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EXT. CITY PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND - CONTINUOUS

Andra and Jack are looking directly into each others eyes. Jack drops his gaze as a tear rolls down his cheek. Andra reaches over and kisses Jack on the cheek.

Andra lifts her head back. From the region of home plate a BOY'S VOICE breaks the silence.

BOY'S VOICE (O.S.)
Hey kissy face. Ya wanna play ball?

Jack looks up. Eleven boys are standing near home plate. He wipes his eyes with the sleeve of his jersey and jumps off the bleachers.

As he heads toward home plate he glances over his shoulder and smiles at Andra, who smiles back.

Two boys, the FIRST BOY and the SECOND BOY play topsies with the bat to determine first pick. The second boy wins.

SECOND BOY
Topsies.

The second boy looks around. There are ten boys to choose from. As the boys are chosen they move behind the chooser.

SECOND BOY
Alex.

FIRST BOY
Jimmy.

SECOND BOY
Dino.

FIRST BOY
Miguel.

SECOND BOY
Jack.

FIRST BOY
Pedro.

SECOND BOY
Pat.

FIRST BOY
Clark.

SECOND BOY

Tony.

FIRST BOY

Curly.

SECOND BOY

We'll take last bats. No hittin' ta right field less yer a lefty. Then we'll switch fieldahrs. Ok?

FIRST BOY

Ok.

SECOND BOY

Hey Jack. Ya wanna pitch?

The second boy tosses Jack a hardball wrapped in black cloth tape. Jack picks it deftly out of the air with his bare hand.

JACK

Sure.

Another BOY WEARING A GLOVE runs up to the group.

BOY WEARING A GLOVE

Can I Play?

FIRST BOY

Ya need ta find 'nother playah.

The boy wearing a glove looks around. The park is empty of boys except those on the field. He spots Andra on the bleachers.

BOY WEARING A GLOVE

(desperately)

What about her?

Some of the boys LAUGH derisively.

SECOND BOY

Let's play ball.

JACK

Wait.

The boys stop and look at Jack.

JACK

She c'n catch. (looks to Andra) Hey Andra, Andra?

Jack gets Andra's attention.

JACK

Catch!

Jack throws the ball high in the air slightly away from the bleachers. Andra jumps off the bleachers and runs after the arching ball. It's over her head. She leaps high grabbing it with her bare left hand over her shoulder on the run.

There's a moment of silence among the boys.

SECOND BOY

We'll take Andra. We got 'nuf fer
right field. Hit anywhere ya want.

The second boy's team takes the field. Jack is on the mound. Andra is in right field without a glove. The other players are at first, second and third base, as well as left, and center field. There is no shortstop or catcher.

The first boy (BATTER) is at bat. Jack throws the first pitch. It's a swing and a miss. The boys on the field take up the CHATTER.

FIRST BASEMAN

Way ta chuck, Jack.

SECOND BASEMAN

Put it in thar Jack.

The ball travels to the backstop. One of the players on the batting team picks it up and throws it back to Jack.

BATTER

(swinging the bat)

Come on Jack. Ya couldn't hit the
broadside av a schoonah.

THE END

ROLL CREDITS

The baseball game continues as the credits roll. CHATTER and BANTERING are heard on the field.