

Little People, BIG DREAMS®
DWAYNE JOHNSON

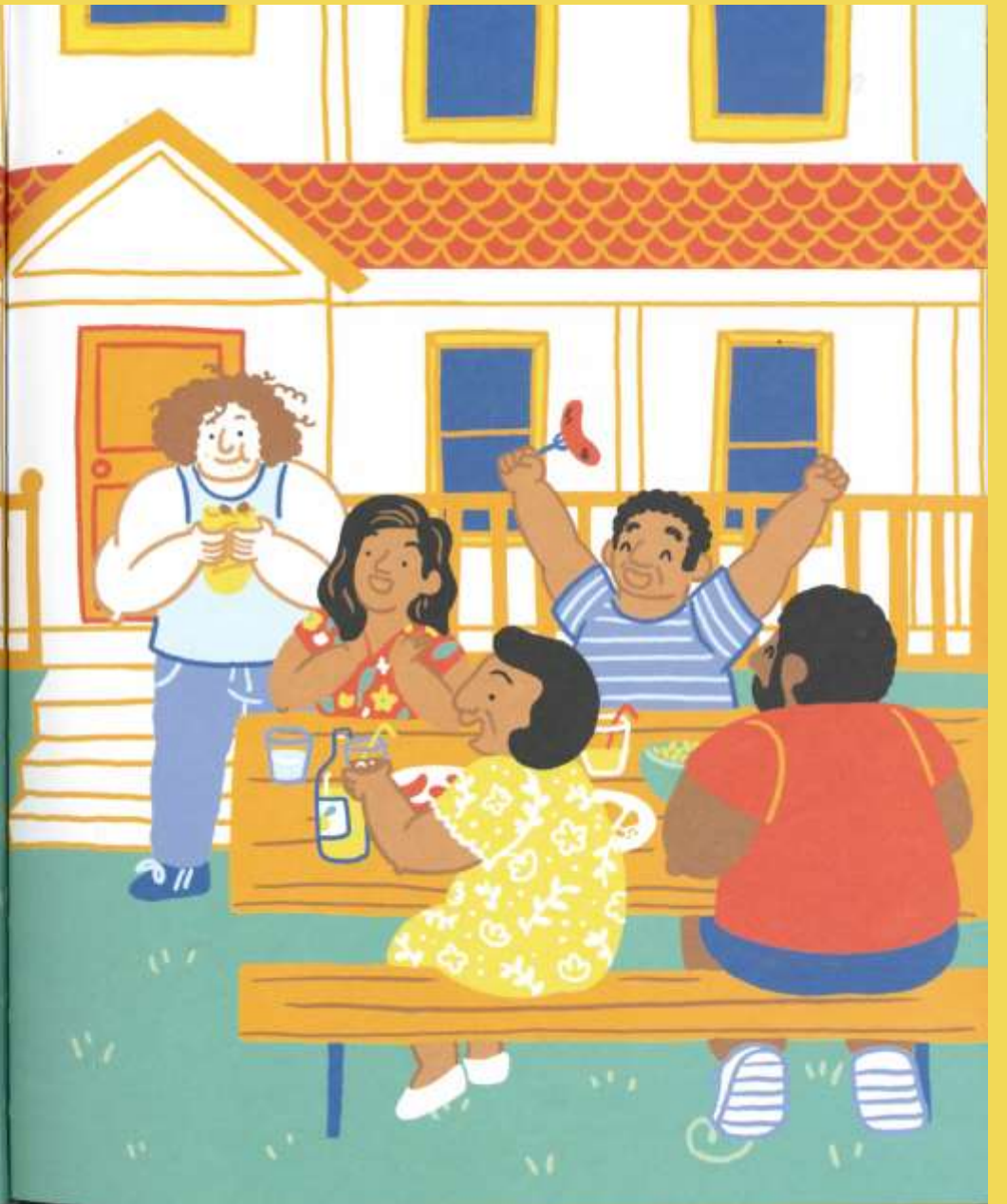


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*Today's story is about
what to do when your
dream starts to fall down
around you...*

Once, a little boy named Dwayne was born into a family of wrestlers. His grandmother was a wrestling promoter and both his father and grandfather were famous champions. Still, he dreamt of becoming a hero in his own way.



