

Dear Reader:

"Nobody Wins" is the story of a young girl who doesn't feel very good about herself. She has been ignored by someone she loves and admires, and she has been criticized and teased by others around her. Because she is hurting inside, she sometimes acts in ways that make the very people she wants as friends dislike her.

This young girl, Susan, is showing signs of emotional abuse. She is not alone. Many children experience this abuse and then they turn around and abuse someone else. You may be one of them.

What Spider-Man wants you to know is that when we take time out to think about what we say to one another, everybody wins. We hope

that you will find this supplement valuable, and that you will share it with a friend.

Sincerely,

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The National Education Association recognizes this publication as a viable attempt to educate children about the problem of child abuse.

NOBODY WINS

SEE, ROY I CAN STAND ON MY HANDS THE LONGEST. I CAN STAY THIS WAY FOREVER. I WIN!

NO WAY! TWO MINUTES IS WHAT YOU SAID AND TWO MINUTES IS WHAT I GOTTA BEAT. AFTER THAT WE'LL TRY FOR MORE!

FORGET IT! I WANNA SEE HOW LONG I CAN GO, AND I GOTTA BE HOME BY 5:30!

IT'S SUPPER-TIME SOON FOR ALL OF US, SUSAN, AND IT'S MY TURN, NOW! THAT'S THE RULE!

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5 "MOM... I'M HOME."

SORRY I'M LATE BUT I HAD TO PROVE TO ROY I COULD DO A HANDSTAND ON THE BAR LONGER THAN HE COULD.

6 MOM, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK TONIGHT?

I CAN'T DO IT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MATH. IT'S FRACTIONS AND I NEED HELP!

7 SUSAN, YOU'RE SO MUCH TROUBLE. CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?

THE SAUCE! OH, NO!

SUSAN, HONEY, HURRY AND SET THE TABLE. DINNER'S ALMOST READY!

2 YOU DON'T WANNA PLAY FAIR? OKAY! THEN WE'LL SHARE THE BAR!

KICK!

NO WAY, STUPID!

3 YIPES!

SEE? YOU'RE SUCH A WIMP! YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER. I CAN'T EVEN BEAT A GIRL! SO I WIN!

4 SHE'S REALLY MEAN.

SHE'S GOOD THOUGH, ROY! REMEMBER THE TIME IN GYM CLASS SHE DID THREE BACKWARD FLIPS IN A ROW?

YEAH RIGHT, ANNE. SHE'S GOOD, BUT I HATE TO PLAY WITH HER. ROY COULDN'T BEEN HURT!

WHY CAN'T SHE EVER TAKE TURNS? WHY DOES SHE ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE HER OWN WAY?

WHY DOES SHE PUT EVERYBODY ELSE DOWN AND ACT SO MEAN AND ANGRY ALL THE TIME AND CALL US ALL NAMES?

8 YES, MA'AM.

WHY? WHY IS EVERYBODY ALWAYS MEAN TO ME EVEN MY OWN MOTHER... WHY WON'T ANYBODY EVER LISTEN TO ME...

...WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY LIKE ME?

EVERYONE SEEMS TO LIKE MY MOM. HER NEW BOYFRIEND, TED, LOVES HER!

MY MOM'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

9 I WONDER IF I COULD LOOK BEAUTIFUL!

YEAH... SURE...

HEY! MAYBE I'VE BEEN GOING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG!