

Keisha was very young and small for her age, but she had the determination of 50 elephants. She loved swimming and wanted, more than anything, to be on the swim team at her pool. Tryouts for the team were usually two weeks before the pool officially opened for the summer. It was only December but Keisha begged and begged until finally her father agreed to take her to the indoor pool across town. There she could practice for the tryouts in May. Now that is determination!

During the winter months Keisha practiced at the indoor pool every day. She met other swimmers there who had been on the team last year. Some took one look at her small stature and began to laugh. Keisha was not discouraged. She continued her steady regime under the watchful eyes of last year's swim team members. Suddenly word began to spread of Keisha's tenacity and building speed.

May arrived, time for tryouts. All of the swimmers trying out seemed incredibly fast to Keisha but she brought something different to the tryouts. She was as fast as the other swimmers, but what caught the coach's eye was her beaming courage and tenacity. She not only made the team that year, she finished first in all of her events at the division championship meet.