

Trying Out

Gabriella raced to check for her name. Softball was her life. She lived to play and hear the crowd cheer—but Gabriella wouldn't be hearing cheers this season. Her name wasn't on the team list.

Later that afternoon, Gabriella's teacher asked her to substitute for someone who dropped out of the school play. Gabriella thought, "No way! I'm a softball player, not an actress," but she couldn't get the words from her brain to her mouth. So she muttered, "Okay."

At rehearsal, Gabriella barely made an effort to read her lines because she really wasn't all that committed to acting. Finally, a friend took her aside and said, "We have to pull together. You'll sink everyone if you keep acting like this."

Gabriella took his words to heart. She was in full swing by the first performance, and she loved the applause at the end. She knew she'd be trying out for more than the softball team in the future.

