

seemed like it was meant to be. It's a big deal for me because I've never actually been to a game.

MATT. *You've never been to a game?* **Start**

SHAWN. Not yet.

MATT. *Why Not?*

SHAWN. It just never happened.

MATT. Whatever, man, you are a total bandwagon fan!

SHAWN. I told you I'm not! I've just never been to a game!

MATT. How is that possible?

SHAWN. Tickets are expensive!

MATT. I mean...I dunno. It depends.

SHAWN. It depends on what you consider to be expensive. It depends on a lot of things! It's not like I never tried to go, I mean, when I was ten years old, I won tickets off the radio. I did. I called into Magic 105.7 and won two tickets to the Cavs-Spurs game. I was even on the radio, all excited that I won, and they mailed me the tickets, but the night of the game, my dad was supposed to take me, but then he had to work late. I just didn't have anyone else to go with, you know? So I watched it alone in our basement. I held the tickets in my hand while I watched. They got damp and soft because I held them so tight the whole time. And that's when I made this oath to myself that I would take myself to a game when I could, when I was grown up and making money. That's the deal I made.

Beat.

Daugherty just destroyed David Robinson that night. He scored forty points.

Beat; Matt really feels bad for Shawn.

MATT. You couldn't get anyone to take you?

SHAWN. No.

MATT. What about your mom?

SHAWN. She couldn't.

MATT. Why not?

SHAWN. My mom doesn't drive.

MATT. Oh...yeah...that's right.

Cedric, he um...

He told me your mom was in a wheelchair.

SHAWN. Cedric told you that?

MATT. Yeah. Sorry. That sucks.

Beat; Shawn does not like to be known.

SHAWN. She has MS.

MATT. Oh. I'm sorry.

SHAWN. Don't worry about it.

MATT. What's that mean? I mean, I know MS is a bad disease and all...but...

SHAWN. It means she doesn't drive.

MATT. Yeah.

That sucks, about not going to the game.

Beat.

I'm sorry about your mom, man.

SHAWN. Don't worry about it. **End**

MATT. So what's your story about? The one you sold.

SHAWN. It's just a short story.

It's about a kid.

MATT. What kind of kid? Like a child? Or a baby goat.

SHAWN. A kid. A child. A ten-year-old kid.

He doesn't want to give in, but does.

His older sister leaves for college. And it's about how different it is for him to be in the house without her. And so he goes into the attic and he finds this crawl space up there and he crawls into it.

MATT. Nice. Like Narnia.

SHAWN. No, it's not like Narnia.

MATT. What's in the crawl space?

SHAWN. Nothing.

MATT. What does the kid do in there?

SHAWN. He watches a mouse.