



Smart People are Cool.™



COMMANDER CONFIDENCE'S STORY

No one ever thought Todd Sharpe would amount to much. As a boy, he was exceptionally small for his age, and it seemed that young Todd was always the brunt of other student's jokes. **SIR SELFWORTHLESS**, a member of villainous group called **THE UNTEACHABLES**, always made Todd feel bad about himself. As a result, Todd suffered from severe self-worth problems. It didn't help that Todd was always picked last (if he was picked at all) during the daily recess games, or that a group of older boys once tried to use him as the ball in a game of keep away.

The ridicule and torment continued when he entered junior high. As an 8th grader, tiny Todd stood a ridiculous 4'1", so it was to everyone's disbelief when he came strolling into basketball tryouts. No one gave him a chance in the world of making the team, especially since his school in Hickory, IN was known for basketball.

Tryouts were a nightmare. Todd was knocked to the floor and tossed around like a beanbag. Just when it seemed like things couldn't get any worse, they did. Someone passed him the ball and he decided to drive the lane. As he approached the basket and began to shoot, all five players from the opposing team tackled him to the gym floor. Approximately 640 lbs came crashing down on puny Todd, and he lay unconscious on the floor until the ambulance came.

Todd was rushed to the emergency room and diagnosed with many severe injuries. Every bone in his body was broken, he had life-threatening internal bleeding, and he suffered from major head trauma. Emergency surgery was necessary if he was to have another chance at life. Dr. Yuri Paupov, the renowned yet controversial Russian surgeon, was called in to save his life.

He took one look at Todd and realized he could use him for an experimental procedure that enhances growth and strength while at the same time cures the body. Dr. Paupov would be risking his professional career for an opportunity to put his "bone blaster" procedure to the test. As soon as Todd became conscious, the doctor told him about the procedure and how he could make him really tall and very athletic. Since Todd remembered how badly he felt because of his appearance and many failures, he decided that the risk would be worth it if he could become a star.

Although it took about 2 months for the entire process to take place, Todd recovered from his surgery as a 9'7", 285 pound, blue-eyed, red-haired giant. When he arrived at school for next year's basketball tryouts, he not only made the team, he became the star. He continued to play basketball in college at Littleton University, and eventually went on to play professional basketball. Although he became a very successful athlete, Todd learned not to get his sense of self-worth from his achievements, but rather from who he was as a person.

It was during Todd's professional career that Martin J. See, other wise known as **SMARTY MARTY**, came to a basketball game and recruited Todd into the **S.M.A.R.T.S. FORCE**. Todd assumed the name **COMMANDER CONFIDENCE**. In order to help students develop a positive self-worth, he re-visited Dr. Paupov and asked him to design his **S.M.A.R.T.S. FORCE** tools. The first tool he designed are his "Perspective Specs" that allow him to see how students truly view themselves in order to determine exactly how to help them. The second tool, "Shock Socks," is designed to take students to shocking heights of achievement. When Shock Socks are placed on your feet, they give you so much courage that you feel like can go anywhere and accomplish anything. His third tool is called the "Boomerang Ball". It passes confidence to students, which they can pass on to others. **COMMANDER CONFIDENCE** is here to help, but it is up to you to decide whether or not you are going to listen to him. Join the **S.M.A.R.T.S. FORCE** and help me defeat **SIR SELFWORTHLESS**. Remember, smart people are cool!

COMMANDER CONFIDENCE'S TACTICS AND TOOLS

PERSPECTIVE SPECS to see how students view themselves.

SHOCK SOCKS that take students to shocking heights of achievement.

BOOMERANG BALL that passes confidence to students, which they can pass to others.

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