

All for One & One for All

Setting: Soccer tryouts
Puppet Characters: Brenda
George
Coach
Props: Whistle, small soccer ball for coach to hold.

Brenda: I'm really nervous. I hope I make the Bobcat team.

George: Me, too. I'm always glad when these soccer tryouts are over. What's your name and where do you go to school?

Brenda: I'm Brenda; I go to Southside Elementary.

George: *Looks down as if disgusted; no longer friendly; arrogant.* Ohhh... I've never met anyone from Southside. I've heard about you people from Southside. I have been told not to talk to or hang out with people from Southside.

Brenda: If you think you're so good, where do you go to school?

George: I go to Northside Elementary.

Brenda: Oohhh... If you think you've heard bad things about people at Southside, you wouldn't believe what I KNOW about people from Northside. What makes you think anyone from Northside could ever make this team?

Coach: *Very cheerful.* Brenda, George, I've been looking for you. I am very pleased to tell you that you both have been put on the team.

Brenda & George together: *Point at each other in amazement.* He/she was put on the team?! Are you crazy?!

Coach: *Puzzled.* What's the problem? You're both really great at soccer. Together you'll help to make a dynamite team.

Brenda: I can't be on the same team with this Northsider!

George: And what makes you think I could be on the same team with a Southsider?!

Coach: *Interrupts.* Whoa... You need to stop this fighting now and drop this Northside, Southside stuff. You've been placed on the same team. You're not a Northsider or Southsider; you are both Bobcats now. You're on the same team now and you'll have to learn to work together so we can win the tournament.

Brenda: This is a really hard thing you are asking me to do. I've hated Northsiders all my life.

George: What are you talking about? You think you hate Northsiders? Nothing can touch the hate we have for Southsiders!

Coach: Whoa again! Remember you're not Northsiders or Southsiders; you're Bobcats. Bobcats are ONE and we work together as ONE toward the goal of winning. We put aside our hatred and act as ONE team. You guys will have to decide if you are willing to do that. After all, you are Bobcats now.

Brenda: *Sighs.* I guess I could think about what it means for a Northsider and a Southsider to be together on the Bobcat team. I don't know how I can stop hating a Northsider. I can ask God to help me, but it seems impossible.

George: You think it's impossible for you? My whole life I've hated Southsiders. But, I guess for the sake of the team, I am willing to try to give up my hatred. It is going to be very hard. It may take me a long time.

Coach: *Blows whistle.* Okay, Bobcats, let's go practice. Go team!