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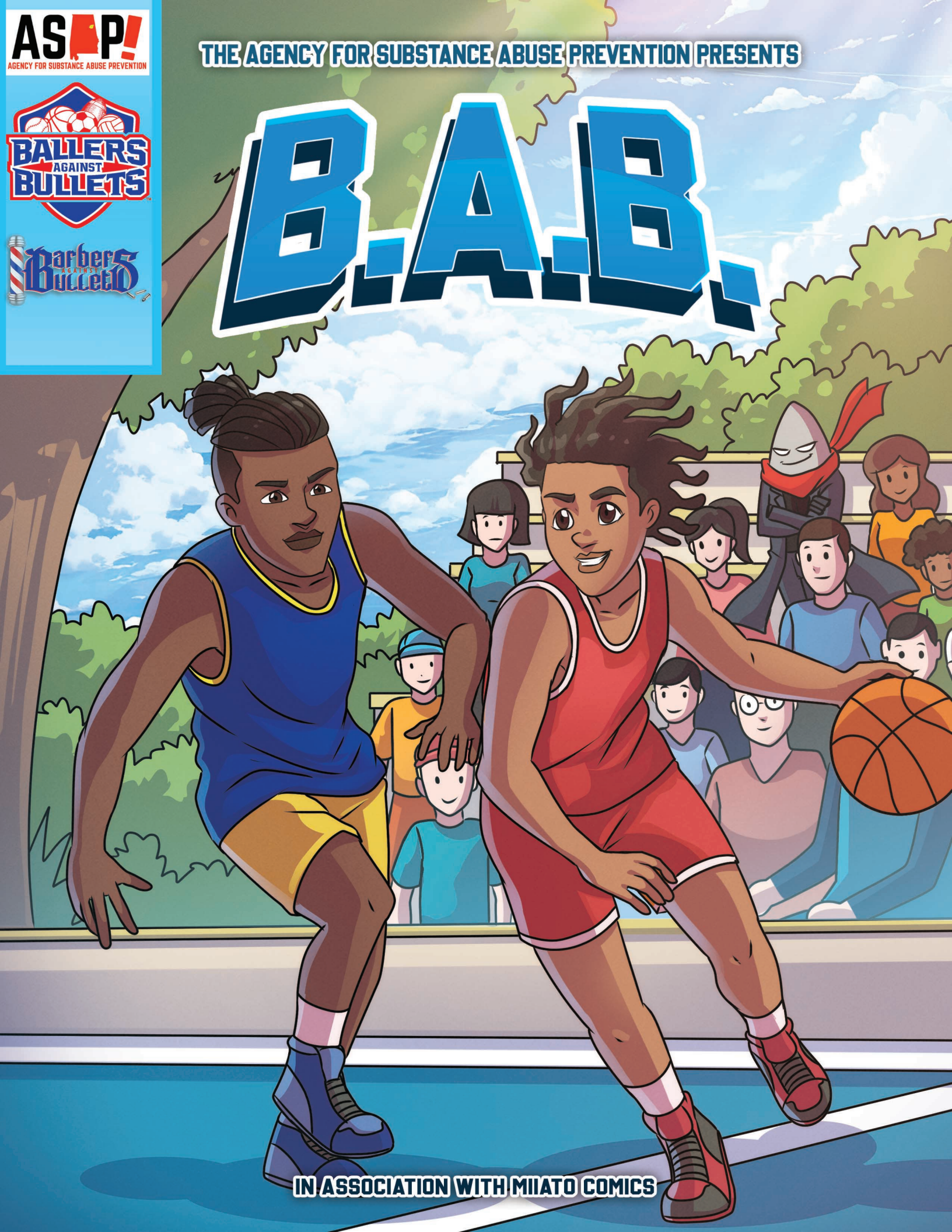

