

# Lesson 30



## WORDS TO KNOW HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

loved  
everyone  
brothers  
field  
sorry  
only  
people  
most

Vocabulary  
Reader



Context  
Cards



## Words to Know

Read  
Together

- Read each Context Card.
- Use a blue word to tell about something you did.

1

**loved**

They **loved** being part of the soccer team.



2

**everyone**

**Everyone** had fun at the game.





3 **brothers**

The **brothers** are on the same team.



4

**field**

The **field** was wet after the rain.



5

**sorry**

The girl was **sorry** she couldn't play today.



6

**only**

The Reds are ahead by **only** one point.



7

**people**

**People** were happy after the game.



8

**most**

The team cheered **most** for their coach.





# Winners Never Quit!

by Mia Hamm  
illustrated by Carol Thompson



## Essential Question

What can you  
learn from story  
characters?





Mia loved basketball.



Mia loved baseball.

But most of all, Mia loved soccer. She played every day with her brothers and sisters.







Tap, tap, tap. Her toes kept the ball right where she wanted it. Then, *smack!* She'd kick the ball straight into the net. **Goal!** Everyone on her team would cheer.



But sometimes it didn't work that way.  
One day, no matter how hard she tried,  
Mia couldn't score a goal.



The ball sailed to  
the left of the net.



Or to the right.



Or her sister Lovdy,  
the goalie, saved the  
ball with her hands.

**No goal.**

**No cheering.**



"Too bad, Mia,"  
her brother Garrett  
said. "Better luck  
next time!"



But Mia didn't want  
better luck next time.  
She wanted better  
luck now.








**“I Quit!”**

Mia said.





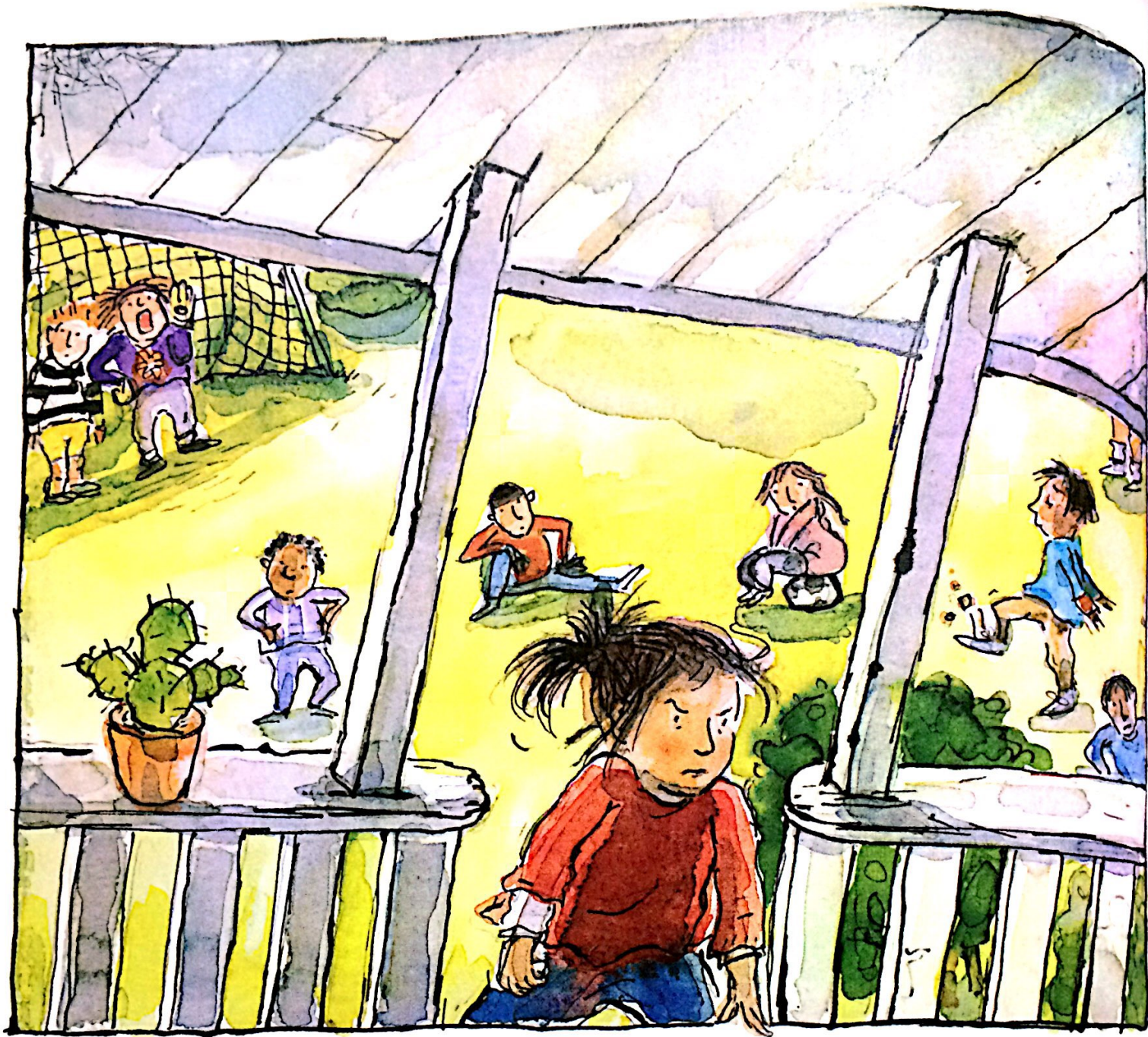
"You can't quit!" Lovdy said. Then we'll only have two people on our team."

