



NOT ALL HEROES FIGHT VILLAINS

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It's an autumn day in 2011, and it happened to be my first day of kindergarten. I was stuck at my dad's side when a girl approached me with her mom, and she asked me if I want to be her friend. I agreed and went along with her. Without a doubt, that moment changed my life forever in the best possibly way.

Addison, my best friend and my Michigan hero, is shrewd, compassionate, independent, and a self-sufficient person. She has been that way forever. She mentions things in a straightforward, smart way. She has a sign in her room that says, "I don't need easy, I just need possible." And that quote is something that she has demonstrated every day. One day, on a cold winter morning, Addison told me her story. Her story, in particular, truly expresses why she didn't need easy. She only needed possible.

In fact, Addison told me that when she was three years old, she had leukemia, a cancer mostly found in children and teens. She had cancer for about a year but, luckily, beat it and became a jovial girl with marvelous capabilities. Although this may be true, most people wouldn't expect athleticism and academic achievements from a girl who had cancer and had to endure so many hardships and struggles. She is as courageous as a lion and resilient as a small child learning how to ride a bike. Overall, Addison is a perfect example of an underdog.

Now, Addison is an eighth-grader at Holy Name. Her attitude is positive; almost infallible. She is a person who people turn to, to help them study, or help with any homework. I believe that Addison is the smartest person in the grade; I may be biased, but other people will most likely agree with me. She is a girl with great talent and has helped me with many personal struggles. She is a great listener and will always keep you company. Also, she knows how to resolve problems without hurting other people's feelings. So, though Addison had cancer, she conquered it; and if she can overcome that, she could overcome anything.

Nevertheless, being a hero can mean a lot of things to different people. A hero is someone who you believe has helped you through things you couldn't even imagine happening. A hero must be a tenacious person, must be productive, and stand up for others. My hero has all these all these qualities and more. Addison is a fighter, and she always will be. She had a difficult start to her life, but now with her academic and athletic achievements, she doesn't let cancer define her. Now maybe after reading this, you won't need easy you will just need possible, too.



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