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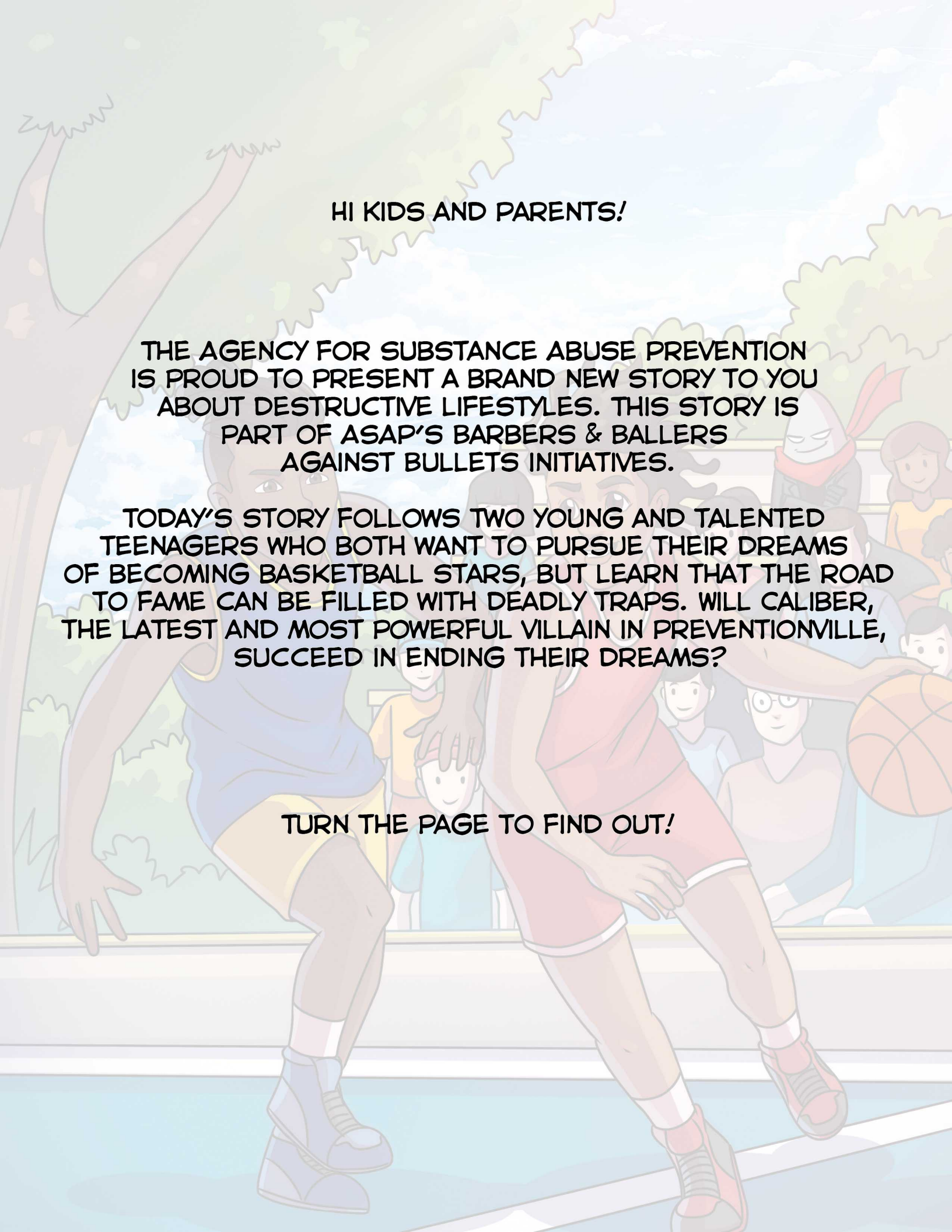
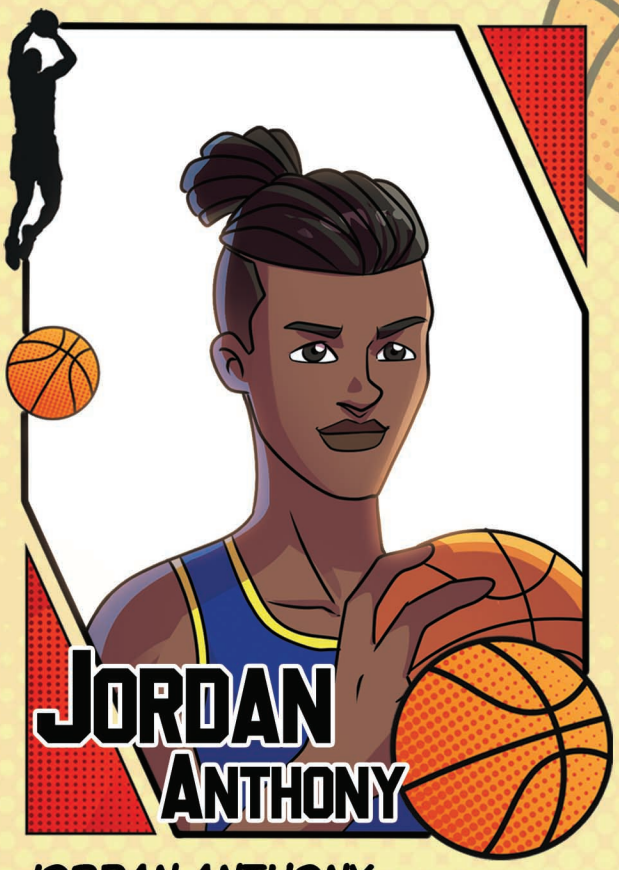

HI KIDS AND PARENTS!
THE AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION IS PROUD TO PRESENT A BRAND NEW STORY TO YOU ABOUT DESTRUCTIVE LIFESTYLES. THIS STORY IS PART OF ASAP'S BARBERS & BALLERS AGAINST BULLETS INITIATIVES.
TODAY'S STORY FOLLOWS TWO YOUNG AND TALENTED TEENAGERS WHO BOTH WANT TO PURSUE THEIR DREAMS OF BECOMING BASKETBALL STARS, BUT LEARN THAT THE ROAD TO FAME CAN BE FILLED WITH DEADLY TRAPS. WILL CALIBER, THE LATEST AND MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN IN PREVENTIONVILLE, SUCCEED IN ENDING THEIR DREAMS?
TURN THE PAGE TO FIND OUT!

CHARACTER PAGE



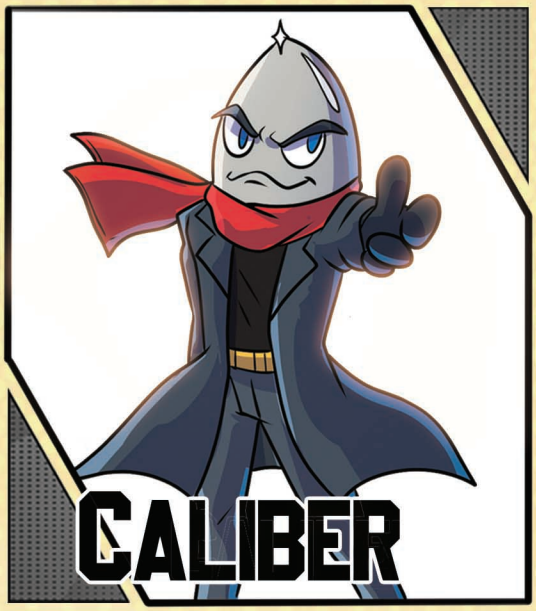
KOBE JAMES ("KJ")

KJ IS PREVENTIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S BRIGHTEST AND MOST TALENTED STUDENT. HE'S A BEAST ON THE BASKETBALL COURT AND EVERYONE THINKS HE HAS A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM AS AN NBA STAR. BUT CAN KJ OVERCOME HIS OWN ANGER ISSUES TO BECOME THE STAR HE TRULY DESERVES TO BE?



