

## Chapter 1



Lincoln Mendoza is a hotshot basketball player for Franklin Junior High in



the barrio of San Francisco. When his house is broken into, his



mother decides that they should move to a better neighborhood.



**Linc liked living in the barrio.**



Lincoln and his mother move ten miles away to a middle class white



neighborhood. Lincoln likes the change at first. Soon, he begins to miss

his old friends and school. His old friends called him Linc. Linc's old

friends liked to try new things.



**Linc liked living in the barrio.**



Linc is in a jam when his basketball team at his new school has



to play against his old team from Franklin. A jam means that he feels

stuck between two places. How can he play his best against his friends?



No matter who wins, it looks like a lose-lose situation for Linc. This means



that Linc will feel bad if his friends lose or if his new team loses.



Linc liked living in the barrio.



Linc talks to his old friend Tony on the phone. He says, "I'd rather



be playin' basketball for Franklin, not Columbus. There's no brown people



here. Everyone's white and our coach is mean."



**Linc liked living in the barrio.**