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<div align="center">Garage Tag</div>

This is a really simple game that I started playing with my cousins and neighborhood kids

starting when I was about 8 years old. The game is a blend of tag and dodge ball. We would

typically play with anywhere from 4-8 people. Whoever was "it" would have control of the ball

and count to 20 at the base, in our case a basketball goal. Where we would play at in my

grandparent's backyard was near a garage, so we would all be completely out of sight which

made the game fun. The point of the game for the person who was it was to get someone out my

throwing the ball at them. For those who were not it, the goal was to make it successfully back to

base. If you made it back to base safe you would yell "Olly, olly, oxen free!", which is a

common childhood hide and seek phrase for being "safe". Its origin I only found about while

doing research for this.

I'm sure variations of this game exist elsewhere, but as kids me and my cousins thought

we most definitely the creators. I haven't thought much about this game in a long time, but I

noticed my younger cousins, ages from about 7 to 12, playing the game this summer at a family

cookout. As a kid, the function of this game was to entertain ourselves, typically during summer

break.

My younger cousin Spencer, who is 12, said he remembers us playing the game as a

young child when he was too young to play. He started playing the game when we was about 8

with his cousins. I never remember playing the game anywhere but at my grandparents, but my

cousin he has adapted some of the rules of the game and played it at recess and at other houses

with friends.

This childhood game that me and my cousins started playing out of boredom to entertain ourselves during idle Kentucky summers was eventually passed down informally to our younger family and neighborhood kids. We never intended or thought about the game ever being continued when we grew out of childhood, but it has now become a game for children to play at any cookout or random summer day.