JORDAN ANTHONY

JORDAN IS A PHENOMENAL BASKETBALL STAR, BUT TIRED OF BEING COMPARED TO KJ. NOW, HE'S DETERMINED TO MAKE SURE THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT NOT ONLY IS HE BETTER THAN KJ, BUT THAT PREVENTIONVILLECAN ONLY HAVE ONE SUPERSTAR BASKETBALL PLAYER - JORDAN ANTHONY!



CALIBER

CALIBER WANTS NOTHING MORE THAN TO DESTROY LIVES. LISTEN KIDS, GUN VIOLENCE IS NO JOKE. WHEN YOU CHOOSE VIOLENCE, YOU'RE NOT PROVING HOW BRAVE YOU ARE. . .BUT DESTROYING YOUR LIFE AND OTHERS!

MARY JANE



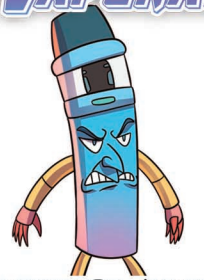
"MARY JANE" IS A STINKY AND DIZZY WEED THAT USES THE THC CHEMICAL TO OVERPOWER HER VICTIMS BY GIVING THEM A CONSTANT BRAIN FOG, SLOWING DOWN THEIR REACTIONS, MAKING THEM PARANOID, BLURRING THEIR VISION AND DECREASING THEIR ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE.

ICKY NICKY



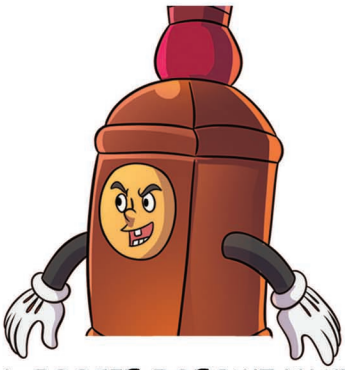
ICKY NICKY IS A YUCKY, ICKY TOBACCO PRODUCT. WHY IS IT SO YUCKY? BECAUSE IT HAS DANGEROUS "NICOTINE" INSIDE. NICOTINE CAUSES A LOT OF PAIN TO YOUR LUNGS AND CAN GIVE YOU CANCER. THERE IS NICOTINE INSIDE CIGARETTES, CIGARS, AND VAPES.

THE VAPONATOR



DON'T GET IT TWISTED, "VAPING" IS THE SAME THING AS SMOKING! JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T SEE THE SMOKE, DOESN'T MEAN THE NICOTINE INSIDE THE VAPE ISN'T GOING TO HURT YOU. THE VAPONATOR WANTS TO TRICK YOU INTO SMOKING BY MAKING YOU THINK IT'S COOL BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE THE SMOKE. WHEN YOU VAPE, NOT ONLY DOES IT SEND NICOTINE TO YOUR BODY, IT ALSO PUTS METAL AND OTHER POISONS THAT WILL DAMAGE YOUR LUNGS, YUCK!

