



Heroes from the Seats

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August 16, 2019 — My parents are available to help your favorite baseball team. You can rent them for one season. I know it sounds crazy, but they seem to have some kind of luck when they move to a new town.

What happens? The local baseball team starts to win!

I know it sounds crazy, but consider the following. And pay attention, New York, Philly, and LA.

My parents were married in 1990 and moved to Atlanta. For the previous several years, the Braves had the worst record in baseball. They lost over 100 games in 1988, 1989, and even in 1990.

But the next year, they went from worst to first.

Four years later, they captured their first and only World Series.

Yes, I know. You can say it was Smoltz, Glavine, Pendleton, etc. But I say it was my parents.

Let's continue.



In 2005, my family decided to move to St. Louis. Yes, the Cardinals were already a great team, having won the National League Pennant in 2004, and won the division again the year we moved there. But they couldn't get past the Astros, and couldn't capture the franchise's 10th World Series ring.



Until the next season. In 2006, the Cards beat the Detroit Tigers 4-1 to get the crown, their first in 22 years. I know, you can say it was Pujols, Rolen, Edmonds, Wainwright. But once again, I don't agree. I think its my parents!

Here's why I see a pattern.

In 2016, they moved to Chicago. The hometown of the Chicago Cubs, who haven't won a World Series since 1908. A very good team, but hadn't won a world series in forever. Except, now my parents call Chicago their home town. So what happens? Oh, the Cubs win it all in seven games over the Cleveland Indians giving them their first

ring in over a century.

How crazy is that? Once again, Mom and Dad have the magic touch.

This summer, they moved back to Atlanta. Lucky for you Braves fans. They arrived on June 1. Just in time for the Braves to go on a crazy win streak and jump to a seven game lead in the NL East. Once again, you might say Acuña, Freddy Freeman, whatever.

I say its my parents! They are simply capable of making any baseball town a winner!

So, now you're up DC, Philly, New York, LA. Call my folks and ask them to move there. They can finally get you what you want!