

Dreams do come true

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There was a boy. His name was Jalod. He was 8 years old. He once saw the 100 meter race on TV. It was the one which had Usain Bolt in it. He thought “I could beat him”. For nights and days, he thought of nothing other than beating Usain Bolt. He started running in his spare time and one time, he fractured his leg but he started running again in a month. He kept training to run all through elementary, middle and high school.

Now he was in college. A coach there saw his potential and asked him if he wanted to be on the college running team. He said “yes, of course I would like to be on your team!” He was in a race now. The first time he ran, he got 6th place (last). It made him sad but also made him more determined to get 1st place. He kept participating in races and he got 5th place, then 3rd place, then 4th place and then he finally got 1st place. When he finally felt the sweet taste of victory, he couldn’t imagine how people lived without getting first at sports. He kept getting 1st thereafter so the coach made him participate in a race with another fast runner like him. He got first there also so the coach made him participate in city, county, state and then country level championships. In all of the races Jalod got in the 1st place. Now, it was time for the pro level people’s dreams, the Olympics.

Jalod was lucky because he didn’t have to wait for long. The Olympics was in 6 months. He began training really hard. Most of the time, he was on the track. Sometimes he had dreams of losing but sometimes he dreamt of winning and crying with tears of joy on the podium. He couldn’t wait for the race.

Finally, it was race time. They were running. The finish line was close. He was in 1st place but then someone got ahead. He tried but the person in 1st place was 3 steps away from the finish line. Jalod was 5 steps from the finish line. He dived and nobody knew who won. The judges had to do a 100 replays before they figured out who won the gold medal. Jalod beat the other person by a millisecond. He also found out some other surprising news that he beat Usain Bolt by a millisecond! (The other person got tied with Usain Bolt).

Jalod thought “I finally did it! I finally achieved my dreams!”