Dwayne grew up wrestling with his father and working out next to his beefy buddies. But being the son of a wrestler meant he never stayed in one place for long.



Every time the family settled somewhere and Dwayne made friends, it was time to move on again!



He was a teen when his family lost almost everything they had. Dwayne felt hopeless and alone. The only thing he could control was his body, so he pushed himself to get fitter and stronger.

He won a scholarship to play American football at university and even made it to the Canadian professional league.



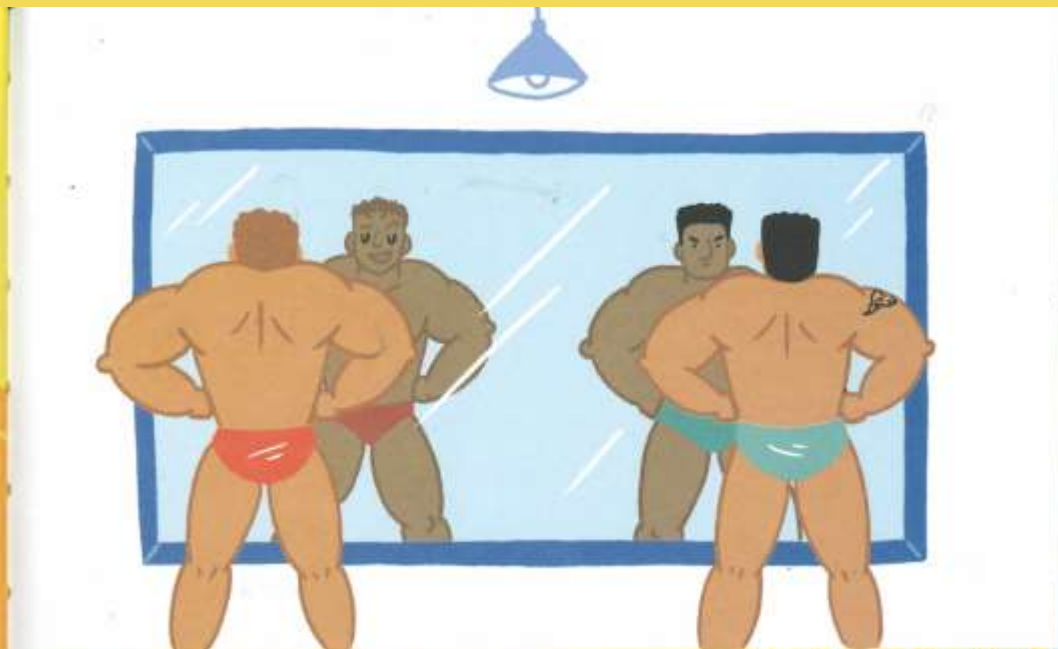
But after two months, Dwayne was cut from the team. Suddenly, he was back at his parents' house with just a few dollars in his pocket.



He fell into a depression, an illness that made him very sad. The day he dared to ask for help, he realised that strong guys are not those with the biggest biceps, but those brave enough to accept their own weakness and open up to others.