"Come on, Mia," her sister Caroline pleaded. "You always quit when you start losing."

"Just keep playing, Mia," Garrett said. "It'll be fun."







But losing wasn't fun. Mia stomped back to the house.



### **STOP AND THINK**

#### **Understanding Characters**

Why would Mia rather quit than lose?

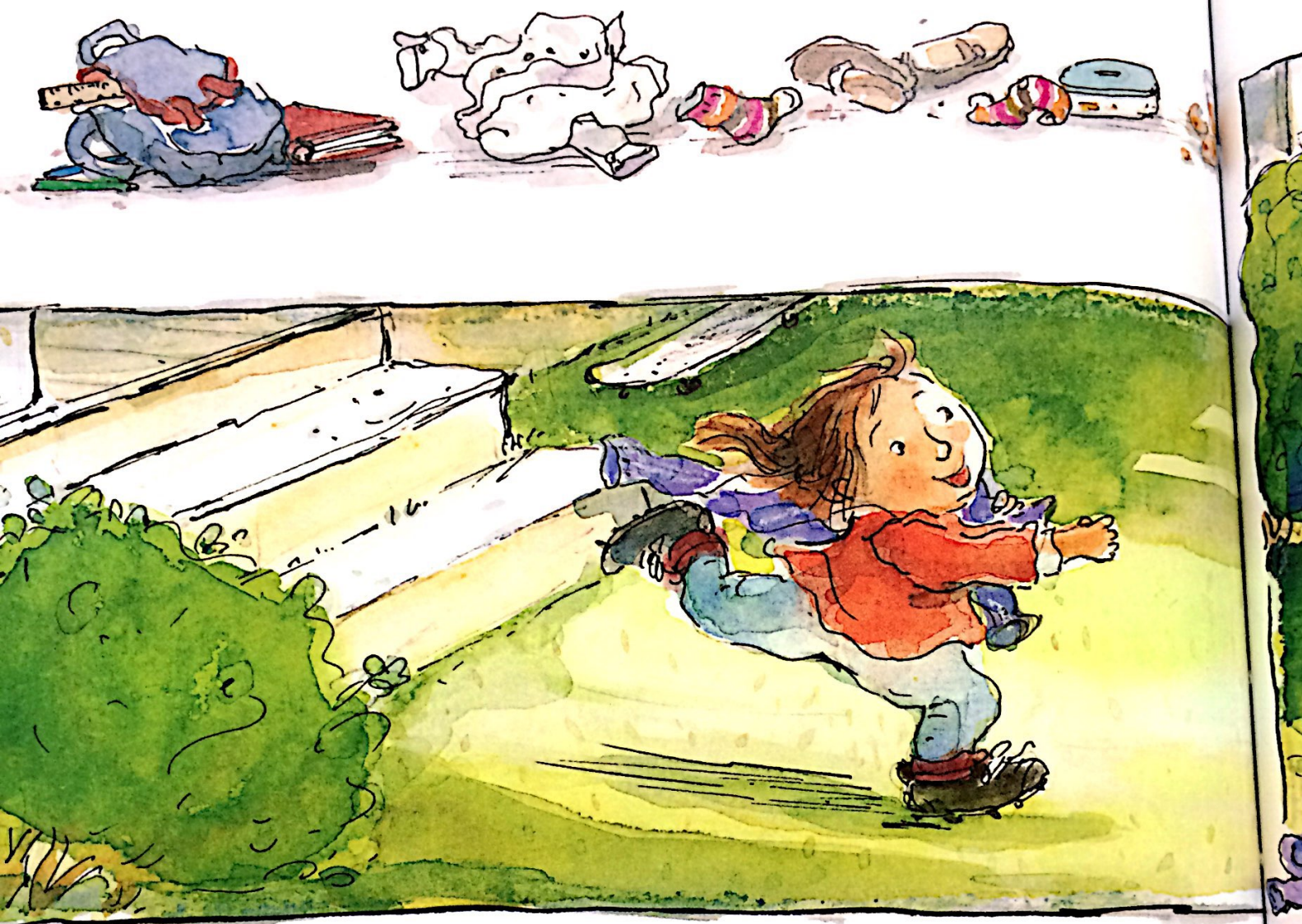


# “Quitter!”

“Quitter!” Lovdy yelled.  
Mia didn't care.  
She'd rather quit than lose.







