

Football Magic

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Kwame dreams that he's a quarterback for the New York Jets & faces Wheeler, who plays for the Giants.

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(Written in 2003) At Hope Island, we find Ma-Ti & Wheeler throwing a football around to each other. Kwame comes by to watch and asks if he could join.

"I don't think you know how to play football, Kwame." said Wheeler, "There's no football teams in Africa."

"That's very mean to say Wheeler." snapped Ma-Ti, "I'm tired anyway. Let Kwame play with you."

Ma-ti hands the ball to Kwame. Kwame then tells Wheeler to go long. Wheeler runs deep while Kwame threw the football into the air & Wheeler catches it. Then Wheeler throws it to Kwame & he starts running with the ball. Wheeler starts charging trying to catch him, but lands on the ground. Kwame then does a touchdown celebration dance.

Hours later, Kwame had set up a net behind a spare tire from one of the Eco-Cycles. He had a couple of footballs & starting aiming for the center of the tire practicing his quarterback skills. Wheeler came by & was amazed that Kwame's a natural quarterback.

"Man, you ought to play for the Giants!"

"Thanks Wheeler, but I like the Jets better!"

"Jets blow. Giants won more Super Bowls. Give me one good reason why you like the Jets?"

"They have green uniforms & green's my color." said Kwame. Wheeler groaned over that.

At Kwame's hut, we find him watching NFL football on tv while he's playing on his set of drums. Wheeler came by and groaned.

"Man, you got the idea from that movie, Johnny B. Goode, where Anthony Michael Hall's a football player who played the drums while watching football on tv!"

"I like to play drum solos while watching football.
Excuse me, Wheeler, field goal time!"

Kwame got up from his drums, grabbed his tympani mallets & went over to his tympani. He played a drum roll & when the kick was good, he played fanfare music!

"Jets win! Jets win!" exclaimed Kwame!

He turned off the game.

"Man I wish I could be a Jet for a day!"

"Why not put on a magic jersey & be transported like that Disney Channel show, whatever that show's called, I forgot." quipped Wheeler.

"Get real!" Kwame said, "I'm going to take a nap, so please leave." which Wheeler did.

When Kwame took a nap, he had a cool dream. He woke up from bed & discovered by his set of drums, there's a real New York Jets football uniform with a #8 jersey!

"Wheeler & his practical jokes!" quipped Kwame, "I'll wear this football uniform for him."

So Kwame changed into the football uniform & then he placed his helmet on. Kwame goes to his drums & when he's playing a snare drum roll, Kwame was magically transported to Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

There he saw a sold out crowd watching a football game between the New York Giants vs the New York Jets. The Jets are wearing the dark green football uniforms & are designated as the home team while the Giants are wearing white jerseys & are the visitors. Kwame looked around seeing television cameras owned by...

"NBC Sports? Now I really must be dreaming!" quipped Kwame.

"Hey Kambuto!" someone yelled, "You #8, come here!"

To his amazement, Kwame saw Captain Planet in a trench coat wearing a coach's cap.

"Yes Captain Planet?"

"You read too many comic books kid." said the coach, "I'm your coach, Tom Coburn. My main quarterback's injured, you're starting!"

"Cool!" said Kwame, "Why did you call me Kambuto?"

"Your name's Kwame Kambuto, isn't it?" asked the coach, "Look, you're competing against the Giants toughest QB, #15, Billy Miller!"

Kwame looks across the field & sees who Billy Miller really is.

"Wheeler!"

Wheeler was talking with a cheerleader & then she started kissing him.

"Man, Linka would never do that!"

Kwame looks @ the Jets' cheerleaders with Gi leading the way. Kwame started drooling looking at Gi. Then another Jet wearing #24 comes over to him.

"You ready to go, Kwame?" he asks.

"Ma-ti? You've grown big!"

"No, I'm Mateo Garcia, your runningback."

Just then, Billy grabbed a mike & started rappin with a boom box playing a rap beat.

"Yo, I'm Billy Miller, the Giants QB.
The quickest football player you'll ever see.
Our team is psyched, our team is set,
We're gonna beat the crap off the NY Jets!"

Giant fans cheered over that rap. Kwame saw a green set of drums & a pair of tympanis. As Kwame went to the drums,

"Two can play at that game!"

Kwame played a tympani fanfare/drumroll to psych the fans & then goes to his drums & plays a rap beat, rapping,

"The name is Kwame playing the drum set.
I'm the coolest QB of the New York Jets!
We're gonna beat the pants off those Giants,
We'll crush 'em & stomp 'em like small ants!"

Kwame ends by playing a cool drum solo. Then as Kwame got off the drums, Billy charged over & both of them got into a fight! The referees had to break up this pre-game scuffle.

The football game began with the Giants winning the toss & receiving. Billy lead his team to an opening touchdown drive taking them to a 7-0 lead. Then the Jets had a turn with Kwame also leading his team down the field. When they reached first & goal, Kwame ran the football himself & scored the Jets 1st touchdown tying the game @ 7 in the 1st quarter.

When the game reached halftime tied @ 17, Kwame was surprised that The Power Is Yours is performing as well.

"Man, two Kwames in one fanfic!" Kwame said, "Unbelievable!" The other Kwame couldn't believe there's another Kwame who plays football!

The second half turned out to be a real battle of defense! The Giants & Jets battled it out only having a field goal scored for each team, tying the game @ 20 and sending it into OT.

In the middle of the field, Kwame & Billy come out with a referee flipping a coin. Since Billy was the visitor, he called heads. But turned out tails. The Jets got the ball first.

However, the overtime didn't matter because both teams battled it out for a tie. Billy went over to shake Kwame's hand.

"Good game."

"Yeah, if you like ties." said Kwame, "I thought I was suppose to be the football hero & win the game! What happened?"

Gaia appears,

"I told Larry to write it that way! Wake up, Kwame!"

Gaia echoes that & Kwame wakes up from his nap, getting out of bed. Wheeler had his bass guitar with him asking if he's ready for band practice.

"I'll be there in a minute, Billy Miller!"

"How did you know my real name?" asked Wheeler.

"In a dream." said Kwame, "You were a New York Giants qb while I was the Jets qb!"

"Oh," exclaimed Wheeler, "Speaking of Jets, I got something for you. It's on your snare drum."

Kwame goes to his drums & finds that on his snare drum was a New York Jets green football jersey with the #8. And on the back it had "KWAME".

"Cool, Wheeler!" said Kwame.

Captain Planet & the duo started playing music with Kwame wearing his football jersey!