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GRAPHIC
NOVEL[®]

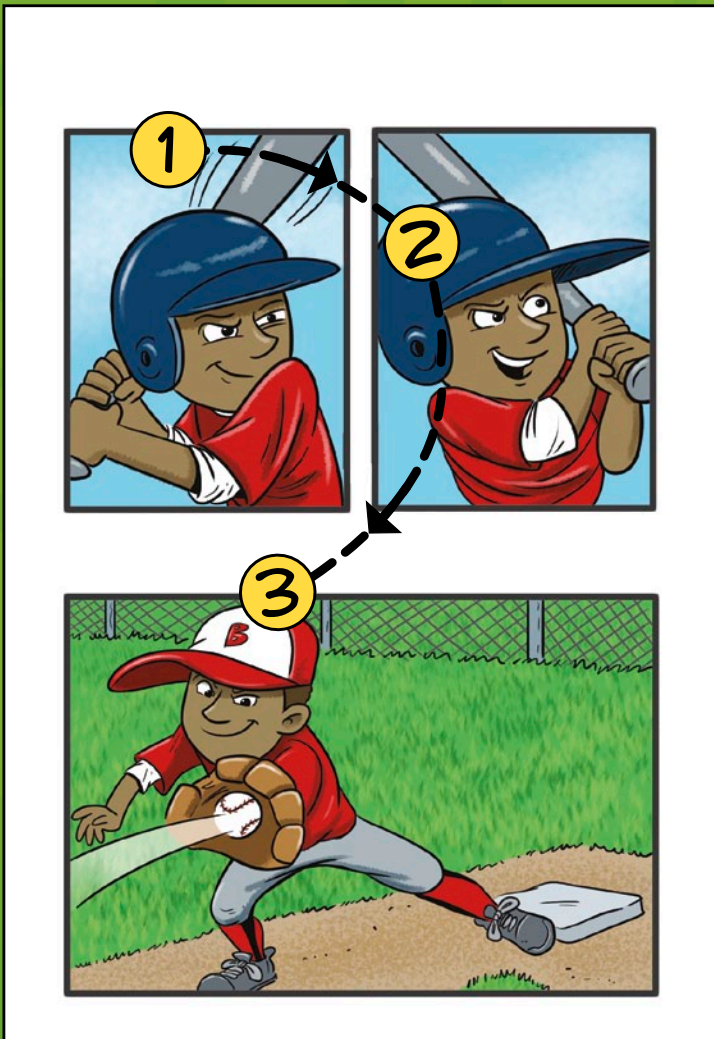
THE QUICK QUARTERBACK



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HOW TO READ A GRAPHIC NOVEL

Graphic novels are easy to read. Boxes called panels show you how to follow the story. Look at the panels from left to right and top to bottom.



Read the word boxes and word balloons from left to right as well. Don't forget the sound and action words in the pictures.

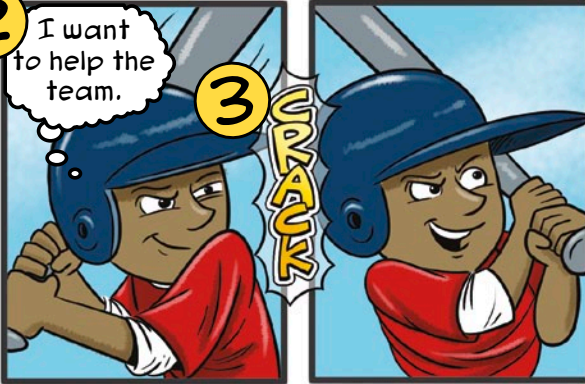
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After that, Nico came to practice on time.
He worked on his batting.

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I want
to help the
team.

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He was ready to catch the ball when it came his way.

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Gotcha!

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The pictures and the words work together
to tell the whole story.

