

# CHAPTER 19

## ‘TRADER JOE’

Wednesday- Hoagie met Louis bright and early in the boy's restroom to chat, about the schemey-schemes and treacherous things that you would expect from two dirty little rats.

**"Check it out Hoag'man- we're going to challenge you guys to a game- everyday- for the rest of the week .....By the end of the week- Cindy will be too scared to ever except another challenge! .... She'll be ruined! ....Now you know what you gotta do- right Hoag'man!",** instructed Louis.

**"Throw the games",** replied Hoagie.

**"EXACTLY!..."**, tooted Louis- as he *'PA' 'PA' 'PATTED'* Hoagie across the back. **".....EXACTLY!"**.

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Later that day at lunch- Hoagie purposely missed several easy returns out on the volleyball court, and the way he had swung those chubby little arms of his- you would have sworn they were much too short! They lost and they paid out ten chocolate bars to the cool kids- they did!

Thursday afternoon- during a team relay race out on the Saint Mary's school track, Hoagie fell down on the ground and squirmed around- claiming to have thrown out his back! They lost ten Fizzy pops to the cool kids- they did!

Friday afternoon- Hoagie never even showed up for a game of flag football in which he was supposed to play quarterback, but instead Cindy had to let Christopher fill in for him- and he quit after the very first sack! They lost that game too, and Cindy paid with her lucky black ball cap- she did!

Cindy had to finally face the hard facts- her boy Hoag'ster had sold her out, and with the loss of her lucky number five ball cap- there could be no more doubt. Hoagie was a finger-lickin' chicken-faced trader with the heart of Darth Vader- he was!