

The Bad News

By Alvin Swartz from *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*

Narrators 1-3, Old Woman, Man

Narrator 1: Leon and Todd loved baseball.

Narrator 2: When they were young, they had played on the town's baseball team.

Narrator 3: Leon had been the pitcher, and Todd had played second base.

Narrator 4: Now that they were a lot older, they spent their free time watching baseball games on TV and talking about baseball.

Leon: Do you think they play baseball in heaven?

Narrator 1: Leon asked Todd one day.

Todd: That's a good question,

Narrator 2: said Todd.

Todd: The one who gets there first should let the other one know somehow.

Narrator 3: As it turned out, Todd got to heaven first, and Leon waiting patiently to hear from him.

Narrator 4: One day Leon found Todd sitting in the living room waiting for him.

Narrator 1: Leon was very excited to see him.

Leon: What's it like up there? And what about baseball?

Todd: When it comes to baseball I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that we do play baseball in heaven. We have some fine teams. I play second base on my team, just like I used to in the old days. That's the good news.

Leon: What's the bad news?

Todd: The bad news is that you are scheduled to pitch tomorrow.

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