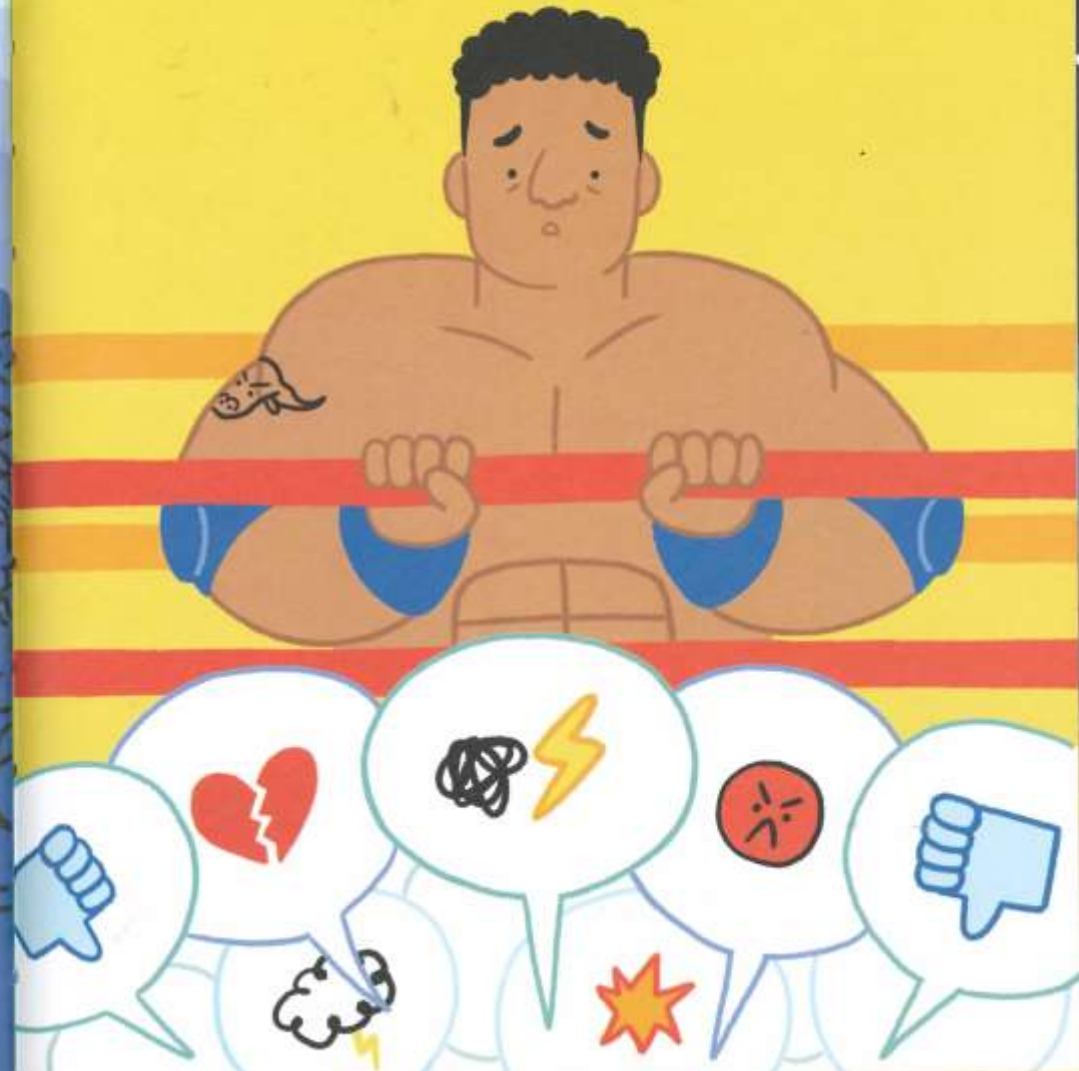
Maybe his football career was over, yet Dwayne was ready to keep working hard! If he couldn't be a footballer, he would be the greatest performer on a stage that felt like home to him: the wrestling ring. All he had to do was practise day and night.



The day he stepped out from behind the curtain as Rocky Maivia, the first third-generation wrestler at the WWE, Dwayne looked like a star, but... somehow, the fans couldn't care less.

