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Lucas and the Perfect kick



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Synopsis

Lucas is an autistic boy who turns his hyperfocus into a superpower: a perfect, unerring kick. Amidst jeers, challenges, and triumphs, his leg holds the fate of a grand final.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
4-8 years	Exclusive	5 min

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Lucas lived in his own world, yet he found his greatest passion in soccer. To him, the pitch was a landscape of precise angles and trajectories. While others ran aimlessly, he had only one fixed thought: placing the ball exactly where the goalkeeper couldn't reach it.





His hyper-focus resulted in uncanny precision. From anywhere near the penalty area, he could tuck the ball into the top corner, right against the post. During free kicks, the fans and his teammates would start celebrating before he even struck the ball. Lucas never missed; a goal was a mathematical certainty.





The team’s strategy was clear and rigid: protect Lucas at all costs. He didn't know how to mark opponents, lost his composure in defense, and detested physical contact with the opposition. The perfect plan involved building up the play and delivering the ball to his feet, free from danger.





But soccer didn't always stick to the plan. The crowd's noise sometimes unsettled him, and communicating with teammates was nearly impossible. When opponents realized the pattern, they began to swarm him aggressively, cutting off the supply of the ball.





Disaster struck in the semifinal. High-pressure marking stifled the team, and the rough tackles frightened the boy. Lucas spent the entire match isolated, never touching the ball once. The defeat stung, but their spot in the grand final was secured thanks to goal difference.

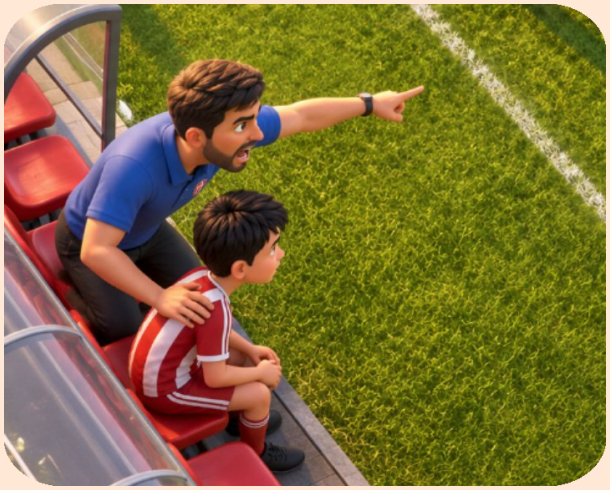




The day of the final arrived amidst extreme tension. Their opponent was a powerhouse dominating the match. Aware of the recent trauma, the coach decided to keep Lucas on the bench for the entire first half, aiming to protect the boy and restructure the team's tactics.



The score was tied at 1–1 in the final minutes of the match. The team was exhausted and pinned back against their own penalty area. With just five minutes left until the final whistle, the coach looked toward the bench, took a deep breath, and called for Lucas. It was time for a do-or-die moment.





Lucas stepped onto the pitch with his eyes fixed on the ground, shutting out the stadium's deafening roar. The opposing team pushed their defensive line up in search of a comeback, leaving a pocket of space in midfield—the perfect opening his teammates needed.





In stoppage time, the defensive midfielder won the ball and executed a bold move: a soft, long pass straight to the feet of Lucas, who was completely unmarked. Time seemed to stand still. Without taking a touch to control the ball, the youngster simply adjusted his body and delicately curled a shot into the top corner.





The ball traced a perfect arc and bulged the net, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance: 2–1. A single touch was all it took to seal the victory. The final whistle blew, and the team rushed to embrace their number 10, celebrating the title and Lucas's unique talent.





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