

Chapter 27: “What Are You Doing Here?”

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David Anderson

- 32 years old
- From Marietta, Atlanta
- Tried out for soccer freshman year with low self-esteem
- Later diagnosed with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
- Head coach of Athens Gold Valiants
- Team is undefeated



Jonathan Scherzer (Joni)

- Valiants' star player
- From Speetal, Austria
- Found transition to life in the United States Difficult.
- Played soccer in backyard by himself which developed his soccer skills.
- Spoke little English and had few friends.
- He was bullied at school because of his accent.
- Due to the issues he was dealing with in school, he went back to focusing on soccer
- Anderson watched Joni practice and then asked if anyone spoke German so they can ask Joni to be on their team.
- Joni's confidence on the team improved.
- "... was easily recognizable on the field for his floppy flaxen hair and his Beckham-sequel ball- handling skills." (246 St. John).



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Split

Luma Behind Bars

- While the team is driving to the game against the Valiants on the YMCA bus Luma was ahead of them in her car when she got stopped by a police officer.
- He stopped her because her brake lights were out.
- Her license was taken away and she was handcuffed so she asked the officer if she could give the players their cards for the game.
- He allows her to and she gets re-handcuffed and brought to Walton County Jail.
- The players were crying because “several had seen or heard of family members getting carted off by authorities...or worse...for the prettiest of offenses.” (249 St. John).
- After the game Luma was bailed for \$759.50 by Tracy.



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- While Luma is in Jail she is questioned the clerk cast noticed Luma’s middle initial..H.. and asked what it stood for.
- Luma said Hassan
- The clerk then asked where's that from, “Jordan” said Luma
- Clerk asked if it's Arab and then followed that by saying “What are you doing?” meaning what are you doing here in the United States.
- “Luma didn't respond.” (251 St. John).

The Big Game



- Fugees VS. Valiants
- They lost 5-0.
- Since Luma wasn't able to be there, the player's confidence wasn't as high as it was in other games.
- First half of the game went badly, so during half time, the Fugees switched out their players including the goalie.
- Most confident in the second half, but also more dangerous.
- Valiants won a penalty kick and coach Anderson was rooting for the goalie who then blocked the shot.