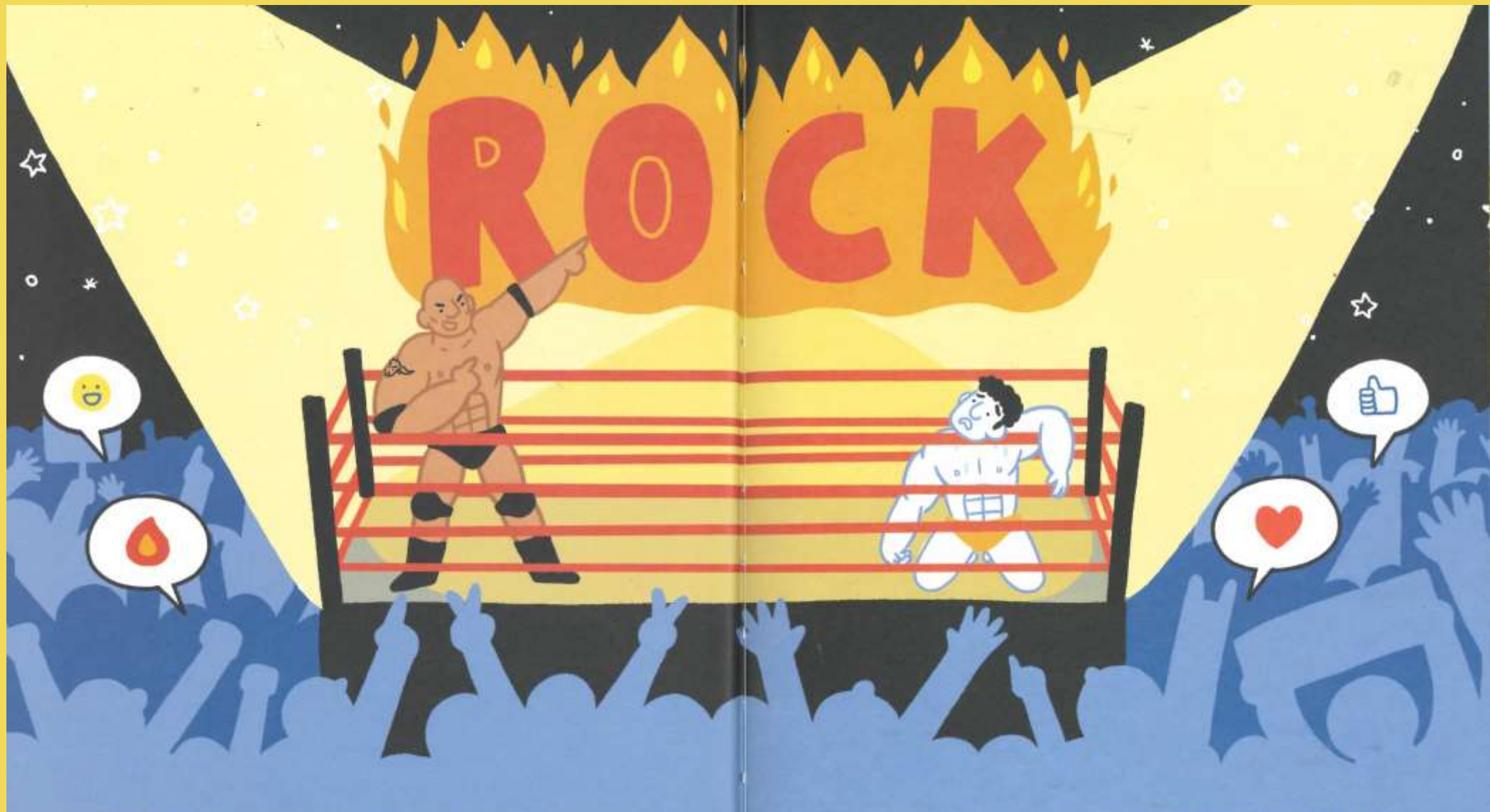


Soon, they were booing him even when he was winning a match!



Dwayne learned that winning in the ring didn't make a wrestler great. What really mattered was thrilling the audience. He needed to look inside himself and find a true hero who could hook the fans. And he did!

