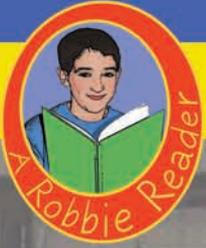


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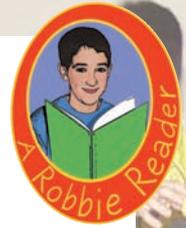


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CHAPTER ONE

BEST FRIENDS

When I was in kindergarten, my family moved from Maryland to Delaware. I was so sad. I didn't know anybody in my new school. I had no friends in my new neighborhood. All my friends were still in Maryland. And here I was in Delaware.

Mom said, "You'll make new friends, Robbie. Just give it some time." But I am not a meeter. I was sure I'd never have another friend.

In the fall, I begged my mom to take me back to my old neighborhood to play soccer with my old friends. I loved the team I was on, and the community soccer league was the only one I knew.

By the spring, however, Dad said, "It's too far to drive you back to Maryland every week to play soccer, Robbie. Mom found a new soccer club for you here in Delaware. It's called the Kirkwood Soccer Club."

"But, Dad," I protested. "I don't know anyone at that club. I won't have any friends!"



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Ryan and I quickly became best friends, sharing all holidays, including birthdays, together.

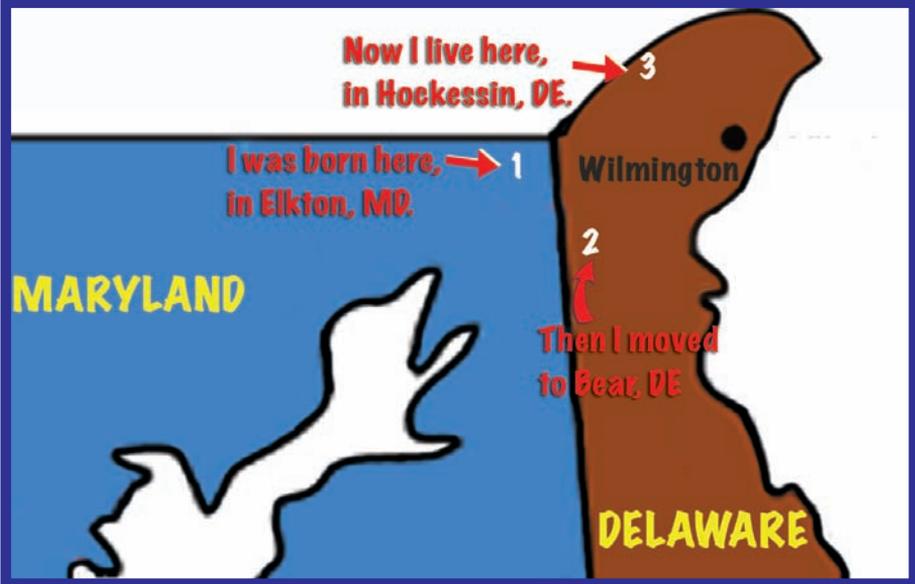
“You’ll make new friends,” Mom said. “I think you’ll find nice kids on your new soccer team.”

I wasn’t so sure. That is, until I met Ryan. It was the first day of practice for the spring league. It didn’t seem like anybody knew each other. Ryan kicked the ball to me and I kicked it back. Pretty soon, we were running around the field together, dribbling the ball and trying to pass it to each other.

I found out that Ryan lived around the corner from me. We were going to same school for first grade. And we both loved soccer. Before I knew it, we were doing everything together. Ryan was always at my house or I was at his. We played video games and Pokémon. We played baseball in my backyard or basketball in his.

That was a long time ago. We are both in fourth grade now. We have played seven seasons of outdoor soccer together on the same team, and this is our fourth season of indoor soccer on the same team.

Ryan and I don’t live near each other anymore. My family moved again, but not so far away. We still play soccer together every week, and we are still best friends.



This map shows where I have lived throughout my life. I was born in Elkton, Maryland, moved to Bear, Delaware, and now live in Hockessin, Delaware. We've moved around a lot!

The Soccer

TIP BOX

Joining Indoor Soccer

The easiest way to join an indoor soccer league is if your outdoor team signs up to play as a team. If you want to play indoors, you can suggest it to your coach. If that does not work, then ask your parents to call the local indoor soccer arena and sign you up to play.



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