LIL BOOZIE

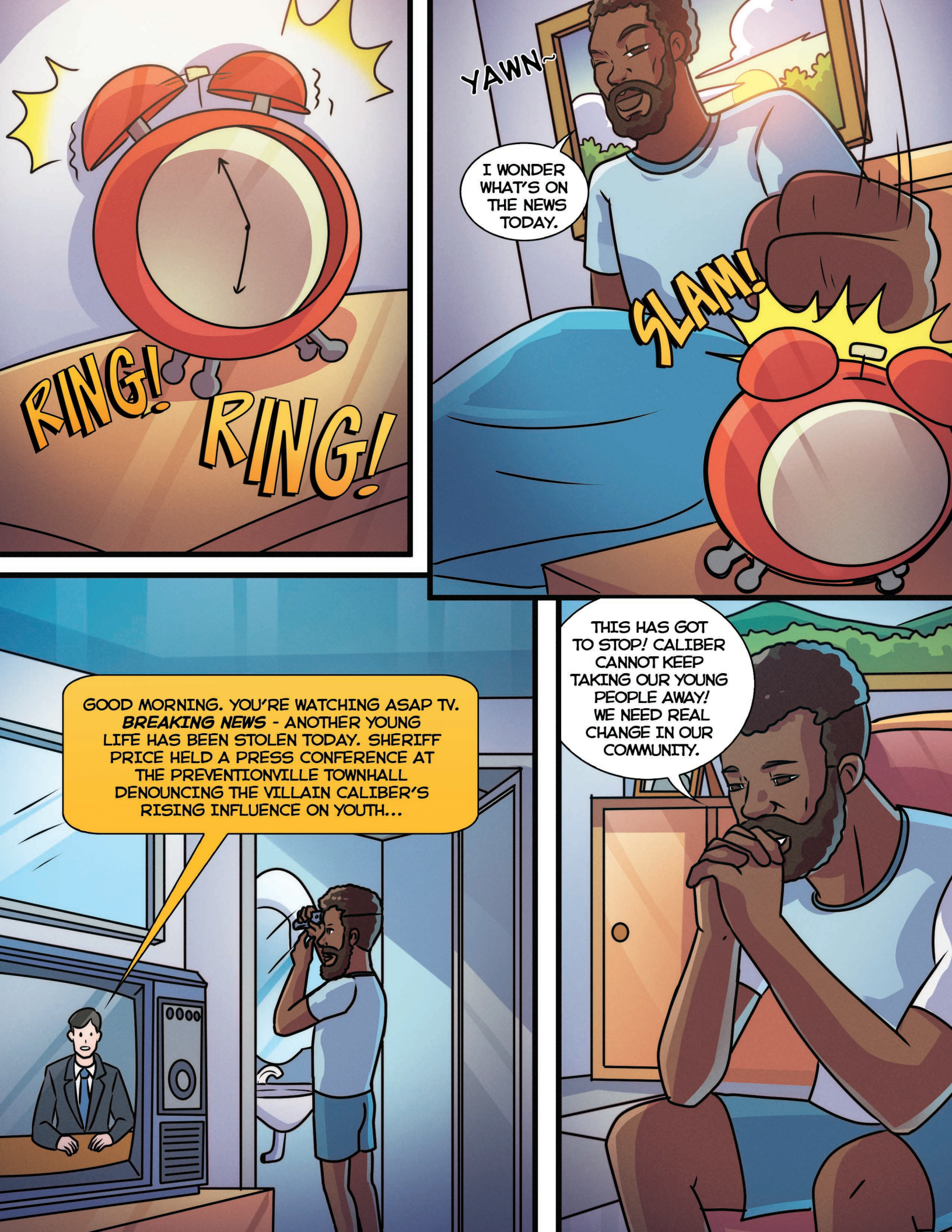


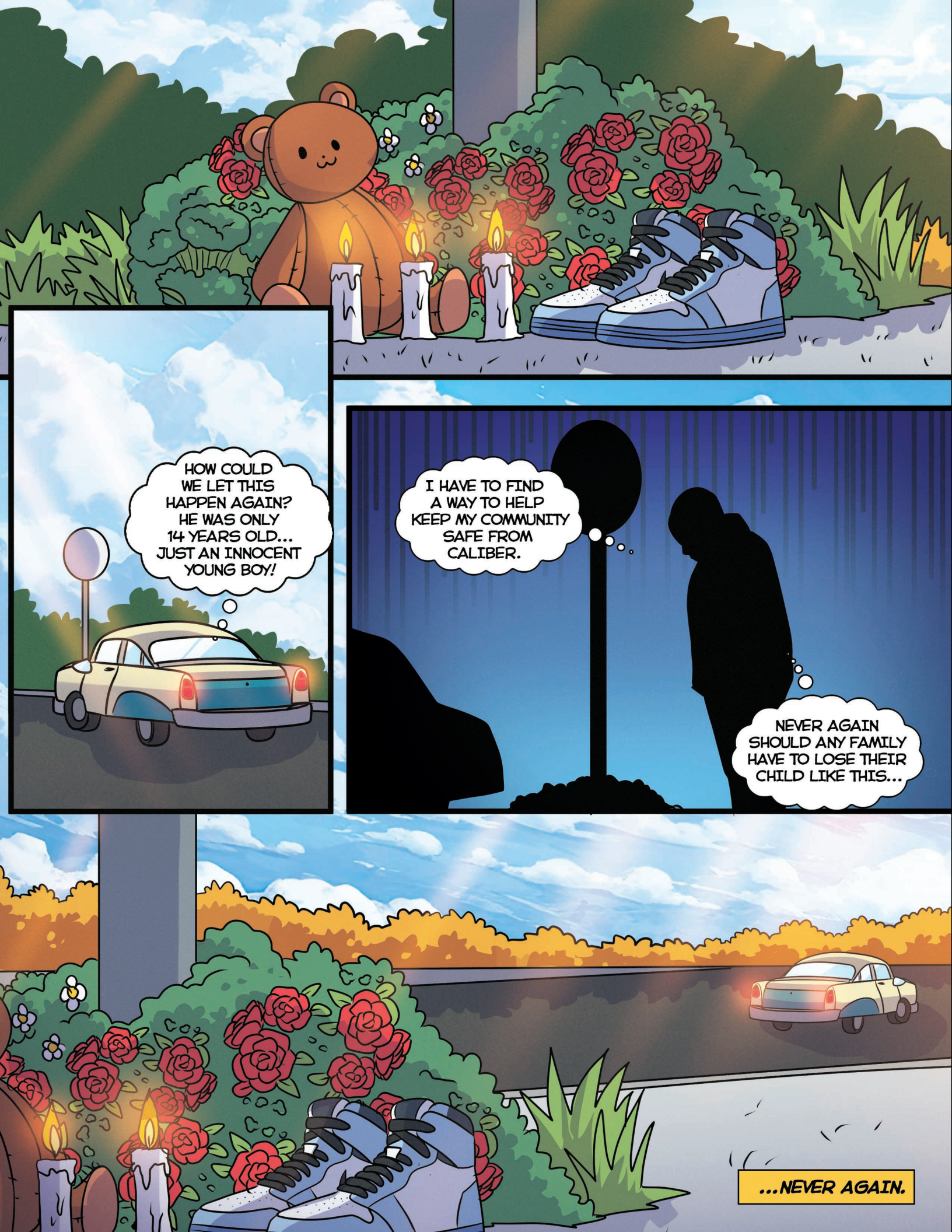
LIL' BOOZIE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO THINK STRAIGHT. HE WANTS TO CONTROL YOUR MIND AND MAKE YOU ACT LIKE A ZOMBIE! WHEN KIDS DRINK ALCOHOL, IT REALLY DAMAGES THEIR BRAINS.

