

LILY LEARNS SOCCER

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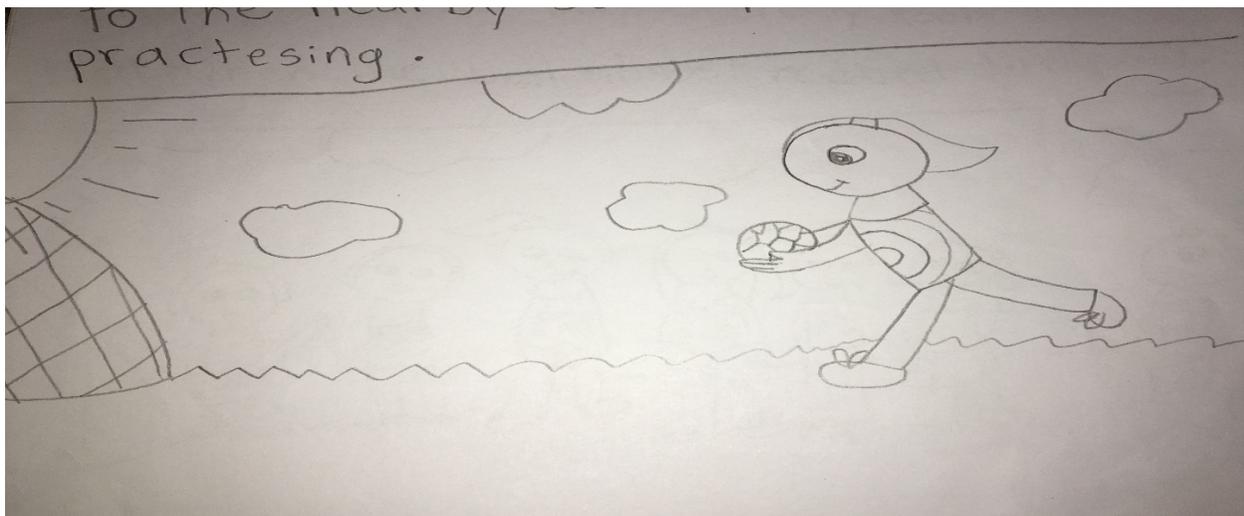


Lily likes soccer, but all the boys said that only boys should play soccer. So, Lily went home asking her dad if boys only play soccer.

"No" said dad " your cousin won a medal and she is a girl. She won the medal when you were two years old."



So, Lily asks her dad if he could buy a soccer ball for her. Her dad agreed, so he bought a shiny big soccer ball for her. She went outside to the nearby soccer park and started practicing.

