

CHAPTER

25

GET THE BALL ROLLING!

A FREE KICK
IN 2 ACTS



THE CAST:

MUM
DAD
EVAN 12
LYDIA 10
ROSE 4
GRANNY
GRANDAD

SHOWTIME: NOW OR ANYTIME YOU LIKE
TICKETS: NOT NECESSARY
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THE IMAGINATION THEATRE

ACT ONE

Mr and Mrs Saunders and their three children Evan, Lydia and Rose are sitting in the living room together with the children's grandmother.

Evan Hey, I'm off to Stephen's house for some training.
We've got an important game on Saturday.

Mum I don't think that's a good idea, young man.
You've got homework to do and you've got a test tomorrow.

5 **Dad** Did you forget about that, Evan? The Maths test?

Evan No, Dad. But that test is a piece of cake.

Lydia Oh, I'm so lucky. No test and no homework. No homework at all.

Rose Homework. Oh, I want homework. I love homework!

10 **Lydia** Come on, Rose. I don't think you understand.
Homework's no fun at all.

Granny Well, you must understand that school is important, Evan.
You must work hard to get good results. Remember that.

Dad You're right, Mother. School is important. You have to do your
homework, Evan, as I always did when I was your age.

15 **Granny** I wouldn't talk about that, if I were you, Harry.

Evan Well, our school will skip homework next term, so it can't be very important.

Lydia I can play football with Stephen. I've got a match this weekend, too.
And no homework.

Rose Can I go with you, Lydia? I love football.

ACT TWO

Grandad enters the room.



Grandad Hello, everybody! I'm back.

Lydia Hello, Grandad! Did you have a nice time?

Grandad Yes, really good! But how about some football?
I want to play. Let's go outside.

5 **Mum** I'm sorry, but I still think Evan must do his homework.

Evan Please, Mum. I can do the bicycle kick now. I want to show Grandad.

Rose Bicycle kick? Oh Evan. Please don't kick my bicycle.

Granny I didn't know bikes were allowed on the pitch.

10 **Dad** They aren't, Mother. The bicycle kick is a football trick.
You have your back towards the goal and then you ...

Granny I know what it is, Harry. I was only joking.

Grandad Go get the ball, Lydia! Come on. Hurry up!

Evan But ... what about me then?

15 **Mum** OK. You've got an important game on Saturday and I hope you're
prepared enough for tomorrow's test, so ... let's all go outside then.

Rose Wow, I love football. I'll be goalie.

Granny No, you'll be striker and I'll be goalie.

Mum And I'll be ref, so behave or I'll give you all a yellow card.
Now, where's the whistle?