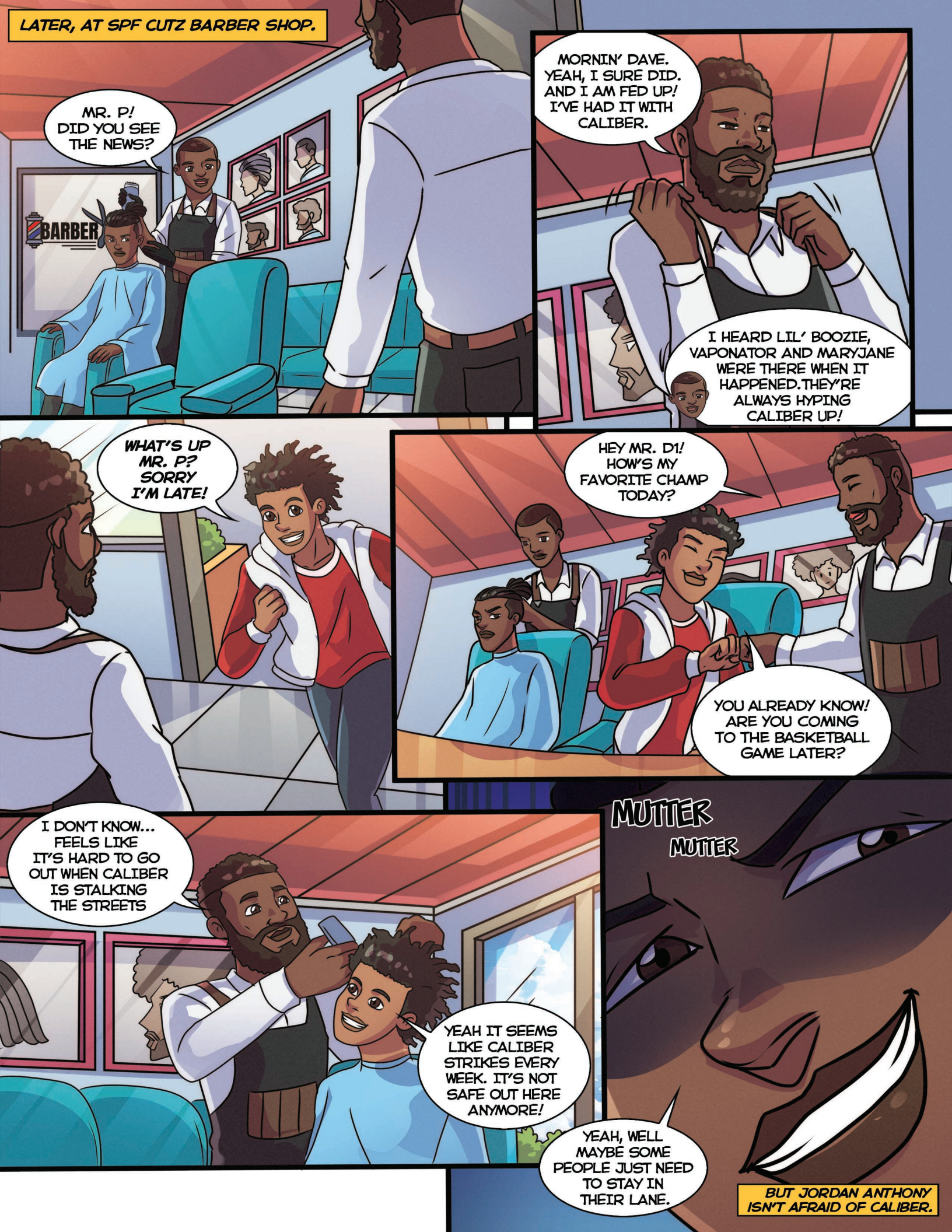
SPLIT-DOSE

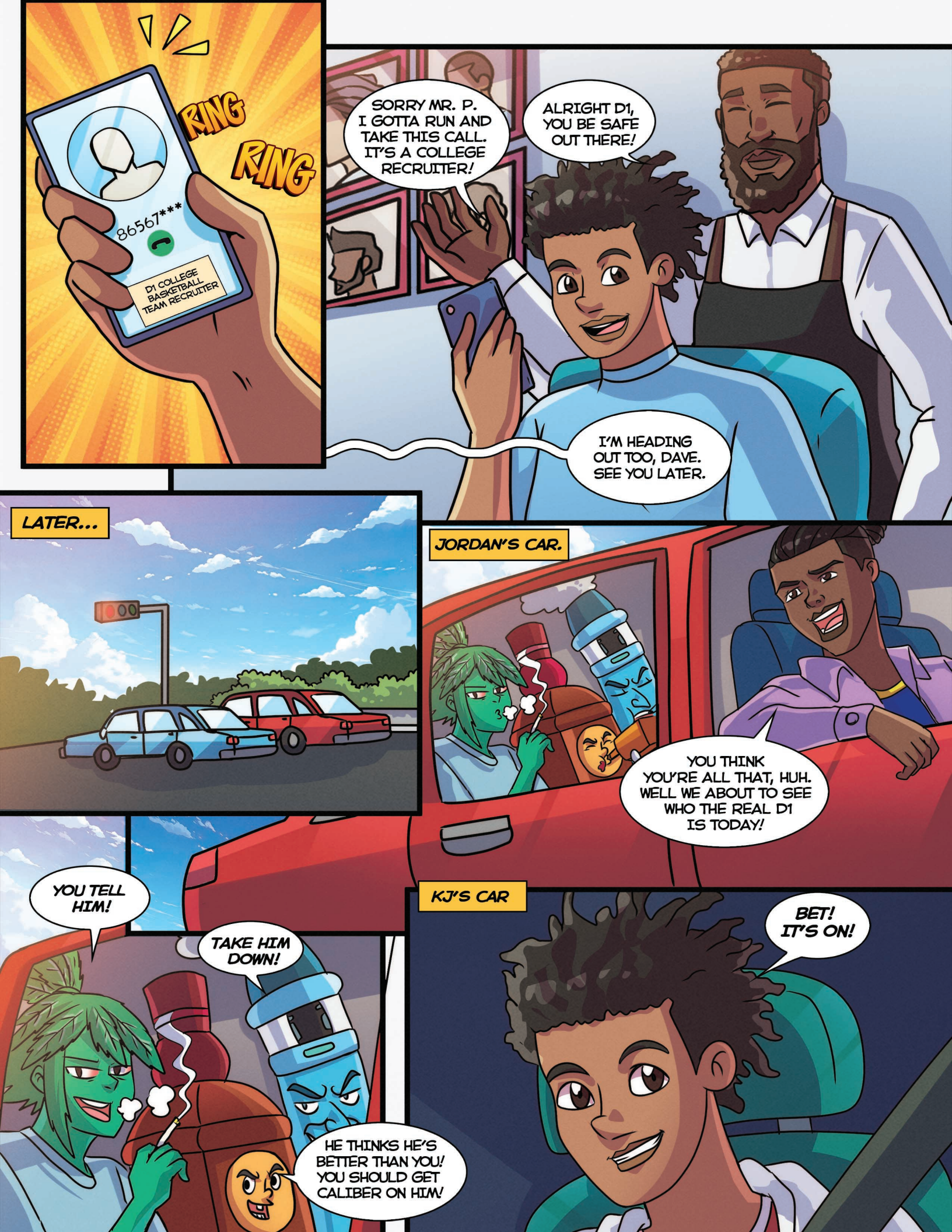


WHEN YOU TAKE MEDICINE THAT IS PRESCRIBED (THAT MEANS A DOCTOR GAVE IT TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE SICK), IT WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER. BUT IF YOU TAKE MEDICINE THAT IS PRESCRIBED FOR SOMEONE ELSE, THAT CAN LEAD TO YOU GETTING VERY, VERY SICK. REMEMBER - THERE'S A RIGHT WAY TO USE MEDICINE, AND A WRONG WAY!


RING! RING!
YAWN~
I WONDER WHAT'S ON THE NEWS TODAY.
SLAM!
GOOD MORNING. YOU'RE WATCHING ASAP TV. ***BREAKING NEWS*** - ANOTHER YOUNG LIFE HAS BEEN STOLEN TODAY. SHERIFF PRICE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PREVENTIONVILLE TOWNHALL DENOUNCING THE VILLAIN CALIBER'S RISING INFLUENCE ON YOUTH...
THIS HAS GOT TO STOP! CALIBER CANNOT KEEP TAKING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY! WE NEED REAL CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY.


HOW COULD WE LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN? HE WAS ONLY 14 YEARS OLD... JUST AN INNOCENT YOUNG BOY!
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO HELP KEEP MY COMMUNITY SAFE FROM CALIBER.
NEVER AGAIN SHOULD ANY FAMILY HAVE TO LOSE THEIR CHILD LIKE THIS...
