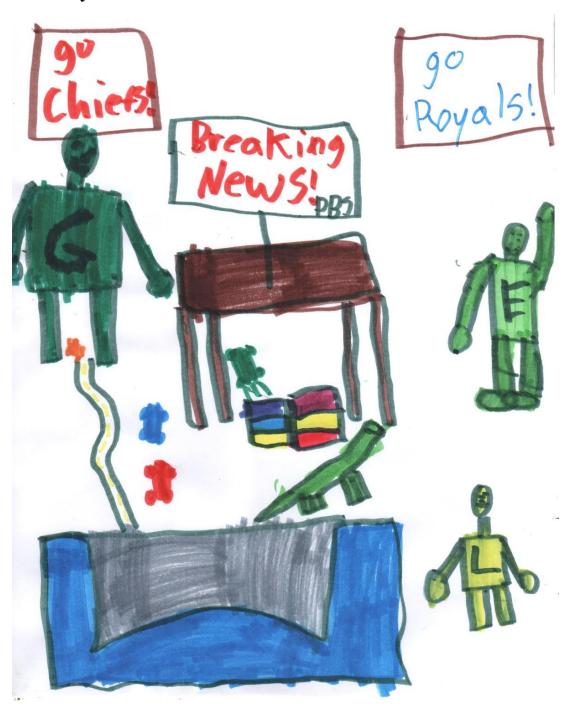
## The KC Brothers

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This book is dedicated to my little brothers, Ellis and Leland, who inspired me to write about our adventures together.

These brothers may look like ordinary kids, but they have unimaginable powers. Griffin, Ellis, and Leland are super heroes who go on dangerous top secret missions. The heroes didn't know that trouble was brewing across town. From their G+E+L basement secret lab they will be going on one of their most challenging adventures yet.



Breaking News! Smarty, a mischievous super villain, has teamed up with Cyclops, his destructive partner, and they're up to no good! The evil duo want to take the team spirit of Kansas City and they've been seen at the Royals' ballpark.





G+E+L fly to the ballpark to realize that the World Series trophy is gone! The villains had escaped!

Leland spots a cat in the parking lot and speaks to it in a secret language. The cat says that Smarty and Cyclops were heading to the Chiefs stadium.



G+E+L find that the Super Bowl trophy has been stolen. There's evidence of Cyclops's footprints, so the heroes fly above to track them down.



When the team get to the Nelson-Atkins Museum, the giant shuttlecock is missing! They see a dirt trail leading to a bus with the shuttlecock placed on top.



The heroes follow the bus to Union Station where Smarty and Cyclops are boarding a train. G+E+L use their race cars to chase the train, and they barely make it!



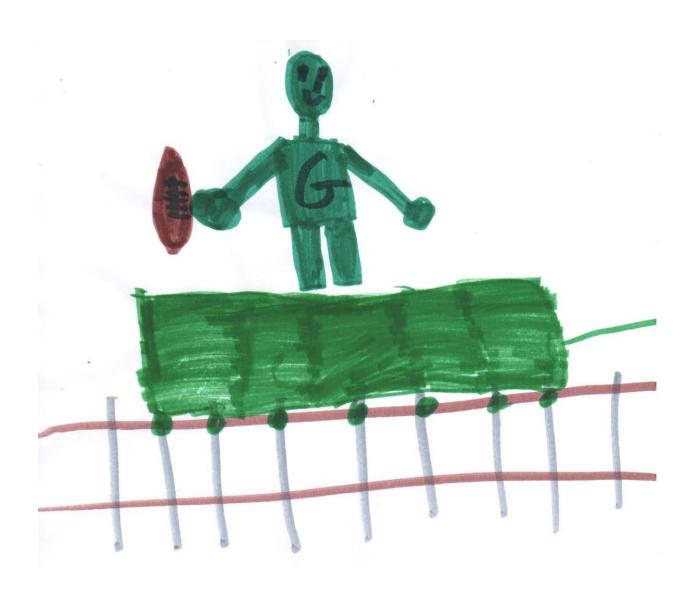
Ellis sings calming music to relax the villains while Leland uses his small size to sneak around and reclaim the trophies.



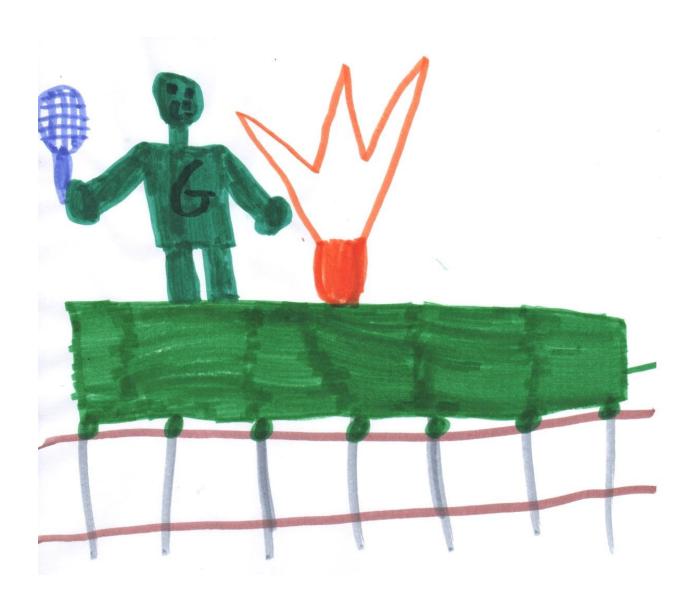
Griffin puts the World Series trophy in a giant baseball and hits it all the way to the Royals' home plate.



Next, he puts the Super Bowl trophy in a giant football and kicks it through the Chiefs goalposts.



Finally, Griffin uses an enormous badminton racket to smack the shuttlecock to the museum.



Smarty and Cyclops spend their weekends repairing the museum's lawn and volunteering as the Royals and Chiefs mascots. In the end, Smarty and Cyclops learned that they never really stole the spirit of Kansas City after all.



