

The wooden swords



CHAPTER 1.

HOW I LOST A BATTLE.

I was dead!

My shield proved not as strong as I thought and I was dead! The black knight had penetrated my shield all the way to my heart. I rolled in the ground and I felt the wet mud in my mouth. I tried to spit the small leaves but I couldn't!

I should stay still! After all I was dead!

But the battle was not over. I could hear the sounds; my eyes were closed so I couldn't see. A loud sound came from my left! Or from my right? I was never sure; I always confuse the left and right.

I open my left...anyway, one of my eyes a little! Sir Ralph, my second in command knight was lying next to me.



Dead! That was going to be a very bad day for my army.

Where was Adam? He is one of my best fighters. He is a real master with his weapons. I could hear his voice, screaming:

-Back off, all of you evil knights of the night! Back off, nobody touches me! Beggars!

Adam loves this word, 'beggars' and it is the worst thing he can say when he wants to insult anybody. My good Adam! I was dead, but I was a proud dead. My brave men were still fighting.

-Don't move! I will be near you in a minute! Are you dead or just wounded!

I would love to be 'just wounded' but I knew very well that I was dead. Stupid shield, I said it from the minute I worn it that it was not safe. But when we are getting ready for a battle, nobody listens to my words. The only thing they want is to show their new swords and fight.

-Oh!

That came from my other side; I mean the other side of where Ralph had fallen before. Still not sure if it was left or right.

-Who are you?

-James!

-James, who?

-James the sheriff!

-Oh, you are not one of us!

-Of course I am not one of yours! I am one of the good guys!

-What you mean one of the good guys? I am one of the good guys! In fact I am their leader!

-You are dead!

-Yes I am dead! But I am their leader, of the good guys, been dead!

And he punched me straight on my nose!

-Hey! That was not right! You are dead! You can't hit me like that! You are dead!

Saying that, I stood up and I was ready to attack him but Ralph was already next to me saying.

-Your nose bleeding. Your nose bleeding!

The rest came around us!

-What are you doing James?

-He started first!

-I didn't start anything!

-James, you supposed to be dead!

-You supposed to be dead!

-Or just wounded!

-Your nose is bleeding!

-I told you that my shield is not good!



-Yes! Mine was no good either!

James was nearly crying and Ralph was hitting his chest showing us that his shield was not good. Anne was trying to touch my nose, she was the nurse after all and Adam was arguing with James for who had hit the other. I was pressing my nose like the school's nurse had shown me once I hit in the schoolyard! Perry and Jimmy were still fighting in the battlefield and they would continue all the time if a car didn't come round the corner and we had to go out of the street!

-I don't play anymore with you!

-Why? You've been cheating!

-Me? Me? I was just laying there dead and you punched my nose. You see? I can prove it! Here! Here, blood! You see?

-Let me see! Let me see!

I didn't like everybody looking in my nose but in a big battle we have to show our wounds.



-Hey! I've got to go! We have lasagna for dinner and I don't want to be late!

I don't think that Ralph was ever late for dinner, but he didn't say anything else. He just threw the piece of wood he was holding for a knife all this time and left without saying a word!

-Is all your fault!

I was not going to give up so easily. I had lost a battle, I was dead, Ralph had left and my nose was bleeding. I hadn't done all that for nothing. I wanted a rematch.

-Not now Alex! I think I've better go home. My father told me to go out, only for an hour and I'm here, I don't know how long. I haven't finished my homework for tomorrow!

-Come now, Jimmy! Once more! After all you have more knights now Ralph's left!

-You can have as many you want. I still beat you!

-You are not!

-Yes I am!

-You are not!

-Yes he can!

-James! Come home! Dinner is ready!

That was James' mother! James lives just in the corner house and he has a big sandlot cross his house. That's why we always have our battles here!

James is a member of the knights, but when we practicing we pretend that we have war between us. We have enemies but we have never met them in the battlefield yet.

Jimmy, Adam, James, Perry and his sister Anne, Ralph, Timmy and me were in the same team.

We are the **BLUE KNIGHTS!**