...NEVER AGAIN.


LATER, AT SPF CUTZ BARBER SHOP.
MR. P! DID YOU SEE THE NEWS?
BARBER
MORNIN' DAVE. YEAH, I SURE DID. AND I AM FED UP! I'VE HAD IT WITH CALIBER.
I HEARD LIL' BOOZIE, VAPONATOR AND MARYJANE WERE THERE WHEN IT HAPPENED. THEY'RE ALWAYS HYPING CALIBER UP!
WHAT'S UP MR. P? SORRY I'M LATE!
HEY MR. D1! HOW'S MY FAVORITE CHAMP TODAY?
YOU ALREADY KNOW! ARE YOU COMING TO THE BASKETBALL GAME LATER?
I DON'T KNOW... FEELS LIKE IT'S HARD TO GO OUT WHEN CALIBER IS STALKING THE STREETS
YEAH IT SEEMS LIKE CALIBER STRIKES EVERY WEEK. IT'S NOT SAFE OUT HERE ANYMORE!
MUTTER
MUTTER
YEAH, WELL MAYBE SOME PEOPLE JUST NEED TO STAY IN THEIR LANE.
BUT JORDAN ANTHONY ISN'T AFRAID OF CALIBER.


RING
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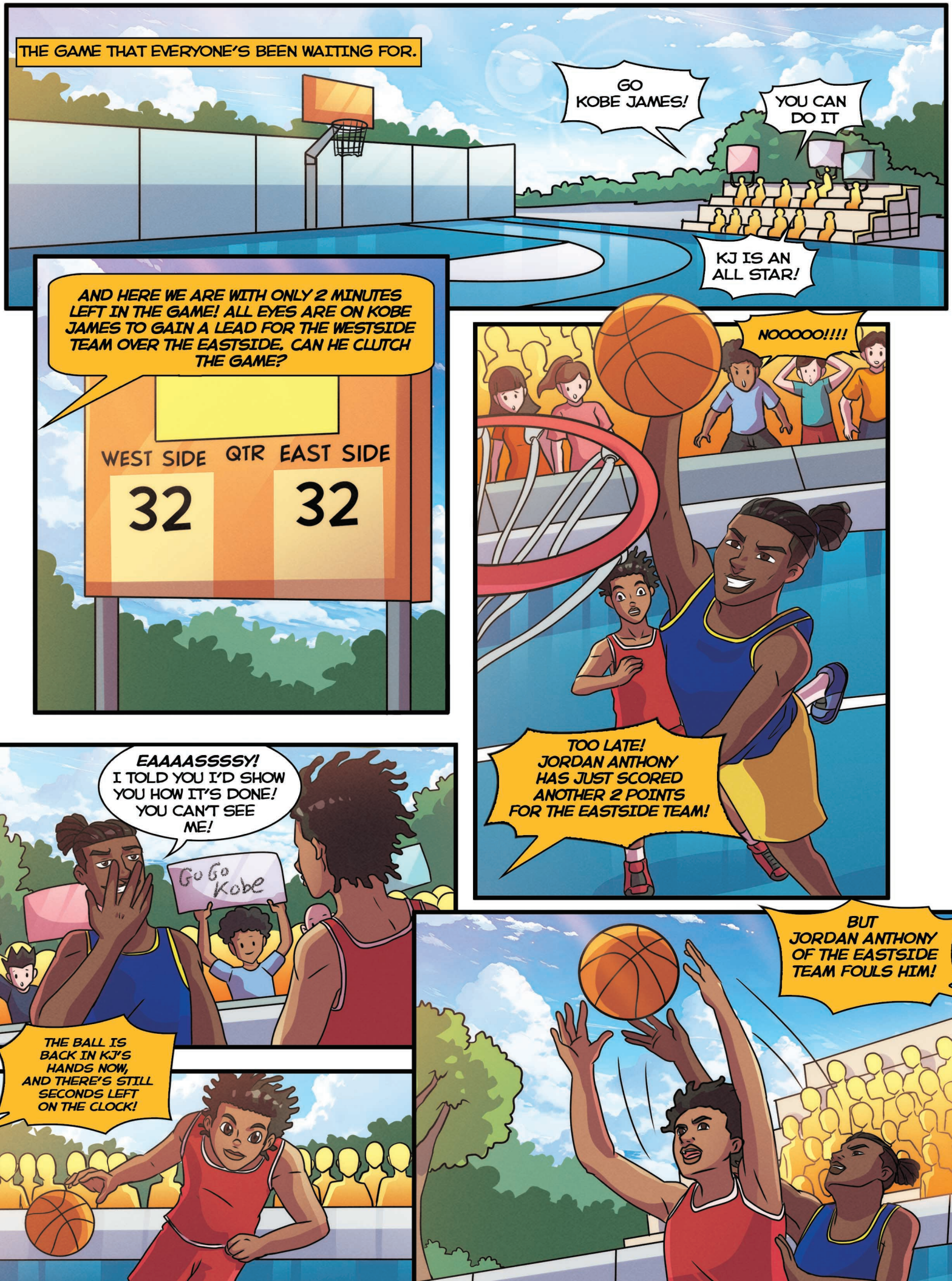
D1 COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM RECRUITER
SORRY MR. P. I GOTTA RUN AND TAKE THIS CALL. IT'S A COLLEGE RECRUITER!
ALRIGHT D1, YOU BE SAFE OUT THERE!
I'M HEADING OUT TOO, DAVE. SEE YOU LATER.
LATER...
JORDAN'S CAR.
YOU THINK YOU'RE ALL THAT, HUH. WELL WE ABOUT TO SEE WHO THE REAL D1 IS TODAY!
KJ'S CAR
BET! IT'S ON!
YOU TELL HIM!
TAKE HIM DOWN!
HE THINKS HE'S BETTER THAN YOU! YOU SHOULD GET CALIBER ON HIM!


