

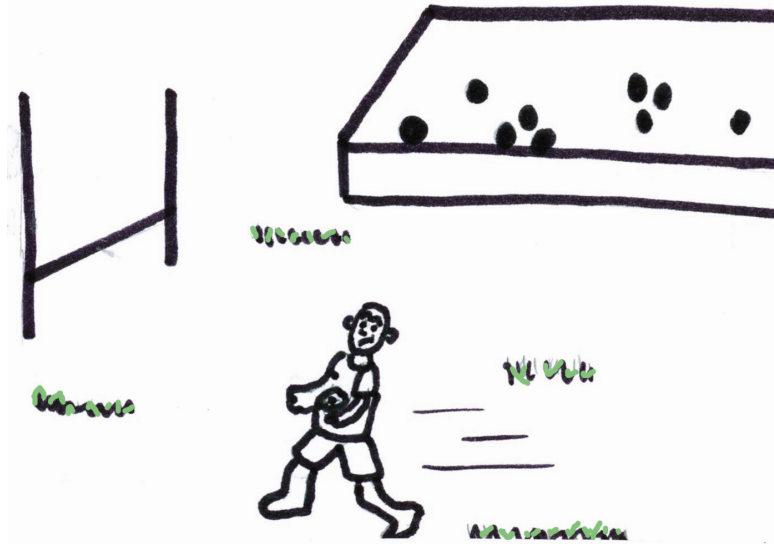
The Importance of Family



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Adam was a popular person. He lived in a small city. He was very strong. Adam loved to play sports, especially rugby. He dreamed of becoming a professional rugby player. But he had a problem.





Adam had plenty of friends, but none of them really cared about his dream to be a professional rugby player. They just rolled their eyes and shook their heads when he was always practicing.

One day he was practicing on the field alone. He saw two of his friends and he waved. They ignored him. Later he said to them, “I thought you guys were my friends!”

They said, “You never have time to be friends! You are always practicing rugby!”

But Adam just ignored them.

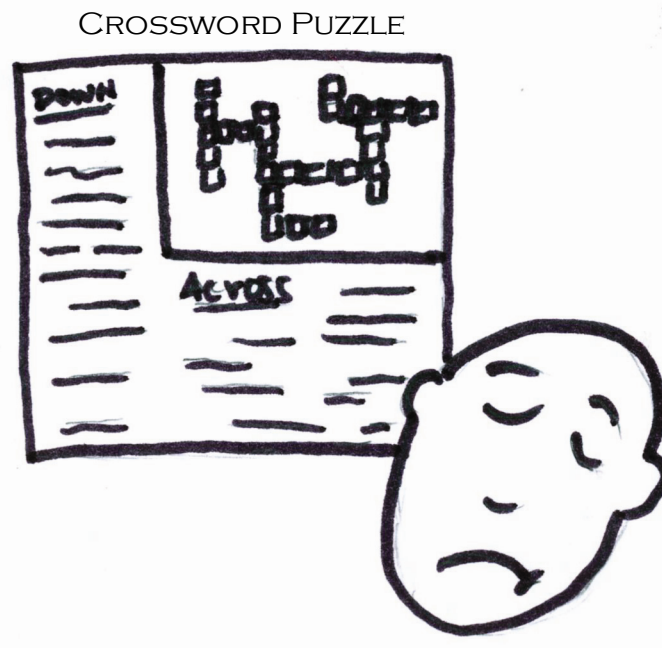
That day when Adam went home, he asked his father, “Are you coming to my game tomorrow?”

His father said, “I’m too busy.”

“What are you doing now that’s so busy?” asked Adam.

“I have to work,” his father said, returning to his crossword puzzle.

“Is work more important than me?” Adam said.