The next day, Mia ran outside, ready to play soccer. When she got there, the game had already started.

"Hey!" she yelled. "Why didn't you wait for me?"



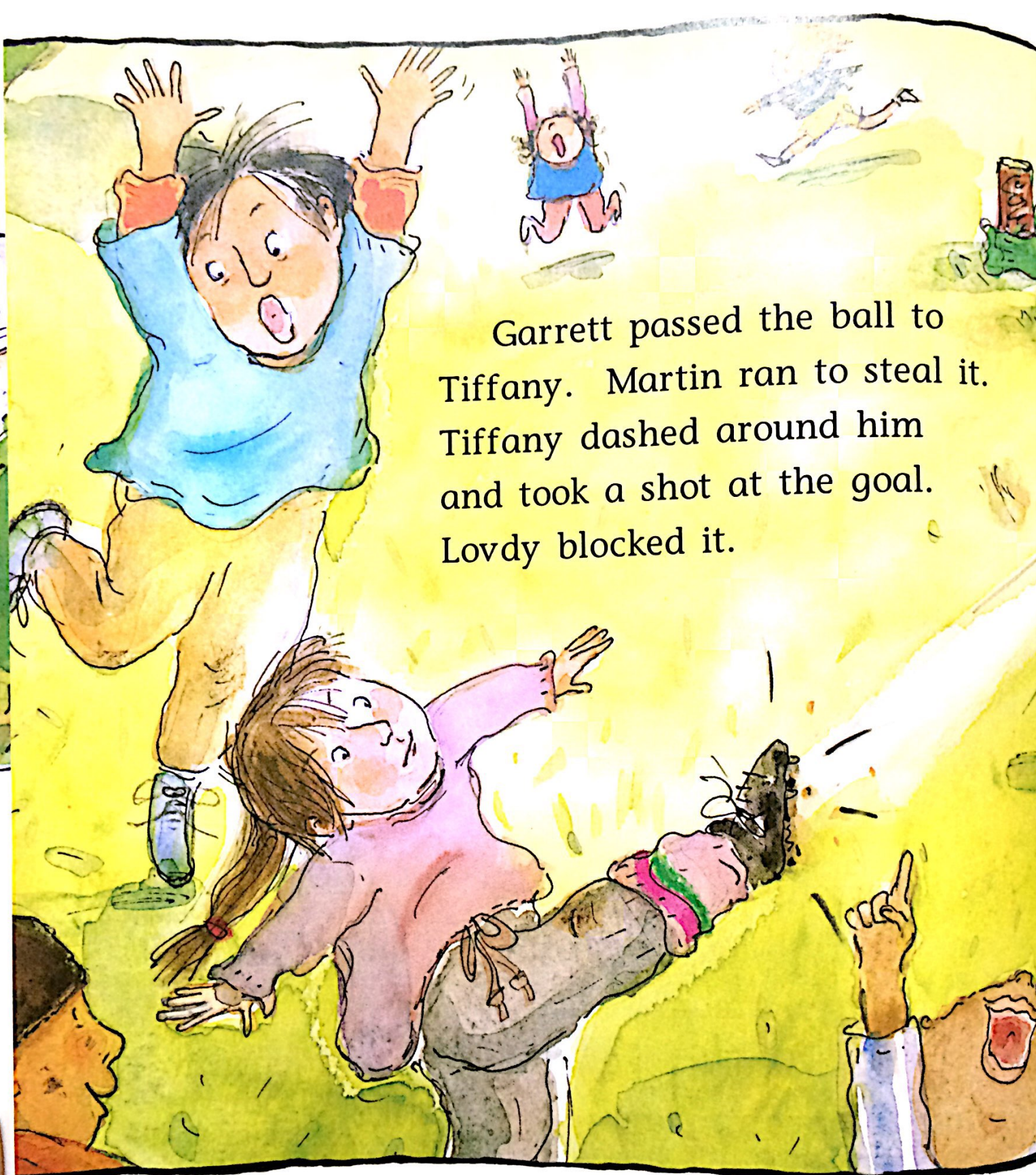


Garrett stopped playing.

"**Sorry**, Mia," he said. "But quitters can't play on my team."

"Yeah," said Lovdy. "If you can't learn to lose, you can't play."





Garrett passed the ball to Tiffany. Martin ran to steal it. Tiffany dashed around him and took a shot at the goal. Lovdy blocked it.





Mia just stood  
by the side and  
watched.