THE GAME THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN WAITING FOR.
GO KOBE JAMES!
YOU CAN DO IT
KJ IS AN ALL STAR!
AND HERE WE ARE WITH ONLY 2 MINUTES LEFT IN THE GAME! ALL EYES ARE ON KOBE JAMES TO GAIN A LEAD FOR THE WESTSIDE TEAM OVER THE EASTSIDE. CAN HE CLUTCH THE GAME?
WEST SIDE
QTR
EAST SIDE
32
32
NOOOOO!!!!
TOO LATE! JORDAN ANTHONY HAS JUST SCORED ANOTHER 2 POINTS FOR THE EASTSIDE TEAM!
EAAAASSSSY! I TOLD YOU I'D SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE! YOU CAN'T SEE ME!
Go Go Kobe
BUT JORDAN ANTHONY OF THE EASTSIDE TEAM FOULS HIM!
THE BALL IS BACK IN KJ'S HANDS NOW, AND THERE'S STILL SECONDS LEFT ON THE CLOCK!


SWOOSH!
AND 1! ANOTHER POINT FOR THE WESTSIDE TEAM! NOW KJ GETS A FREE THROW!
SHOVE!
YOU FOULED ME BRUH! AND I STILL MADE IT!
THAT SHOT WASN'T NOTHING! I DO THAT IN MY SLEEP!
YOU JUST MAD BECAUSE I'M THE ONE THE COLLEGES WANT! AIN'T NOBODY CHECKING FOR YOU! YOU'RE A NOBODY TRYING TO BE LIKE ME!
ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM TALK TO YOU LIKE THAT? HE THINKS YOU'RE WEAK! YOU'D BETTER TEACH HIM SOME RESPECT.
LOOKS LIKE MR. D1 CAN'T TAKE A FOUL.
GRAB!
STOP IT! STOP IT!
USE ME... I'LL GET THE JOB DONE! TEACH HIM A LESSON HE'LL NEVER FORGET!


CALIBER'S RIGHT. I SHOULD TEACH HIM A LESSON.
AAAH! CALIBER'S HERE?! RUN! RUN!
NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL A GAME!
THIS IS LIT!
I'M VIBING!
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A GAME BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM. BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO WIN!