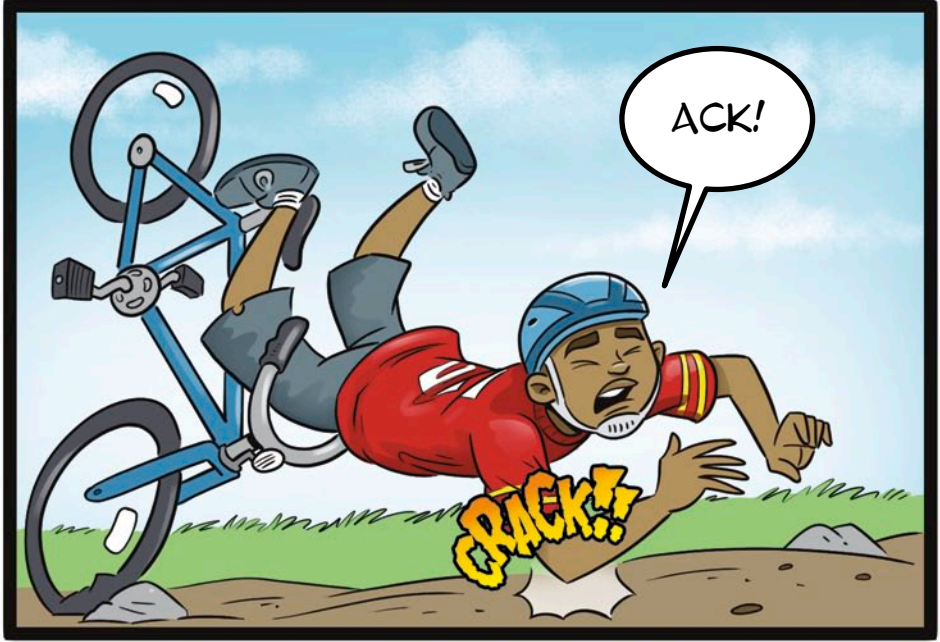
Andre loved football. He could throw the ball farther than most boys his age.



Coach Clark knew Andre was a hard worker.



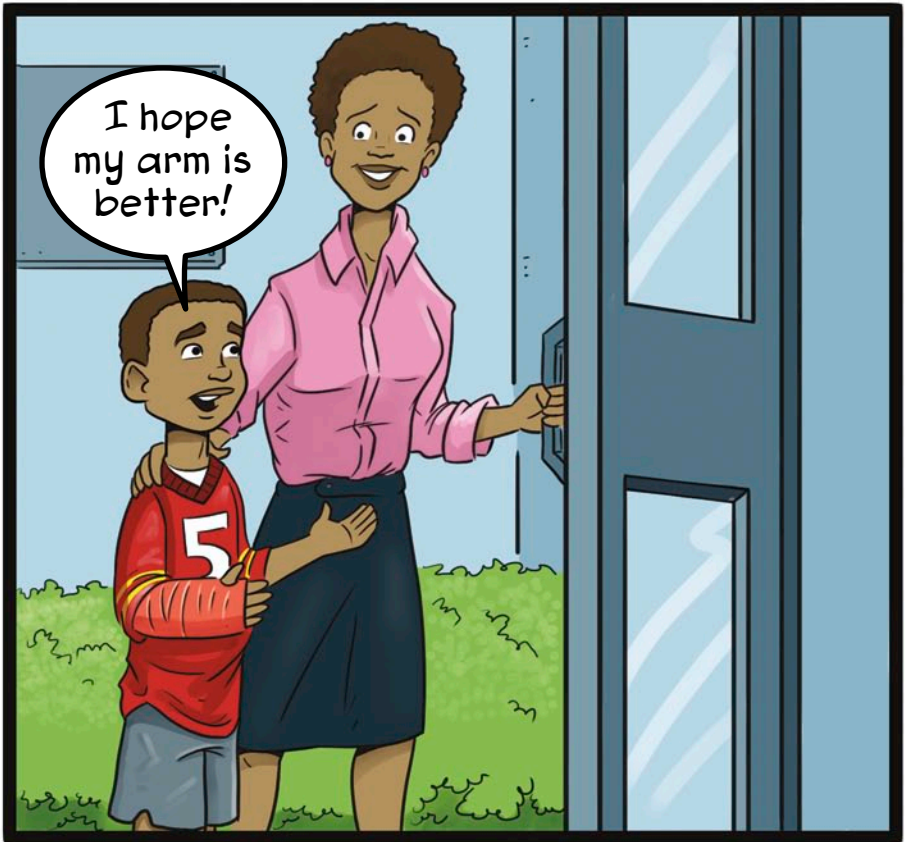
But then Andre got hurt.