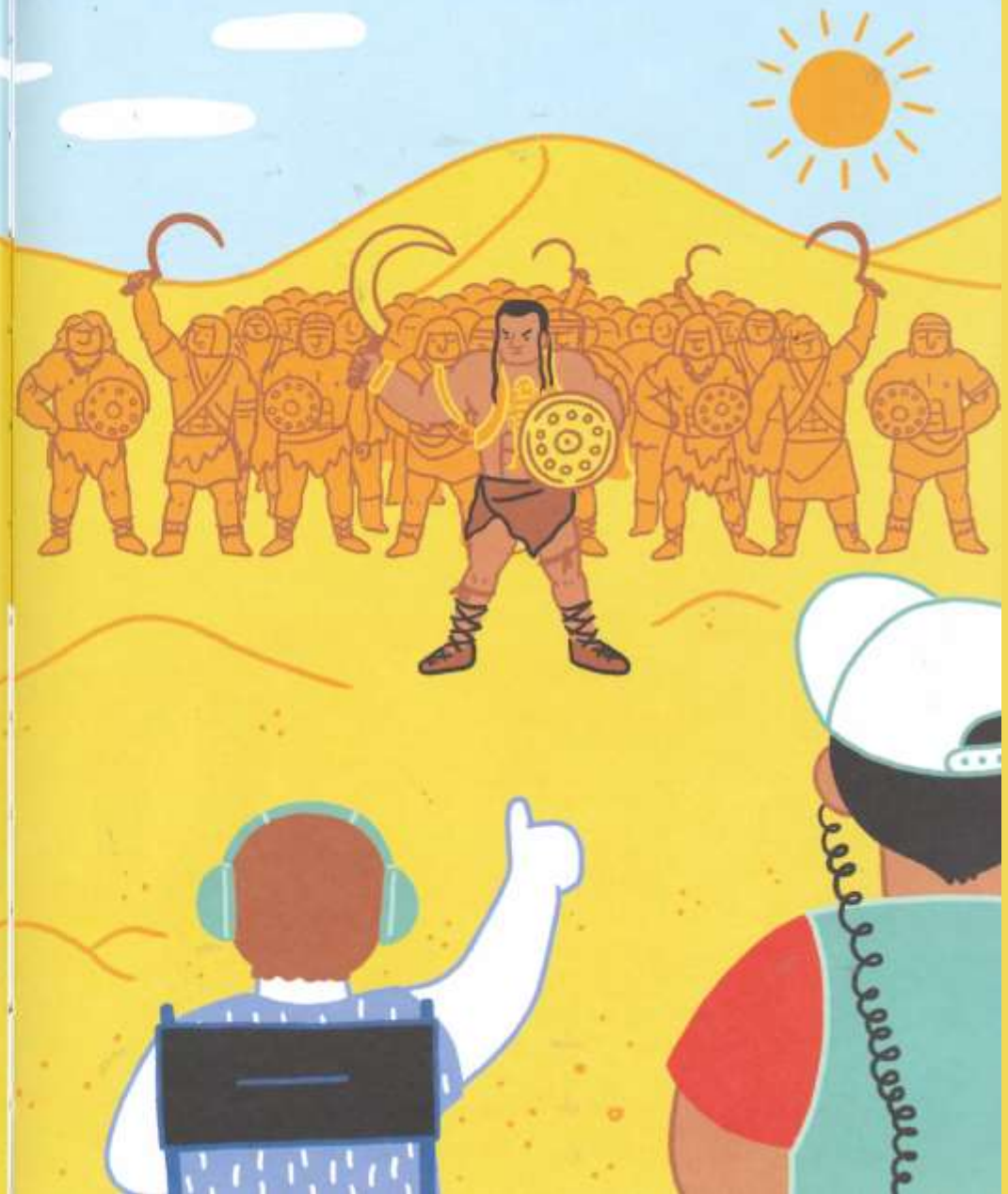




As The Rock, Dwayne became the wrestling legend he had longed to be: The People's Champ! He won many titles...

... but it was his magnetic personality that captured the fans' hearts. Soon, even Hollywood was knocking at his door.

