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CATS ILLUSTRATED

This soccer match will be ending - on a low note!



Poor Ghost never stood a chance. As cats watched in horror, he was dropped, retching, to the ground. The referee blew their whistle with force, and immediately gave the Thundragon goalie a red card. Then, for good measure, the referee shooed the Thundragon goalie off with a kick in the chubby. Ghost received a penalty kick, from right in the goalie box. Since the Thundragons had never thought they would need a replacement goalie, their defenders and midfielders formed a wall in between Ghost and the goal. Ghost took the penalty kick, sliding the ball under the paws of the Thundragons as they jumped as if to block a higher kick. Ghost scored the goal, and the score was set to 4 - 1.

Image above - Judy, who may be sleeping but is still worried for the Magicians' team. By Leo Sahlin June 12, 2021

As the players were getting back in position, there was audible grumbling from every cat in the stands. However, even the Thundragon coaches were furious with their goalie. They were a team that was strong, not a team that was violent. They could be rivals, but not enemies. Right now, the coaches were deciding whether the Thundragon goalie should even still be on the team. But right now, popularity for that goalie was down in the dumps below the dumps. Rudy was planning to call the school where the Thundragons were the home team, and complain about what their goalie did to her kitten. Punched in the stomach? With no provocation but a clever play? Uncalled for.

The match continued, but cats were focused on other things. No one was scoring any goals, but the Thundragons were defending surprisingly well even without a goalie. However, Phantom had made some key saves, and the Magicians from losing 2 to 3 goals. But, at halftime, that was not needed. Both the Thundragon players and their coaches were

feeling embarrassed and ashamed that their goalie had violently punched a cat from the opposing team. They forfeited the game, and, that means, the trophy. Rudy whooped when she was the Magicians walking out of the tent with the soccer trophy, Ghost in the lead. The Thundragons earned silver

medals, except for the goalie, who had been kicked off the team not moments before. Ghost and his team paraded around the stadium with the trophy, and then handed the trophy to their coaches to hold and went to their families. Ghost and Phantom met an overjoyed and also very concerned Rudy. She hugged both her kittens, and Ghost and Phantom's siblings came from the stands to congratulate them too. Harvey came over to say his congratulations to Ghost and Phantom, and give them some mini

bags of popcorn that he had saved. Harvey was walking a little unsteadily, as any cat would after eating more than a pound of popcorn.

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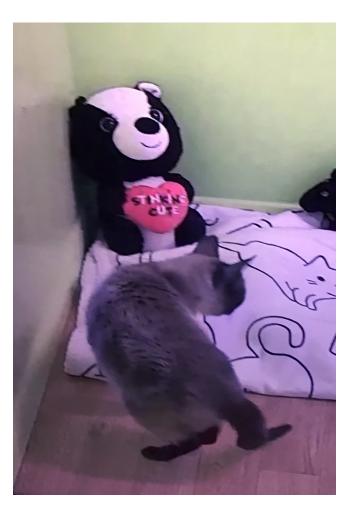


Image above - Lunch, who is starting to wish she had come with her kittens to the soccer match.

"I thought a fight was coming up should I be happy or disappointed?"

- NAYA, WHO'S TRYING PUZZLE OUT THE RIGHT ANSWER TO THIS ONE