

**“Unnecessary Roughness”**

JAKE catches up to COBY after school.

JAKE

Hey, Coby! Try-outs for flag football are tomorrow. Did you forget to sign up?

COBY

No.

JAKE

I didn't see your name on the list. Did you ask your mom?

COBY

Yeah.

JAKE

What did she say?

COBY

Did you see my name on the list?

JAKE

No.

COBY

That's what she said.

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JAKE

Oh, no, you gotta play football. Who's gonna throw the ball to me?

COBY

Don't know.

JAKE

Why can't you play?

COBY

My mom says it's dangerous and she doesn't want me to get hurt.

JAKE

Does she know that you don't tackle in flag? That nobody gets hurt?

COBY

I don't know.

JAKE

You didn't tell her that?! You gotta tell her. She probably thinks we tackle.

COBY

Yeah, maybe. I didn't think of that.

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JAKE

Come on, we need you at quarterback. I'll go home with you and we'll tell her together.

COBY

You will?

JAKE

Sure. I need somebody who can pass the ball to me. Let's go.

Coby follows him with a new hope and a new sense of purpose.

