You could have heard an ant whispering in that place!

Coach Gruff's whistle- fell from right out of his shocked mouth, just as Mya leapt high from out of her seat like a dolphin! Louis and all other eyes on the court nearly *'PA' 'PA' 'POPPED'* from out of their sockets like squishy little rockets!

"ZONKERS!", exclaimed Hoagie- with surprise.

Cindy not feeling a rush of pain- should have been surprised the most, yet when she opened her eyes- everyone looked *'STA' 'STA' 'STUNNED'* as if they had all just seen a ghost! Louis and his team- *'STA' 'STA' 'STARED'* at Cindy in a stupefied trance, and no one knew it- but Stuart had nearly pee'd his freakin' pants! Everyone inside the gym *'LA' 'LA' 'LOOKED'* around in amazement, while the place remained quieter than an empty church house with a deaf mouse!

[*Suddenly*] A kid in the bleachers stood to his feet and began *'CA' 'CA' 'CLAPPING'*- giving Cindy her props! He didn't know how she pulled it off though, nor did he even really care! The shouts, cheers and loud *'HOWL'ing* instantly returned to the place as if the miracle had never occurred, which caused Louis to quickly snap from out of his trance- seconds before the rest of his team had stirred!

"ZONKERS!", tooted out Cindy- as Hoagie gazed across the court at a shocked Louis and shrugged his shoulders. He was clueless- he was!

"WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR HOAG?LET'S GET 'EM!", howled Cindy- as she quickly rushed forward and scooped up one of the idle dodge balls. As Cindy swiftly grabbed hold of the ball, the rest of Louis's team quickly awoke from their trances and *'SCRA' 'SCRA' 'SCRAMBLED'* like a herd of zebras! She aimed and swiftly threw the ball at Big George- who tried to back away, but he didn't move quite fast enough- so the ball made him pay! It hit him and bounced off of his chest- it did!

Coach Gruff placed his whistle back into his mouth and blew out a loud *'WHIRL! "OUT!"*, shouted the coach- as he pointed at Big George.

Louis- Stuart- and Mike P- *'RA' 'RA' 'RAN'* around the court like chickens with their heads cut off, as Cindy raced over and scooped up another ball! She reloaded- she did!

The entire crowd went banana-splits up in that place, as Cindy raced from right to left giving them all a good chase!

"YO- COME ON HOAG!WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!SNAP OUT OF IT GEE!WE GOT 'EM ON THE ROPES!.....", chimed out Cindy- as Hoagie stood frozen like a human statue and Louis snatched up the loose ball on his side of the court! **".....TIME TA TAKE OUT THE TRASH!"**, she then sang- with her sights glued to Stuart.

Meanwhile up in the bleachers.....

Mya realizing that Awesome magic had been put to use- 'SCA' 'SCA' 'SCANNED' the gym until she spotted the person that she was searching for. A pair of eyes watching the game from beneath the bleachers, on the opposite side of the floor! The girl got super super excited and was almost ready to dance, she swiftly started pushing her way through the crowd- not wanting to miss out on her chance! **"HEY!WHERE ARE YOU GOING-WAIT FOR ME!"**, pled out Katey- as she quickly stood from her seat.

Mya did not answer Katey- because she was too busy making her way down the bleachers to even hear the first blurt, so fast that she bumped into a boy and made him spill his chocolate milk all over his clean white shirt! She didn't even take a second to stop and apologize- she didn't!