

When the Whole World is Against You.

(By Abby J.)

When the sun rose from the ground, Sam woke up to her dog, Beau, licking her face with her wet slobbery tongue. Today was her first practice so she called Jojo, her friend. Sam said, "I wonder what our team name is?". Jojo said, "I remember it was called Warriors, Golden Warriors, yeah, that was it!" "That is a really cool name." Sam said. "Well, I will call you back later." said Jojo. "Ok." said Sam. So Sam sat down the phone looking in her closet for something to wear. She chose a light blue crop top with ripped jeans. Then, on top she wore a Firecracker jacket that was her old soccer team.

She met Jojo at the bus stop. "Are you excited about the soccer meet today?" said Sam. "Yeah, I am pumped up and ready to rumble." said Jojo. Sam had 7 periods, including math, science, history, language arts, Spanish, athletics and band. By the way, Sam lived in San Francisco California. Jojo was in every period except band, instead she was in orchestra playing the cello, while Sam played the drums because it combined her two favorite things. Making noise and violently banging things.

Sam and Jojo met under the bleachers after Athletics while they had a 30 minutes break. Sam said, "Do you know anyone on the team?" "No, but I heard there is a fantastic goalie." Jojo answered. "Awesome!" Sam yelled. Band had passed and it was 6:30PM when soccer started. There were 22 people there, then the coach introduced herself. "Hello, my name is Coach Emily and I will be here Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Coach Carter will be coaching you Wednesdays and Fridays. Since there are 22 people, I will be splitting you in half, 11 vs. 11". Everybody gasped, afraid that they would not be with their friends. "Now I will split ya'll in half. Ones over there, and twos over here. One, two, one, two, etc.... Now, ya'll introduce yourselves to each other." said Coach Emily. Luckily Sam and Jojo were on the same team they were jumping for joy about it. All the others had smug faces because their friends on the opposite

side.

The coach said, "Okay, we're going to play a scrimmage to see where you are all at, okay" "OKAY!" everybody else said. Coach Emily set up the ball in the middle of the field. "Ready, Set, GO!" Lily, one of Sam's other players snagged the ball and went for the goal, but Julie snatched it from her. Sam and Jojo were defense so they blocked most of the goals and Sam made it to the restriction line until Sofie kicked Sam in the side and she fell and teared up a little bit, but then got back up hunched a little. When she ran she got better. Jojo covered for her a couple times, when Sam got better she thought she was going to score into Sofie was in front of her, butt..... Sam dodged her and scored right as the time went out. Everybody on her team cheered for her. The score was 1 to 2. Sam ran to high five Jojo.

Sam's mom pulled up by the sidewalk and yelled out the window, "Jojo we're taking you, your parents are at a meeting." "OKAY!" Sam and Jojo said at the same time. "JINX" they both said again "JINX" Jojo said first. "Can't say anything until I say your name 3 times. Sam, Sam, ham, Sam, NOOOOOO!" Sam jumped for joy hands in the air. They got to the car and drove to Jojo's house and then drove to Sam's house. When she finally got home she went straight for the CLOSET to find something to wear for tomorrow. She chose a wavebender tealish shirt and a pair of jean shorts. It was going to be really hot. She also chose some Adidas shoes with fuzzy socks. Sam changed to her PJ'S and went to bed.

When she woke up she grabbed a donut and ran to the bus stop. Jojo was holding the bus door open so she could slide through. Sam found a seat where there was one kid named Daniel. Sam and Jojo sat down. "HI, want some jelly beans?" "NO!" Sam and Jojo said at the same time. "I'm not going through this again" Sam said. Then Jojo sat quiet. Jojo sat in the middle while Sam sat on the aisle. Sam never sits by the window because she gets car sick or should I say bus sick. Sam saw Jojo talking to Elizabeth, one of our other friends. Jojo high fived her and tapped Sam's shoulder. "Hey" Jojo said. "What?" Sam asked. "Let's make a new hand shake" Jojo asked. "Okay" Sam answered. So Sam turned around and put her hands out where Jojo had hers. When they finished Sam looked down at

her feet and thought *I need new running shoes* then she looked to Daniel yelling "We're leaving!"

Sam stood up and maneuvered all the way to Jojo. Sam and Jojo ran to the glass doors until they opened them. Everyone walked in and was everywhere rushing to their classes. Sam and Jojo's first period was Math. Their teachers name was Mrs. Barr, she was new, she wrote bell work on the board. We copied it. Math, Science, History, Spanish, and Language arts passed. For athletics we did a 40 meter dash and ran around the school 4 times. Sam moved on to band and learned Demon by: Imagine Dragons, while Jojo learned Over The Rainbow from: The Wizard Of Oz. They both met under the bleachers again and talked about what they learned in band or orchestra. When they finished they walked on the field to practice early.

Around 5:45 Coach Emily came to set up before practice. Sam and Jojo helped her. "There's a tournament this weekend, are ya'll going to come?" Emily said. "Yes" said Sam and Jojo. The first person to show up, besides us, was Sirena. Sam and Jojo said hi and they became friends. Sirena said she also played volleyball and loved murder mysteries. Sienna was on Sam's team. Jojo was a little jealous, how Sam always spends time with Sirena. Jojo told Sam how she felt and said "I'm not going to be your friend anymore!" Sam nodded and ran off. Jojo fell to her knees and cried for the rest of practice. Sam is going to Sirena's house, their having a sleepover.

The next morning Sam sat by Sirena on the bus. Jojo sat by Daniel who was picking his boogers and eating them "Ugh" Jojo said quietly. The bus stopped at a halt. Everybody gathered their backpacks and went to their classes. It ends up that Sam and Sirena are in every period even band. She also plays the drums. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday passed, it was the morning of the tournament. Sam picked up Jojo and Sirena to take with them. Sam sat in the middle. Jojo and Sirena started to be friends. Jojo forgave Sam. They were at the field and Coach Carter was coaching. He lined us up and told our positions. Sam and Jojo were defenders, and so was Sirena. The referee blew his whistle and the ball was played.

Sam ran up the line until..... someone on the other team put a leg out and tripped her, making Sam fall on her knees with a big RIPP! Sam screamed, her mom came and got her and said "What happened baby?" "My kn-kn-knee, I t-tore it. Sam passed out. Coach Carter called 911 and they came, picked her up, and brought her to a hospital. Sam woke up in the hospital bed.

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