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The story continues of the 2019 World Cup!



Now where were we? The part where Russia and Malaysia met again in the semifinals? Ah yes, that was it. Well, despite their first match, both Russia and Malaysia advanced past group stage. Russia had ended up as first in the group, with 6 points. All cats had thought that Malaysia would top the group, with Russia's loss against them. However, a win and 2 ties equals 5 points, while 2 wins and a loss equals 6.

As the seminal approached, the referees and tournament planners wondered whether they should switch out the teams playing each other in the semifinal. However, by the time they decided to do that, the other 2 teams remaining, Mexico and Belgium, had already played, with a tie 2 - 2,

Image above - Rudy, who watched the 2 matches in the 2019 World Cup that kind of spoiled the whole tournament (not telling you who won, but being violent and not very watchable).

and Mexico winning 5 - 4 in penalty shootouts. You couldn't just say that a game didn't happen when it already had. So, Russia and Malaysia played again.

When the players walked onto the field, all of the cats in the stadium knew that something was wrong. Later they would know that Malaysia payed a fortune to trade for better players, and had a much stronger starting lineup now. They would also know later that Russia had drugged many of its players to make them faster and stronger. These were both far out from the rule books, but were only noticed a little later.

Coincidentally, it was only the goalies that had not agreed to switch out or take a drug. They called each other with secret earpieces, trying to devise a plan to stop this bad and already violent game. Both sides had a red card already. The goalies decided eventually to call other teams and get them to stop the game. The other teams came, but the effect was much different than expected. The referee was already fired up, and got mad when they saw the 2 other teams coming in. Even Russia and Malaysia stopped play. However, the 2 teams, Belgium and Mexico, got decision that made a grudge that could kill. The referee decided yes, they would stop the game and neither Malaysia or Russia would get a medal. And, you won't either. No team would get a medal. That aroused a lot of protesting from both Belgium and Mexico, as they were just trying to stop a violent game. In the end, they blamed it on the goalies who had called them in.

"I love to read these issues out loud, but the last two haven't been kitten - friendly!"

- JULIET

The goalies changed teams in protest even though the match had been stopped, just before Malaysia and Russia were banned from the next World Cup. One goalie joined New Zealand's team, and the other joined the U.S. team. The cat who was killed was on the U.S. team. Maybe grudges can kill.

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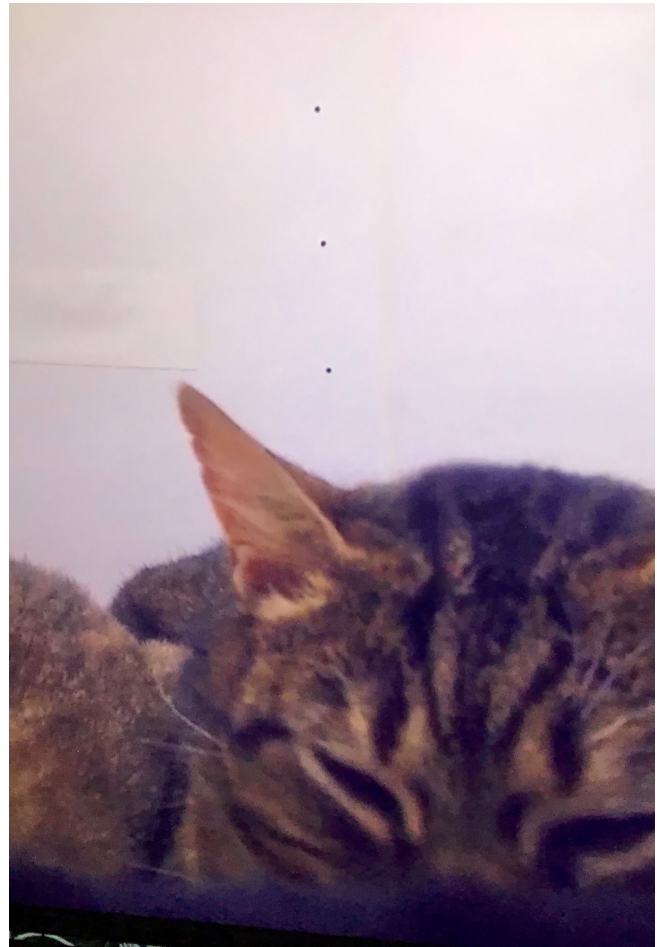


Image above - Harvey, who wishes he could block the scenes of the 2019 World Cup from his mind.