

## **The Comeback**

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Once upon a time there was this boy. It had been his worst year yet. He lost his dad and he had to move away from his friends. But, his dad left a ball and an inspiration to play soccer. He tried to get accepted to a soccer club. On the first practice, he had an okay practice. Every practice he kept getting better, until he was one of the best on his team. Finally, the season started. On the first game they won 1-0. They finally made it to group stage finals of the league. They were losing 1-0 until he remembered what his dad told him, "It doesn't matter how good they are, just keep moving forward." After he remembered, he tried as hard as he could to score. Then, he scored it was 1-1. The boy kept remembering those words. He made it to the semi-finals. It was 3-3 they had to go to penalty shootouts. He was the first one to shoot. The boy scored! It was 1-0. Then the other team scored. It kept going until his teammate got the last shot. He scored and it was 5-4. Finally, it was all up to the goalie. The goalie saved it and they were cheering. Finally, it was the big final just on the first half the other team scored 2 goals so it was 2-0. The second half started. The boy's nose was bleeding because the ball hit him in the face so they asked if he wanted to get out. He said, "no" he remembered what his dad said so he scored two goals. There was 1 minute so there was a foul so it was a kick so he kicked it in his mind. The ball went slow. The ball went into the net. They cheered he had won his first final. He knew if his dad was there he would have made him proud!