

living room. I could feel the butterflies going crazy in my stomach. I was all warm and tingly knowing that Spirit was the number one horse in the league and we would definitely come in first place. Once the gun went off the rest was history. Spirit was cutting in and out between all the other horses until we had a lead in first. We had been going so fast my hair stuck straight out the back like in a cartoon. We were one hundred feet away from the finish line. I had then leaned forward putting all my body weight on Spirit's neck in hopes we would pick up speed and win the derby. As I put my weight on Spirit's neck I could feel him starting to fall. My life flashed before my eyes, as I was nose-diving straight into our brick fireplace. I had gotten so caught up in my imagination I had forgot that Spirit was only the vacuum and his neck was the cord that could not hold any weight. I remember my mother rushing in to see me sitting there screaming my lungs out as blood rushed down from my nose. My mother then rushed me to the hospital thinking I had broken my nose. Once we had gotten there I was checked over and we were relieved to learn that it was only a fracture.

I was known for being accident-prone, so it was not overly surprising that it happened. I was always falling off my bike or scratching something or other. The day I fracture my nose was the day my sinus issues begun and the bump in my nose came not too long after. My sinus issues continue to be an obstacle to overcome. I have blocked sinuses that make having a cold ten times worse. I have tried nasal sprays and different medications in hopes that it would help, but they have only given me temporary relief of the issue. I have had minor issues involving my sinuses that cause me to faint, blackout and experience migraines. I have also noticed when there is a drastic change in heat that my nose can continuously pour blood. Although I have never sought out medical help about the bump on my nose I am convinced that it was from the fracture. As long as medication is taken when needed, however, most of the sinus problems are kept under control and don't stop me from living life.

Playing with Spirit not only caused me to lose the derby, but to fracture my nose and live a life with sinus issues. I found myself nose-diving into the fireplace because I was so caught up in my imagination that I could no longer comprehend anything around me. Although I lost the Barbie Princess Derby and fractured my nose with my active imagination, I learned that even if you get hurt everything heals eventually and you will get better. Even if I have sinus issues and a bump on my nose I still have a story to tell about when I was young and innocent and didn't have a care in the world.

