

Red Flag

Lumpy Miller was the host of the most popular game show in the country. Lumpy had many fans who loved him but none as much as Coach Lester.

Coach Lester was known throughout town. Many knew him as the elementary school soccer coach. But, everyone knew him for his giant red flag with "Lumpy" written in large block letters that flew far above the roof tops in his neighborhood.

One day Lumpy Miller's show did not start. Instead, there was a news bulletin. Lumpy Miller had been arrested for doing very bad things to very small children. There were witnesses, photographs, and videos. There was not any doubt, Lumpy was a predator.

The entire town expected Coach Lester to take down his Lumpy flag, but he would not do it. When people asked him to remove it he just said, "its fake news" and walked away.

One day the school held soccer practice. After practice a parent caught Coach Lester doing a very bad thing to a very small child.

The townspeople were in shock. Some said that they knew there was something off about Coach Lester. Others said that they never would have suspected. Some yelled, "How did you not know?" at people and those people replied with "How could I have known?".

And all the while, the red Lumpy flag flew.

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"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time"
-Maya Angelou