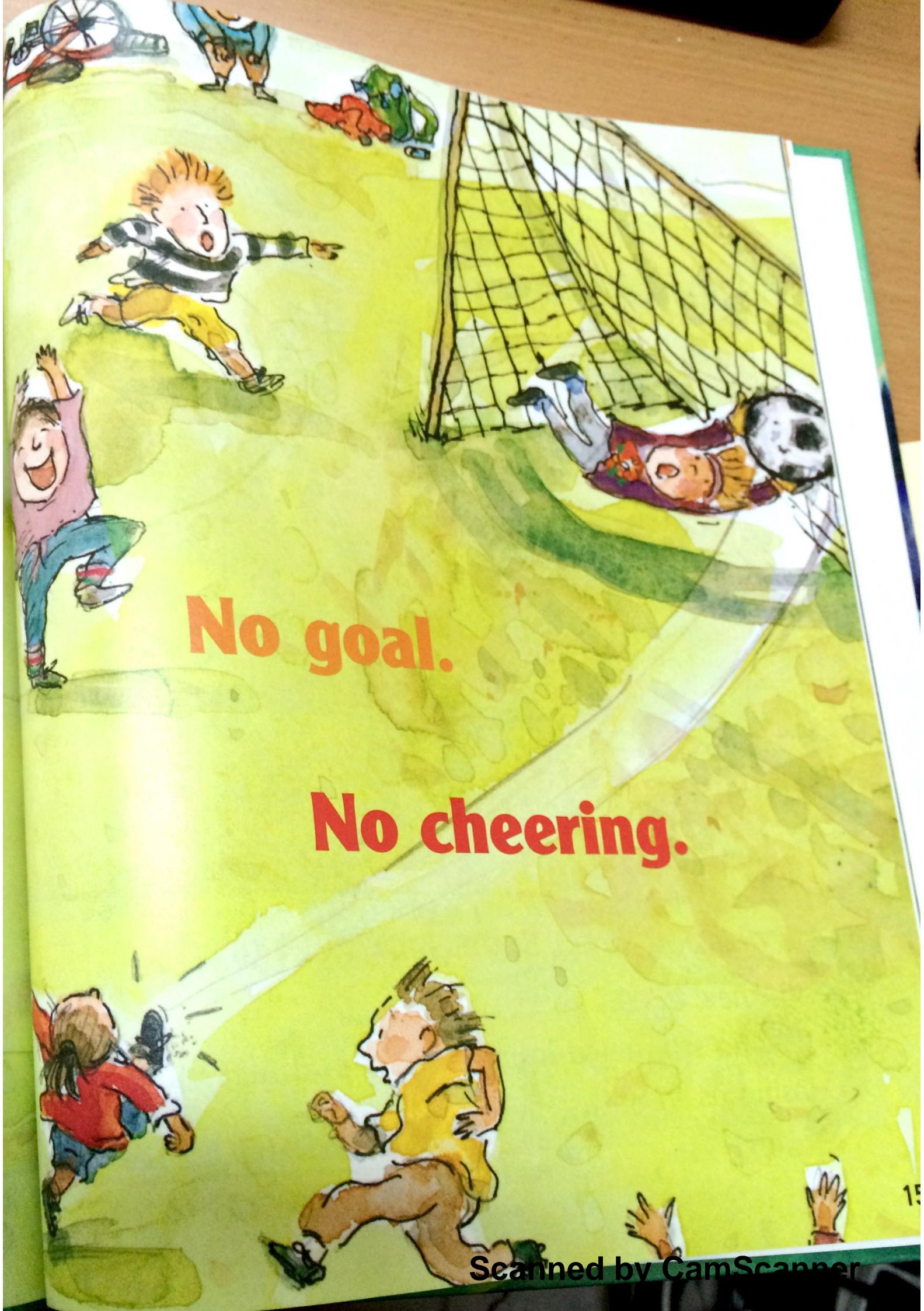
The next day, Garrett picked Mia first for his team.

Mia got the ball. She dribbled down the field. *Smack!* She kicked the ball toward the goal.

And Lovdy caught it.







**No goal.**

**No cheering.**





"Too bad, Mia," Garrett said. "Better luck next time."

Mia felt tears in her eyes.

"She's going to quit," whispered Lovdy.  
"I *knew* it."

Mia still hated losing. But she didn't hate losing as much as she loved soccer.



"Ready to play?" asked Garrett.  
Mia nodded.

Garrett grinned at her. He passed her  
the ball.

Mia ran down the field. Tap, tap, tap  
with her toes. The ball stayed right with  
her, like a friend. She got ready to kick it  
into the goal.





Mia kicked the ball as hard as she could.

Maybe she'd score the goal. Maybe she wouldn't.



But she was playing.  
And that was more important than  
winning or losing . . .

**because winners never quit!**