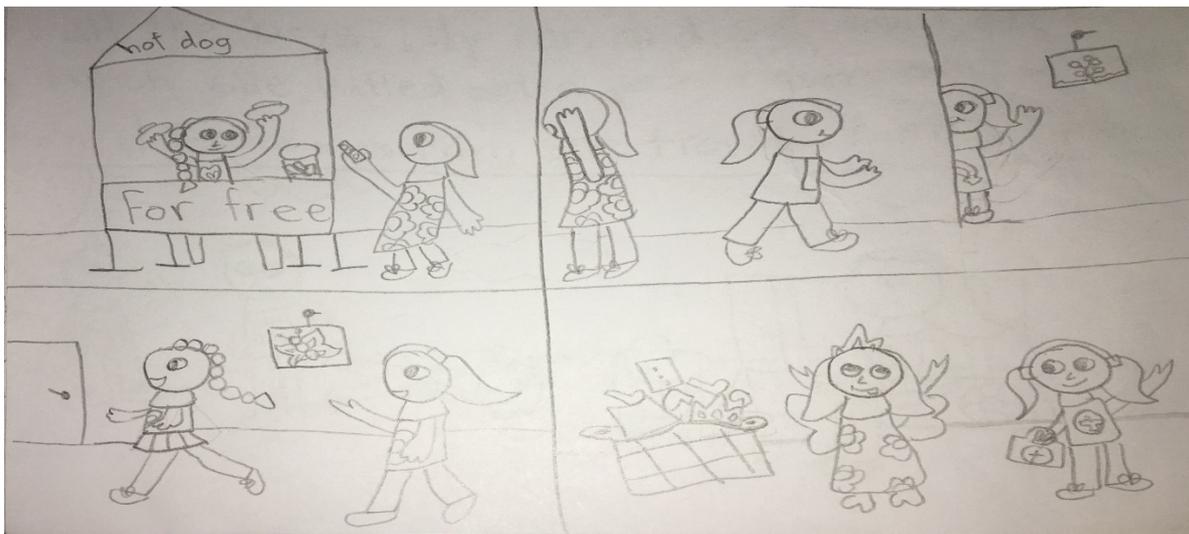


Then Lily saw three of her friends come. Mila, Gloria and Maga they like soccer too. They all played with Lily until the boys came.

They took the ball from Lily without asking "Please"! So, Lily secretly took the ball when the ball almost reached the goal.

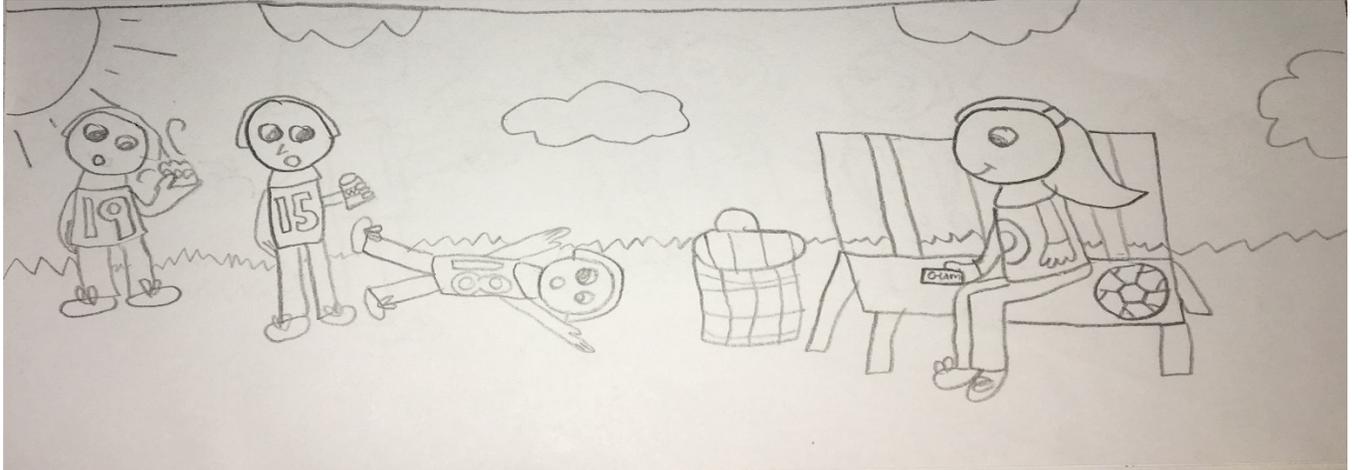


Lily took all of her friends to her house. Lily's left hand hugged the ball close to her, so it doesn't roll away from her. They played hide-and-sick, tag and dressing up. They had a lot of fun. Lily then send her friends to their homes.