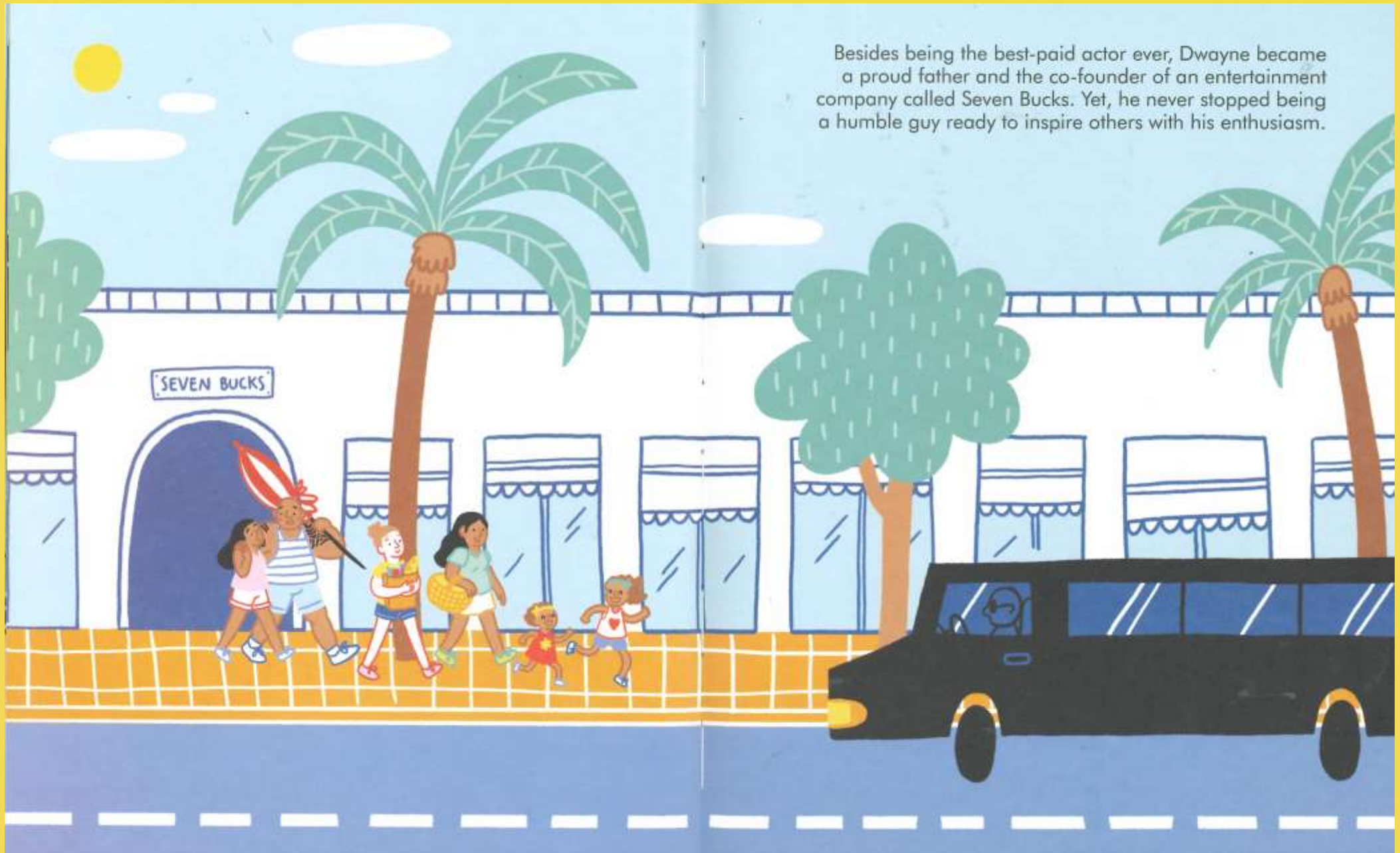
He was offered the role of an evil Egyptian mummy in a film that was an instant blockbuster. Yet, Dwayne didn't want to play the nasty dude, but the fearless guy ready to save the world with his big muscles and an even bigger heart.

