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Hoopy

Reading Theatre

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As the basketball season comes to an end, Coach tries to rally his team.

Characters

Coach (Bill)

Assistant Coach (Virgil)

Brent

Moose

Jack

Towel boy (Brady)

Jimmy

Umpire

Coach Oh come on Jamie, get on him.

Assistant Coach That is Jimmy, Coach.

Coach Jamie, Jimmy same thing (*turns to umpire*). Time out. Time out. Hurry up, get in here guys.

(Team runs in, the Assistant Coach stands next to Coach.)

Coach What is going on out there? This is embarrassing. What's the score Virgil?

Assistant Coach It's 50 to 0 coach.

Coach So what are we losing by Virgil?

Assistant coach Um that would be 50 points coach.

Coach 50 points. 1 minute to go in the first half. If you don't get your act together you are going to lose this one. What's the matter out there?

Brent Coach, they are better than us.

Coach And why is that Brent?

Brent Because they are really good and we aren't.

Coach See Brent has the right attitude; he is a winner. We all need to be more like Brent.

Brent Thanks Coach.

Coach Virgil, what's the big guy's stats? He is killing us.

Assistant coach 26 points and 20 rebounds.

Coach Who is on that guy?

Assistant coach Brent, Coach.

Coach Brent you are a loser.

Brent Yes Coach. Thank you Coach.

Coach Put Moose on him.

Assistant coach Moose broke his ankle on Tuesday.

Coach That was four days ago. Surely you are ready to go Moose.

Moose I'm still on the crutches Coach.

Coach There is always an excuse for you, isn't there Moose; so soft. (*Coach turns to another player*) Alright you, you're on the big guy.

Towel boy I'm just the Towel boy, Coach.

Coach And Virgil knits his own booties. What's your point Shorty?

Assistant coach That was supposed to be our secret coach.

Coach There are no secrets in the team Virgil. Put in the Towel boy. Moose is out.

Assistant coach Moose hasn't been on the court, Coach.

Coach No wonder the big guy is killing us. He has had no one on him.

Jack I was on him sir.

Coach Who's this?

Assistant coach This is Jack sir, our centre.

Coach How long have we had him?

Assistant coach Three years.

Coach Well Jack, the guy no one will ever remember. Grab the towels and fill up the drink bottles. Towel boy is taking your place.

Towel boy But coach he's like 7 foot and I'm 4 foot 11!

Coach We don't have excuses here. I suggest you jump, my little oompa loompa.

Towel Boy Yes, Coach.

Coach Now Jamie, you see we are in the red and they are in the blue.

Assistant coach It's Jimmy, Coach.

Coach Stop interrupting Virgil. Now pass the ball to the red team from now on.

Assistant coach We are blue, Coach.

Coach As I keep telling Virgil, pass the ball to the blue team.

Jimmy Sorry coach, I've been a bit distracted tonight. Dad is watching for the first time.

Coach Where is he son? I don't see him.

Jimmy He is sitting with the opposition. He's the guy with the dark glasses, in the opposition's hoodie. See there with the hood pulled over his head.

Coach I'm glad he is here supporting you buddy.

Jimmy Thanks Coach.

Coach Keep throwing the ball to the opposition and he might actually adopt a new kid.

Jimmy Yes Coach, thank you.

Coach Is there anyone here that doesn't turn the ball over?

Assistant coach Only Brady, coach.

Coach Good job Brady (*he looks at a player*)

Assistant coach That's not Brady, Coach. Brady is at the end of the bench reading a book.

Coach Why is a guy who hasn't turned the ball over once, not on the court? Put him in the game.

Assistant coach But he hasn't played all season.

Coach I want no turnover boy in the game.

Assistant coach Are you sure? I think your exact words were: that kid will never get on the court while I'm the coach. He's the worst athlete in the school.

Coach Nonsense (*he yells to Bookworm*) You're in the game!

Bookworm Yes Dad, thank you Dad.

Coach He's my son. Really Virgil?

Assistant coach Yep coach.

Umpire Okay Bill you've had enough time; let's get this over.

Coach You just worry about calling some fouls; you have been awful tonight.

Umpire Whatever Bill, let's go.

Coach Alright boys this is it: the biggest moment of your worthless lives. Time for you pathetic athletes to put in some effort. We can do this. I believe in you. We need to get back that winning feeling.

Assistant coach We have never won Coach.

Coach We haven't won a game this season.

Assistant coach Ever.

Coach Stop being so negative Virgil. I'm trying to make useless players think they are superstars. It's not easy you know (*turns back to players*). Now all of you pretend for one moment that you aren't the worst basket-ballers in the world, and play like winners. Get out there.

Bookworm Thankyou Dad I won't let you down.

Coach Stop calling me Dad. We don't want people thinking I favour you or that we are related. Let's just make out that we don't know each other.

Bookworm Yes Coach

Coach Now get out there and win this game.

Jimmy Good speech Coach. Might be your best ever.

Coach Thanks Jamie.

Jimmy It's Jimmy, Coach.

Coach Don't argue with the coach Jamie. Sub him out Virgil.

Assistant coach But he is our only good player.

Coach Do you want to coach Virgil?

Assistant coach Absolutely not. Jamie is out.

Coach Alright it's comeback time.