



**The Underdog
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Chapter One:

It had been ten days since Thomas had moved to Chicago and he was watching football after school. He took a test that day and flunked it because he got caught cheating. He got called home and was sitting in front of the TV. He was actually glad he went home early because he got to watch the Chiefs and Seahawks game. The only bad part was he had to ride home with the pre-kers on the bus. But then again that was two hours ago and he had forgotten all about it. When it was dinner time and he parents sat down at the dinner table they were looking very very angry. Since he had forgotten, he asked them what was wrong. They had thought he was making a fool of them and they sent him to bed early. When he finally fell asleep he was dreaming about him in the Super Bowl. He

had had this dream at least three times in a row, and every time the dream was a little different. This time he was a running back for the Cincinnati Bengals and had scored a touchdown. The reason he kept having this dream was because he LOVED football. He would daydream all day if he could. But anyways his dream tonight was very different. Yes he was still playing football, but he felt a lot more smart in a way. He also felt the urge to play in real life. The next morning he talked about the dream with his mom. She said it would be good for him to get some exercise so she signed him up for the city league team. Later after school during pick up he noticed his friend Leo had signed up too. Thomas went over and talked to him for a few minutes when he got home he got the news that his parents had signed him up.

Chapter Two:

A week had gone by and it was finally time for practice. When he got there, coach and Leo had already gotten there. Before everyone got there Thomas told the coach he hadn't played before. Coach went over the rules. Soon he and Leo were running plays in no time. It turned out Thomas was the best wide receiver on the team. His teammates were Leo, John, Shimmer, and Riley. After practice Leo and Thomas went out for ice cream. Leo's mom said it was a celebration that they were both made the same team. A month had gone by and it was almost summer. Thomas didn't know the city league went through summer, but sure enough here he was spending a good chunk of his vacation running drills. At least he did enough, so his mom wouldn't send him to summer school like last summer. A month went by like lightning and sure enough he was going to the finals. Most of the girls at school started coming to the games and all of them thought that Thomas' team was the best. Leo and Thomas were the most famous. Leo was the QB and Thomas was the best wide receiver. For the girls it was between Leo and Thomas. One of which Thomas liked best and that was Lacey. But that was a big secret and nobody knew it- well except for Thomas himself. Thomas kept most of this to himself as if they were the most sacred thing in the world. Soon enough it was the big game. His team was 7-0 in the championship. The Bears were playing the Wolves. The first half felt like two seconds. Soon it was 14-21 in the third quarter. Thomas' team was winning (AKA the Bears). The Bears had the ball and were at the 50 yard line. Leo was under pressure and sent a Hail Mary. John caught it at the 20 yard line. Nobody was open. Then Thomas noticed everybody was in perfect position for his favorite

play. He ran to the corner, wide open deep... touchdown!! Time ticked by and there was one minute on the clock. Fourth quarter 21-28 Wolves have the ball at the 20 yard line. Time ticked by 21 seconds on the clock and on the 1 yard line. "Hike" said the QB and everyone's spaces out.. INTERCEPTION!

Chapter Three:

16 years went by and Thomas had a wife named Cecilia and two kids named Jill and Junior. Anyways he was in the Super Bowl and was currently crushing the 49ers. The score was 35-49 in the Texans had the ball. "Hike" said Josh Murray. Thomas ran a simple pass and Murray was under pressure though.. And TOUCHDOWN! The Houston Texans win the Super Bowl!!!