He broke his arm.



Six weeks later, Andre went back to the doctor.



He needed another X-ray.

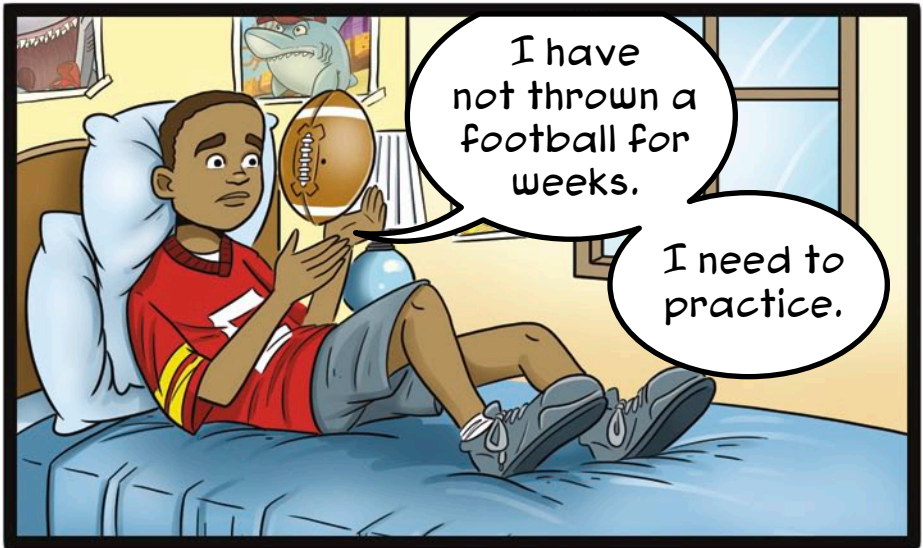




Andre could play in the next football game.



Andre was excited to play football. But he was nervous, too.



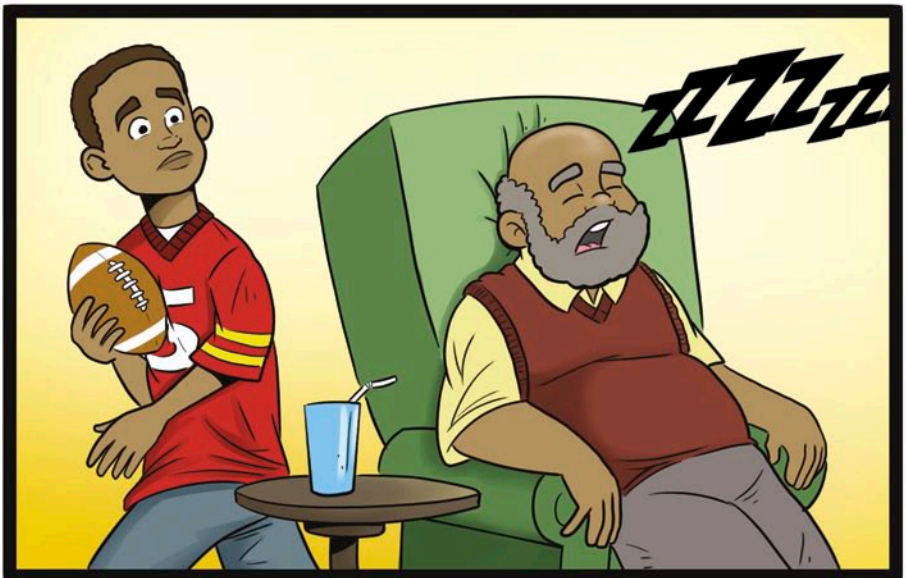
Andre tried to find someone to play catch with. His brother was busy.



His mom and dad were busy.