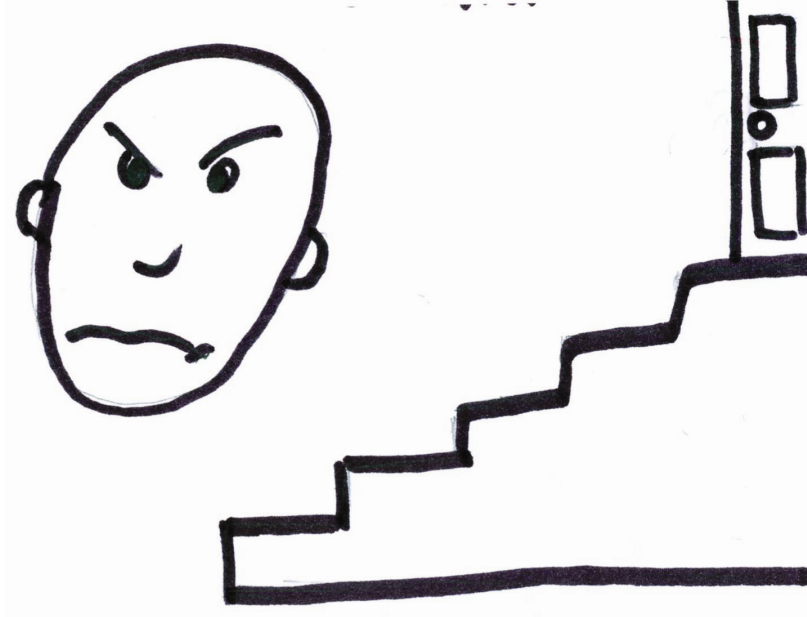


Adam's team lost the game. He went home very upset. His father said, "Didn't you have a game today?"

Adam replied, "Yes, but you never come to my games!"

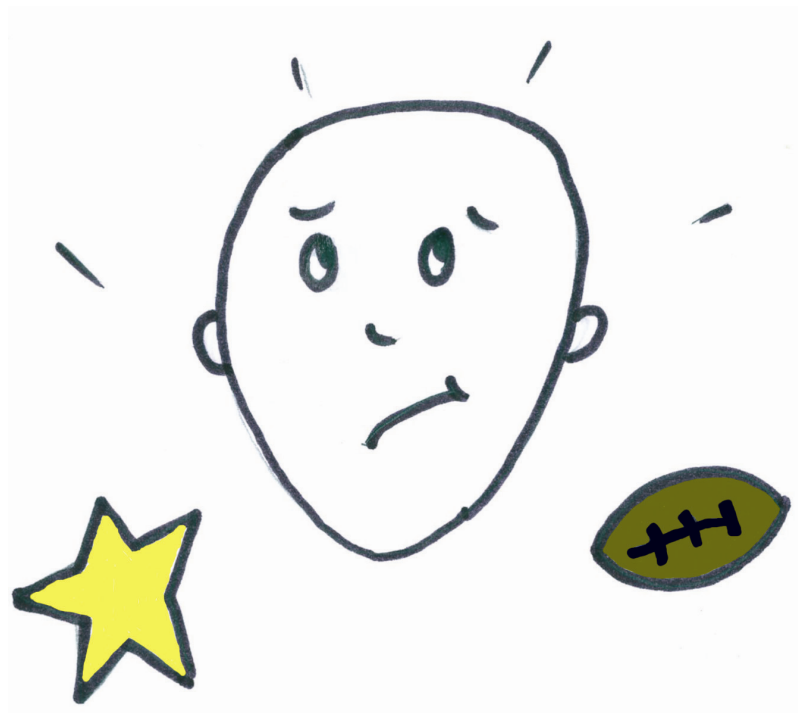
The father said, "I'll come to the next game."

Adam said, "That's what you always say."

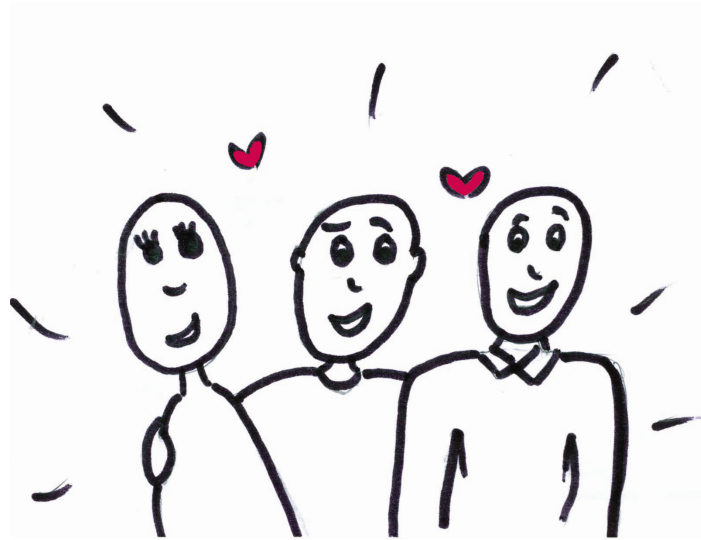


As the years passed, Adam's dad and friends still didn't show up to any of his games. Adam became the star of the national team. He played in the Olympics, and his dad didn't come to that game either.





Even though he was very famous and a great rugby player, he still wished his dad would come to his game.



One day he played a game in his hometown. The game started, and Adam looked into the crowd for his dad. His team was losing by one point.

He saw his dad and his friends. When he saw his dad and his friends, he scored the winning point for his team. After the game, he ran to his dad and friends and hugged them. He began to cry, and they said, “We’re sorry we never came to your games before!”

Adam told them, “All I wanted was for you to be there for me.”