



## My secret team

Can you keep a secret? I had to for a long, long time. My family were all Boxtown fans, but I supported a different team – Boxtown Rovers.

It was very hard being different. I had to be very good at pretending when both teams played each other.

I couldn't cheer when my team scored. I had to go to the bathroom and celebrate there.

I couldn't be sad when the other team scored.

I could only have my team's posters on my bedroom wall when I was alone.

If someone came to my room, I had to be quick to change how it looked.

I had to have a secret wardrobe too. I hid my favourite team's clothes behind the other team's.

Birthdays were terrible too. I always got football gifts for the wrong team. But then my life changed.

A billionaire bought both clubs in my town and made one big team – Boxtown United.

Now I can relax and enjoy all the matches with my family. I go to the bathroom a lot less now too.

## Short story



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