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It just might have been, the best baseball game of all time!

Well, maybe not.

But pardon me I am still tipsy with excitement, carried away with enthusiasm for MY Texas Rangers.

Sure, I have written before I did not think they could win it all- but brother, count me as a convert now.

These Rangers will do it. Pitching, hitting, drama, what more do you want?

Games like Monday's 4-hour-25-minute nailbiter show you this team has been kissed my destiny.

I think I enjoy the Rangers so much because I can root for them and just be a fan. I don't take notes or photos, I just watch them and take in all the incredible things they do. Baseball is now and will always be, the best sport.

The game began rocky. Texas had the lead, but it was not safe. Starting pitcher Derek Holland was about as good as his mini moustache, he gave up three runs in less than four innings. No problem.

The bullpen took over. Over the first two ALCS games with Detroit the Rangers have put up 12 2/3 innings of shutout pitching from the bullpen. That's just incredible.

The game was tied late, relax, it will work out. A miracle will happen. So the Rangers get the bases loaded, but still can't score.

It's ok, just keep believin'

Then Adrian Beltre hits a high shot off the outfield wall, well I thought it was over the wall, I had already sprung from my recliner and started doing my 'dance of joy.' But noooooooo, it was just a double.

The game was still tied and moving now to the bottom of the 11th inning, a day game had become a night game and I could hardly stand the excitement. I felt like I was right in the ballpark with the 51,000 plus fans.

Then Whoa Nellie!! it was over.

This time I did the 'dance of joy' for real scaring my dogs and making my kids think I am crazy. (They were already suspicious).

Nelson Cruz hit his second homer of the game. Not just any home run. But the first ever walk-off, grand slam in playoff baseball history. It was priceless, it was wonderful. Heck with the bases loaded and no outs, I was just wishing for a sac fly. What I got was a memory of a lifetime.

Nellie just passed Jose on my list of favorite players from Texas MLB teams named Cruz.

My Texas Rangers are up 2-0 and the title is coming soon. We ain't afraid of no Motor City kitties.

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Winning the AL title last year was great. As it turned out, the Rangers were just getting warmed up.