

Marcus

By Malcolm W.

One fine afternoon, Marcus was leaving football practice and talking to his best friend Aaron when Jason the school bully came up and shouted, “hey pipsqueak, you’ll never win!” Those words left Marcus feeling discouraged, but after coach Bennett came over and cheered him up, he felt better. Later that day, Marcus talked to his mom GiGi about it, and she thought it was unacceptable and rude, so she texted the principal the next day. The principal agreed that Jason’s behavior was problematic and told GiGi that he would be punished with detention. When Marcus heard the news, he felt relieved and was able to dust off Jason’s rude comment. The next day Marcus got even better news when he found out he was offered a full scholarship to play football at the University of Texas. He rushed downstairs to tell GiGi and she was so thrilled and excited to see that her son’s hard work had paid off. The next day at school everybody heard Marcus’s big news, including Jason, who was not happy about it and was jealous. As he did before, Marcus ignored the bad comments and just focused on achieving his goals. Suddenly, even more schools were asking him to play football for them and his confidence was sky high. To make matters even better, Marcus and his teammates won the championship game, which was also the last game of the season. Marcus accepted the offer to play at the University of Texas and eventually fulfilled his lifelong dream of playing in the NFL. Marcus learned to never let someone else’s negativity change his focus or determination to achieve his goals.