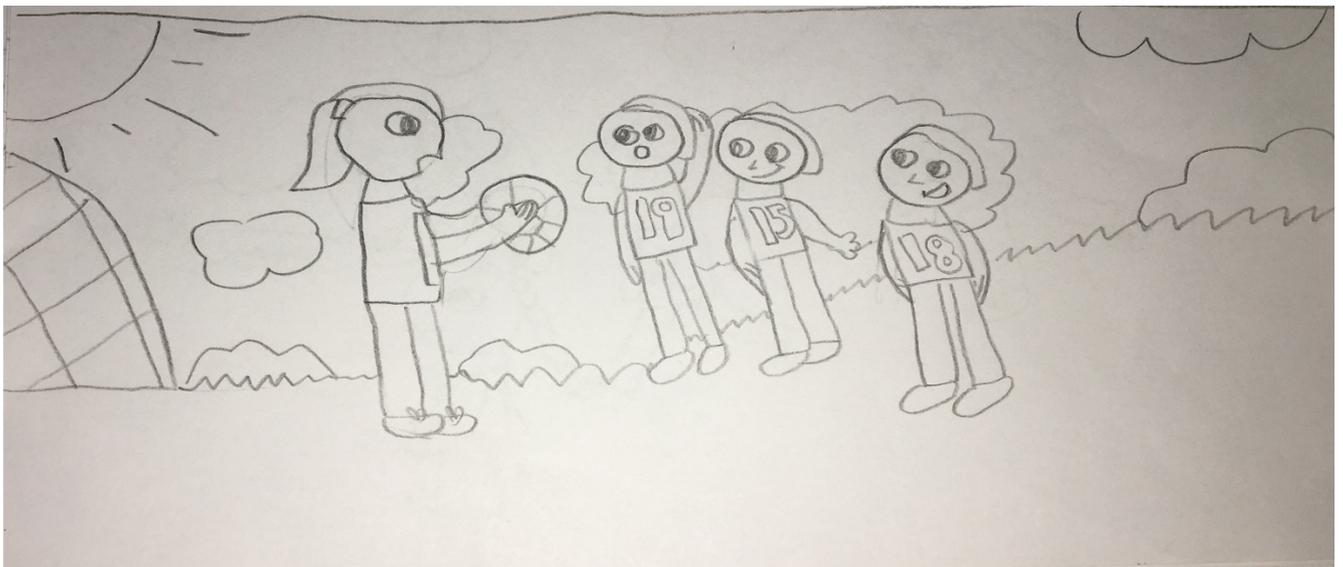


Then after a little while she looked at her ball, she ran out of the door again to the soccer park practicing with the boys for two hours!

"She couldn't play soccer because she didn't score a goal" said all the boys. Lily ran and sat down on a bench. She pulled out a pack of gum and chewed it for few minutes then threw it in the trash can.



I can play soccer, you just don't know after two weeks how good I will be that I can beat you"! said Lily. "Ha, you will never beat the boys because boys are good at everything!" said the boys. Lily ran home telling her mom and dad how rude the boys are.



That night Lily's dad took his phone and began searching a soccer team but all of them are for nine to fourteen years old and Lily is only eight years old.

Next morning Lily began practicing with her friends instead of going for a soccer team. Lily ran kicked slide in the soccer park.



The next day it was Monday at school, she saw a little girl sitting on the bench looking sad with her own soccer ball near the soccer field.

Lily walk to her and said, are you all right? The girl answered, " the boys said that I can't play soccer because I didn't score a goal".

It doesn't matter if you didn't score a goal, it matters if you have fun said Lily.... You are right, I don't care if I scored a goal or not, matters about having fun said the little girl. So, the little girl ran out and threw the ball to the ground and started playing with the boys.



After school Lily finished her homework very quickly, so she can have more soccer training. Lily practiced and practiced until she scored a goal!

"GOAL" shouted Lily. Everyone cheered for Lily. I knew you can do it said Gloria. Now you can beat the boys said Maga. The boys are going to be surprised said Mila. A smile began spreading across Lily's face. She loves when her friends make her happy.



The next day Lily and the boys came. Lily took her friends too. They sat down on a bench while Lily and the boys play soccer. Lily's friends cheered for Lily.

Lily ran and kicked the ball, but it was tackled by one of the boy. The boy kicked the ball almost to the goal, but Lily tackled the ball and kicked the ball through the goal before the goalkeeper could catch the ball. Lily said to the boys that even girls can do all the things that boys can do and there is no law that says girls shouldn't play soccer.

