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plays a game



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who always plays along

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Let's play baseball!

Do you have hot dogs
and ample parking?

We can't play baseball without
hot dogs and ample parking.

Oh, right.
Soccer then?

Great! I'm assuming you have a
loyal and enthusiastic fan base.

No.

Okay. I know a game, but
it's kinda for bears only.

Besides, it's really fun.
You wouldn't like it.

WHAT!
I LOVE FUN!

Okay, but you can't tell anyone.
The bears will revoke my suit.
Wait here while I get the ball.

RUMMAGE
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That's not a ball!
That's an orange!

It's the Bearsketball.
It must never touch
the ground.

Pass the Bearsketball,
but be careful!

The grass is hot lava!

AHHHHH!

I'm falling in
the hot lava!
Save the ball!
Save yourself!

AHHHHHH! IT BURNS! HOT LAVA!

AHH! AHH!

HOT
LAVA!

AHHHHH!

THROW ME THE INVISIBLE ROPE!

AHHHHHH! IT BURNS!

PULL!
PULL!

HOT LAVA! AHHHH!

That was close!

Yeah, good thing my bearsuit has a special lava-proof lining.

So cool! What's next?

Umm . . . STICK-FINDING! You have to find the biggest stick without dropping the ball!

READY! SET! GO!