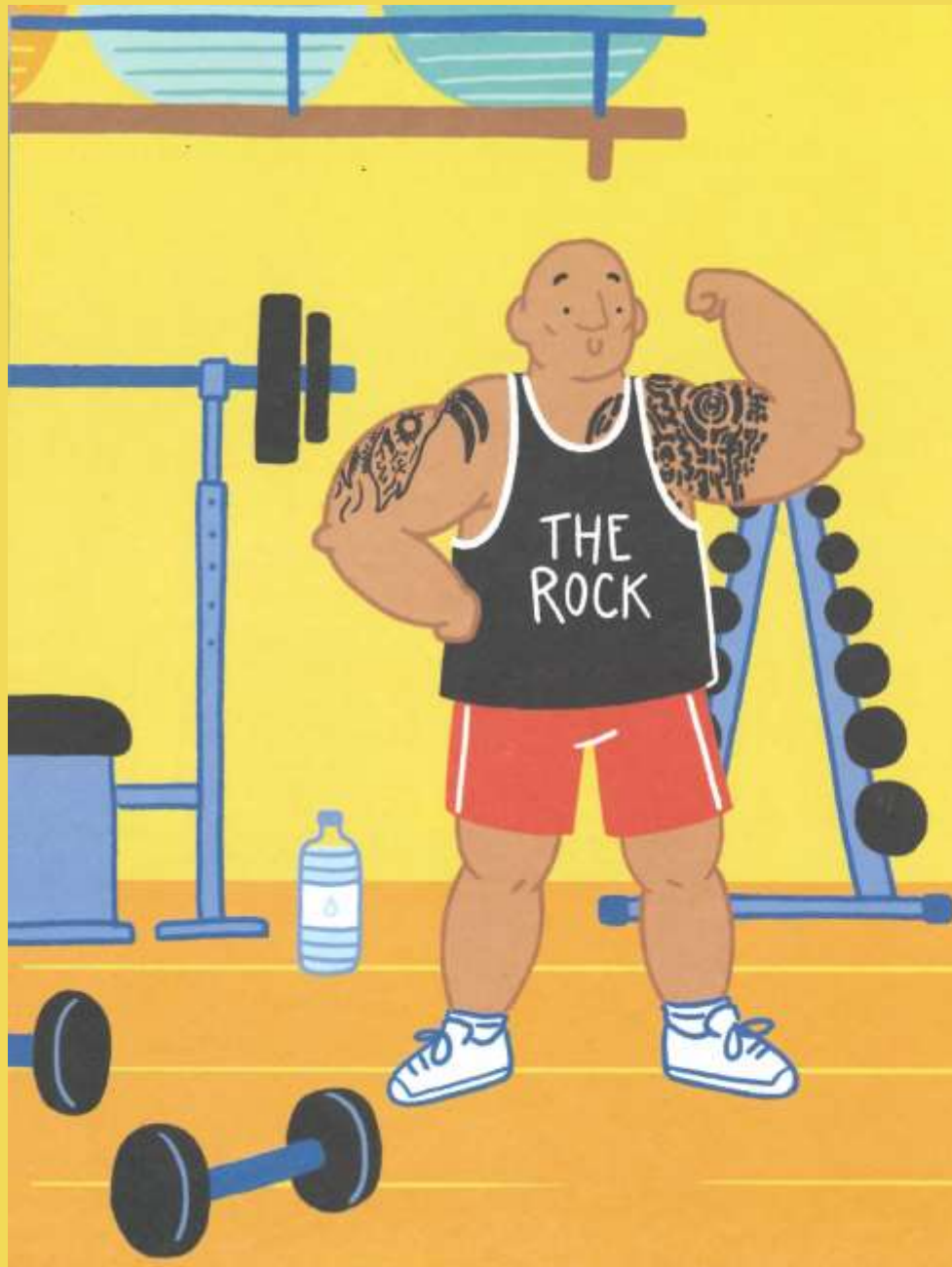




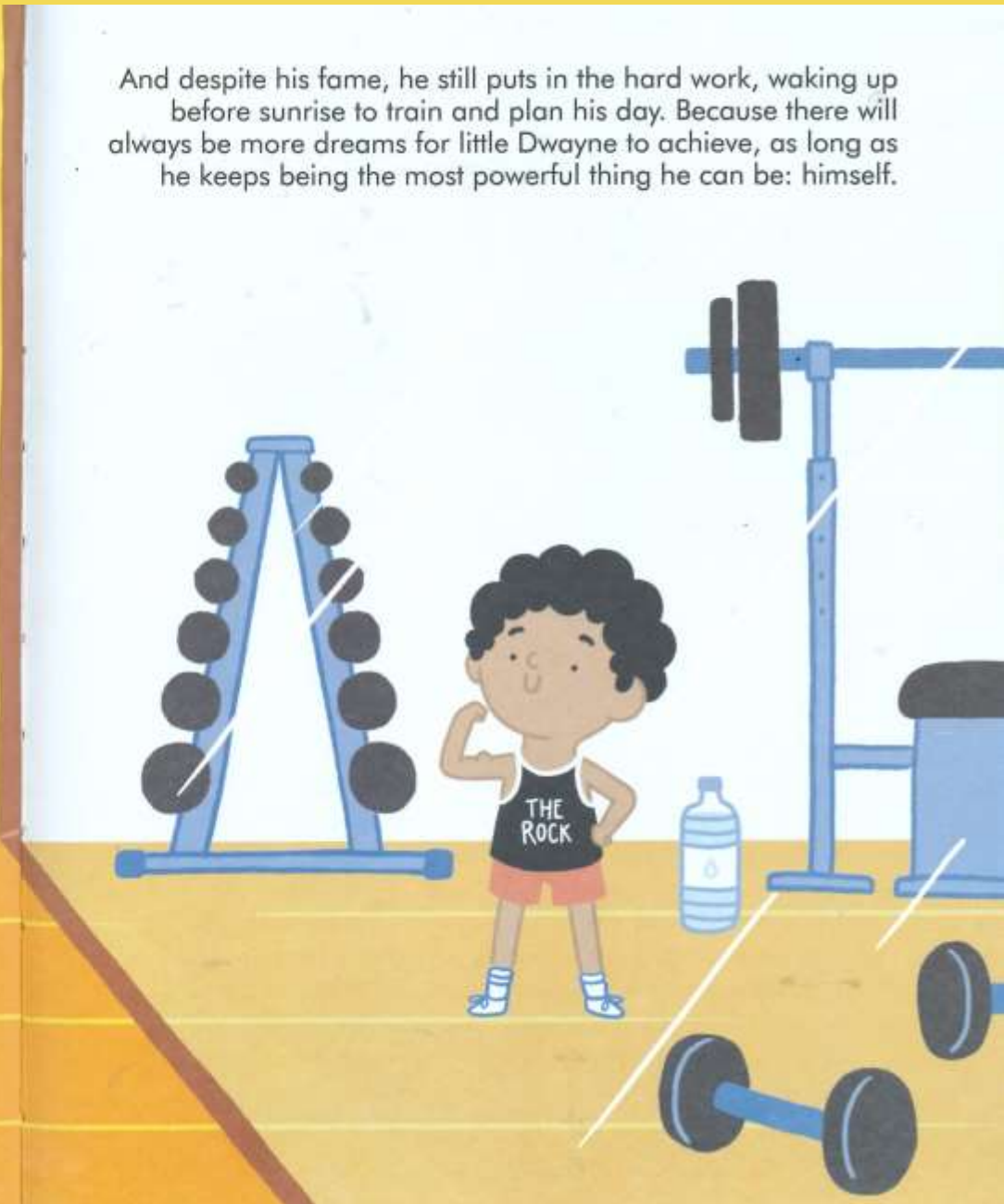
Whether he played an anti-poaching ranger, a secret agent or a rescue pilot, Dwayne had one single rule: there was no place for sad endings in his films. He wanted everyone to have the feeling that good always wins.

Besides being the best-paid actor ever, Dwayne became a proud father and the co-founder of an entertainment company called Seven Bucks. Yet, he never stopped being a humble guy ready to inspire others with his enthusiasm.





And despite his fame, he still puts in the hard work, waking up before sunrise to train and plan his day. Because there will always be more dreams for little Dwayne to achieve, as long as he keeps being the most powerful thing he can be: himself.





Have you had to make
new start somewhere?
How did it feel?

Did Dwayne give up
when the dream that
he'd worked towards
didn't happen?





School Reflection

This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,
Love of one another,
Love of mankind,
Love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school

Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.