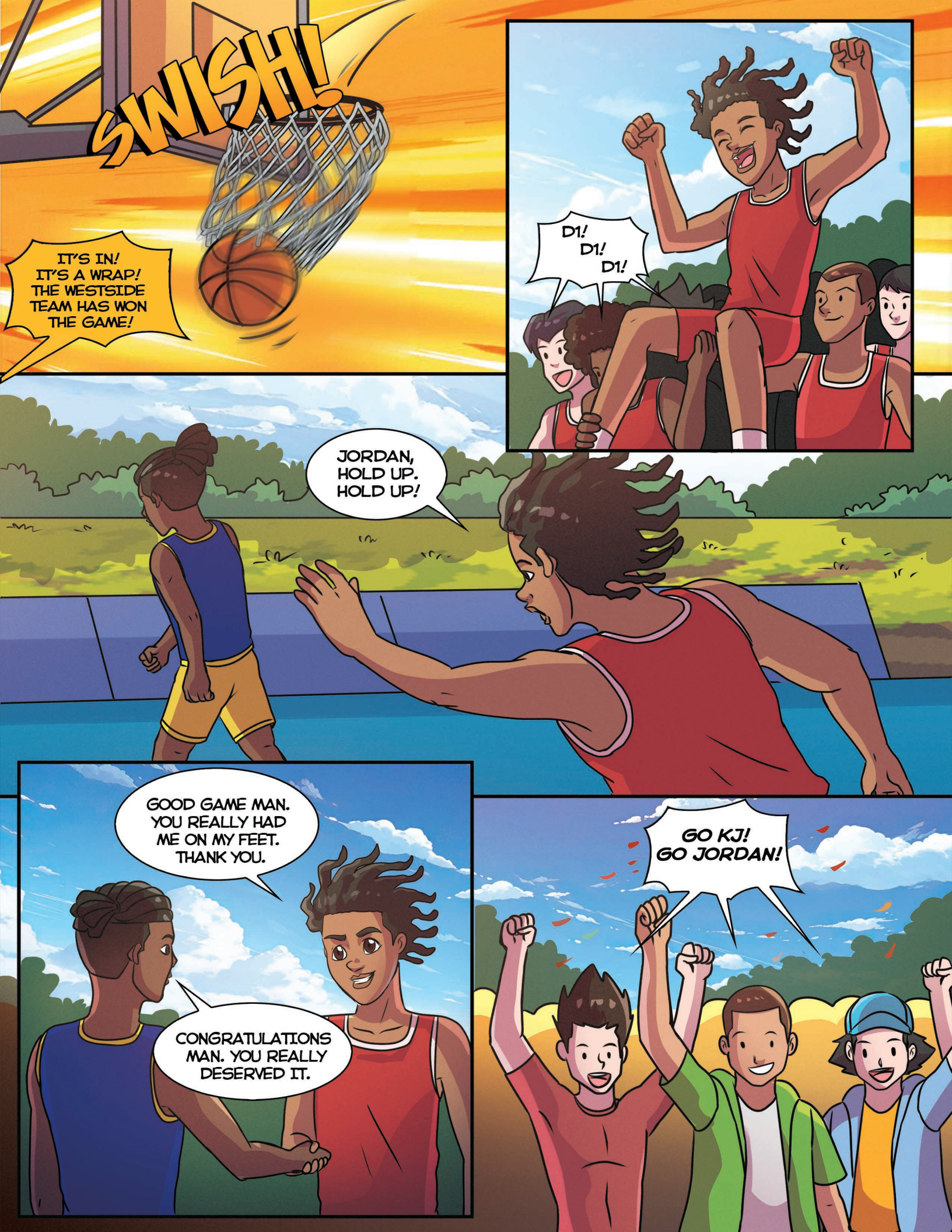

LISTEN TO ME BOYS. IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT KJ!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GIVE UP YOUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THIS? THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!
THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER DREAMED ABOUT KJ.


AND YOU JORDAN. YOU'RE SO TALENTED! ARE YOU READY TO GIVE UP ALL THOSE DREAMS YOU HAVE? YOU WANNA GIVE UP YOUR DESTINY?
THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE TODAY ARE GOING TO SHAPE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
POINT!
ARE YOU GOING TO LET THESE BAD GUYS INFLUENCE YOU TO THROW YOUR FUTURES AWAY?
WHO ARE YOU *OLD MAN?*


I'M THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO SHOW YOU WHO RUNS THIS TOWN! I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TAKE AWAY ANY MORE LIVES CALIBER. I TRUST THESE BOYS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.
FORGET THIS.
SWOOSH!
MR. P. IS RIGHT. I'M REALLY NOT ABOUT TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED FOR JUST TO FIGHT WITH YOU.
SO...WE COOL?
...?


SWOOP!
YEAH. WE COOL.
NOOOO!
POOF!


THE GAME IS BACK ON AND THE CROWD RETURNS!
I KNEW YOU BOYS COULD DO IT! YOU ARE BOTH DESTINED FOR GREATNESS!
NOT GONNA LIE THOUGH. YOU DO HAVE MAD SKILLS ON THE COURT. SO HOW ABOUT WE FINISH THE GAME?
KJ IS AT THE LINE FOR THE FREE THROW.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE GAME IS BACK ON! AND KJ MUST MAKE THE FREE THROW TO WIN THE GAME!
HE SHOOTS AND...


SWISH!
IT'S IN! IT'S A WRAP! THE WESTSIDE TEAM HAS WON THE GAME!
D1! D1! D1!
JORDAN, HOLD UP. HOLD UP!
GOOD GAME MAN. YOU REALLY HAD ME ON MY FEET. THANK YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS MAN. YOU REALLY DESERVED IT.
GO KJ! GO JORDAN!


THE NEXT DAY...
PREVENTIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
MOM, DAD, EVERYONE. . . THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.
I'M REALLY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE WHICH COLLEGE I'LL BE ATTENDING IN THE FALL.
BUT BEFORE I ANNOUNCE MY PICK, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO TWO PEOPLE WHO INSPIRED ME TO FIGHT FOR MY FUTURE.


MR. P. THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME TO FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS.
AND TO JORDAN ANTHONY. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE THAT DAY. YOU SAVED BOTH OUR LIVES.
CONGRATULATIONS BRO.
BASKETBALL
I CHOOSE B.A.B. AND NOW I'M OFFICIALLY A BALLER AGAINST BULLETS!
FREE THROW!
RING
RING
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THE END



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

BALLER
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BEHAVIOR
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CHANGE
DECISIONS
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INFLUENCE
LIL BOOZIE
MARYJANE
PREVENTION
RESPECT
SCHOLARSHIP
VAPONATOR

LETS TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

2. Who is the most influential figure in your life and why?

3. What change would you like to see in your community?

4. How do you handle conflict?

5. Write about a time when you could have made a better decision but didn't.

6. What are you passionate about?

7. Have you or anyone that you know ever experienced gun violence? If so, write about the experience and how it makes you feel.

TEST YOUR MEMORY!

DO YOU REMEMBER THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW FROM THE STORY?

1. Why was Jordan Anthony upset with Kobe James?

   _____

2. Which villain tried to make the two basketball stars hurt each other?

   _____

3. What was Kobe James' dream?

   _____

4. Which school did Kobe James pick?

   _____

5. When someone upsets you, what can you do instead of getting violent?

   _____

6. Who is Mr. P? Where did he work?

   _____


B.A.B.


IT'S THE B-BALL BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES!
PARENTS, IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO HELP YOUR KIDS STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR, CONTACT THE AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE PREVENTION. WE ARE HERE TO HELP, ASAP!
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