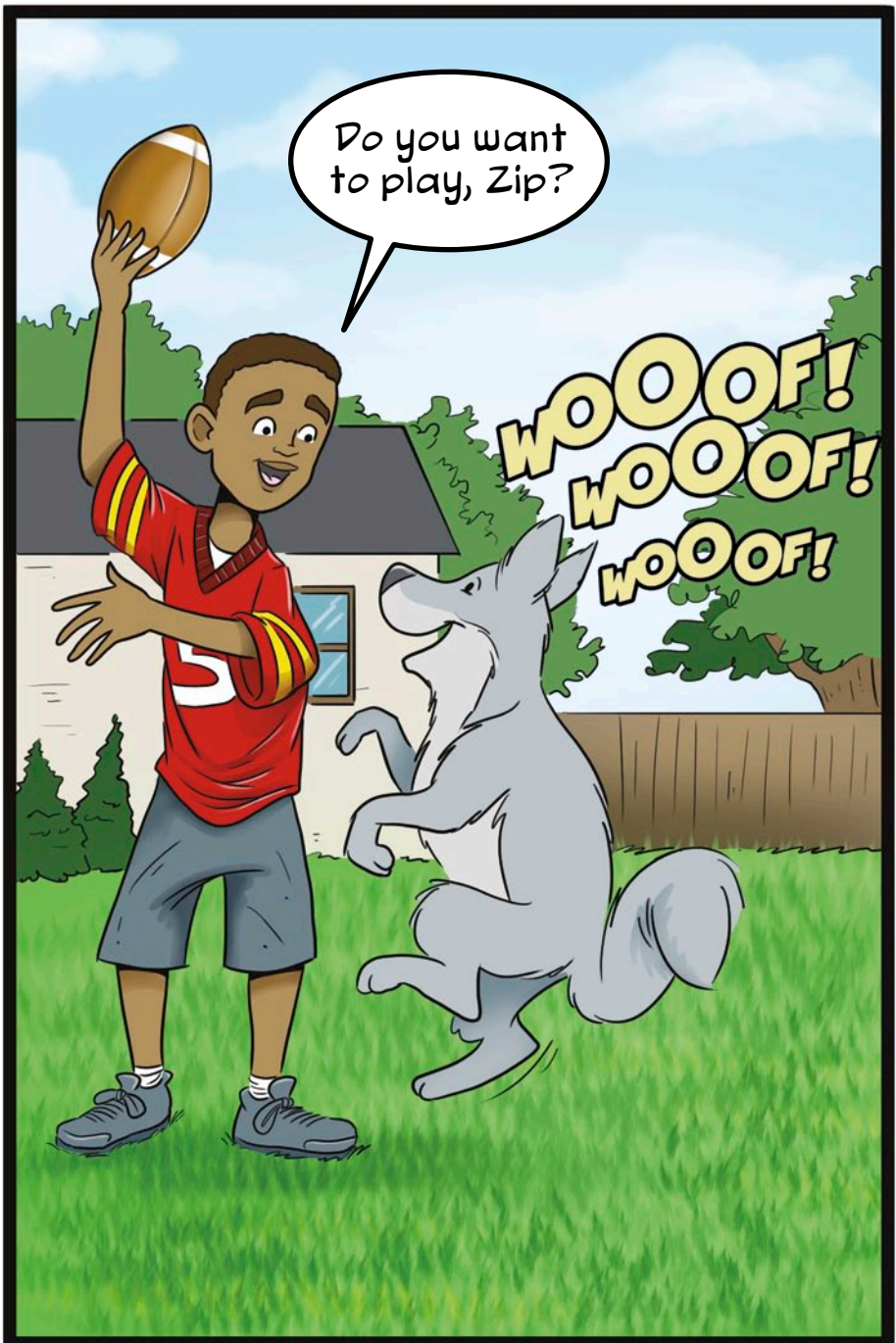
Grandpa was not busy. But Andre did not want to bother him.



Andre went out to the backyard. He threw the ball up. His arm felt stiff.



Andre's dog, Zip, ran up to him. He tried to grab the football out of Andre's hand.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Andre broke his arm. Have you ever broken a bone? What happened?
2. How did Zip help Andre practice?
3. During the game, Andre saw that Henry was open. But he thought Henry was too far away. What do you think would have happened if Andre tried to throw to Henry?

