

# A Story Worth Telling...

On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2000, I was invited to be given a reading by one of my mother's friend Darlene. As I anxiously awaited her arrival the following evening, I had thought of several questions that were very relevant to my life at the time. I was still in High School and had joined the football team. Day in and day out I trained for what was to become of the season ahead. So my football season had been the biggest question that stood from my mind. As she began my reading, she told me what was going to be the biggest surprise I would experience that year...

The Darlene told me that I would receive an injury to my head which will sustain for several weeks. After I will recover from that injury and return to the field to continue the season, I will receive a second injury from my head; this time it would take me out of the season for good. She also mentioned to me that I should carry a notebook besides me during my time off from the injury to write down what I was going through. She also felt that my career would be in writing...

Unfortunately, I received a concussion which took me out for a little for 20 days. I reminded myself that this injury would not last long. After the first day I came back from the sidelines, I received another concussion and was taken out of my football season for good. By then I had come to realize that my reading was depicted precisely as she had explained it. Taking sincere advice, I carried my pen and paper on the sidelines, and wrote about my experience. I now carry those words which I had written to become the biggest inspiration in my life to this day. I continue writing not only in class, but I am pursuing an major in Liberal Arts English.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.