

SOCCER LITTLE'S

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¡LOS AMO MUCHO MÁS!

-C.B.

TO MY WIFE WHO MAKES THE JOB SO MUCH EASIER.

-F.C.

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FALTA /FAL-TA/

NOUN

1. (FOUL, ENG.) SPANISH FOR AN UNFAIR OR INVALID CONTACT OR PLAY, ESPECIALLY ONE INVOLVING INTERFERENCE WITH AN OPPONENT. MOSTLY CLAIMED BY DRAMATIC BOY SOCCER PLAYERS SCREAMING OUT LOUD IN AN AGONIZING TONE.

OFTEN USED BY SOCCER MOMS AND DADS ON THE SIDELINE.

EX. "¡FALTA, REF! HOW DID YOU NOT SEE THAT?!"

"COME ONE REF! CLEARLY AN OBSTRUCTION IS A ¡FALTA!"

SIMILAR: UNFAIR, AGAINST THE RULES, ILLEGAL, UNSPORTING

THE
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Tony had spent some time watching

FÚTBOL PROFESIONAL (Professional soccer)

with his dad. Tony learned many good things from watching it. He learned cool new tricks like...





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¡CHILENAS!
(Bicycle Kicks!)

DIVING HEADERS!
(¡Palomitas!)

SCISSOR KICKS!
(¡Tijeritas!)

AND ¡REGATES!
(Faints!)

but Tony also learned to...

...Fake *iFALTAS!* Yes. He learned to fake fouls!



I'M HURT!



Tony had mastered the art of diving. Game after game, the referee came running as fast as he could to check on him.



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But every time the foul was called, Tony would get up on both feet ready to take his team's freekick.

¡EL
TIRO
LIBRE!

(The Freekick!)

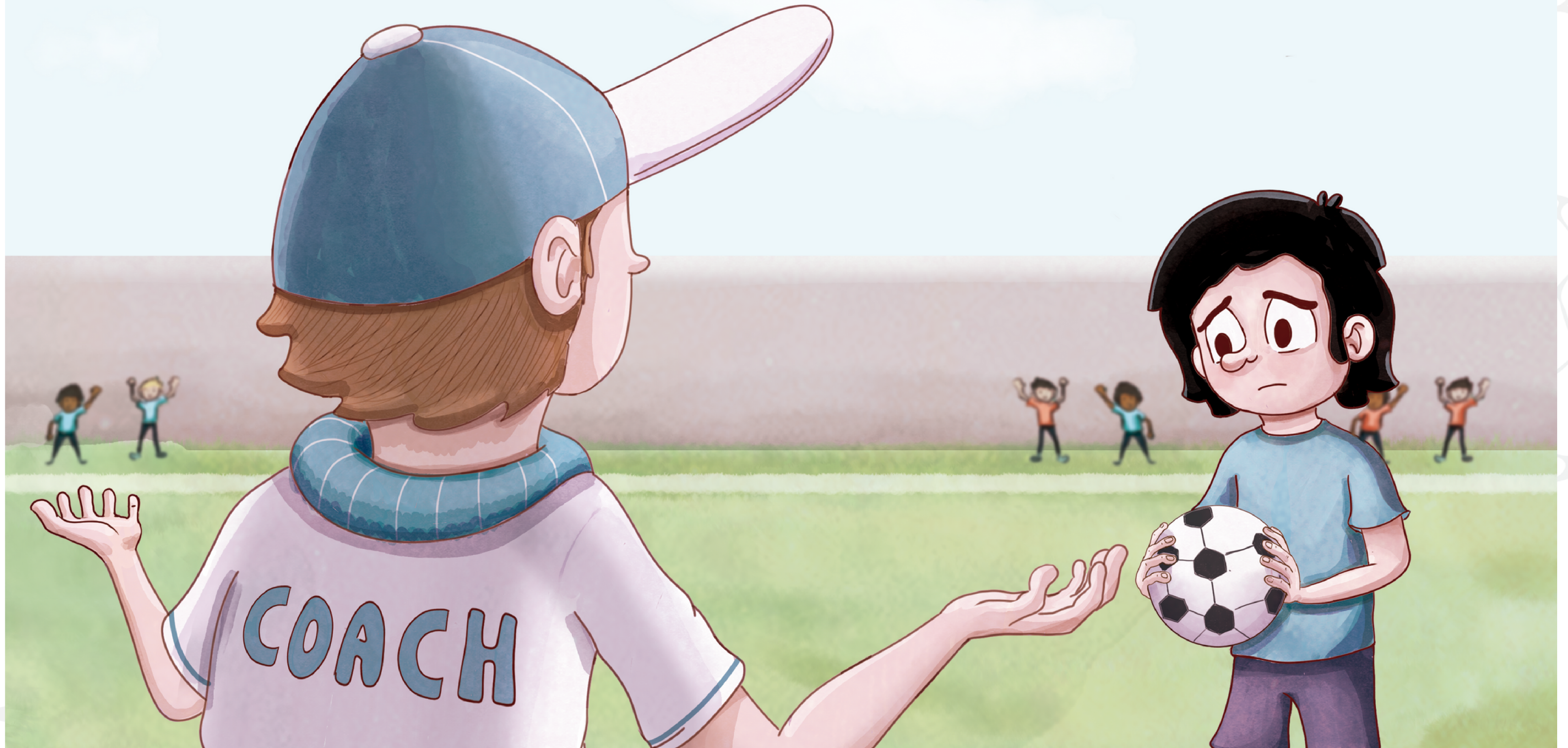




After scoring, Tony grinned
at the sight of everyone's
upset faces thinking,

"THEY ALL BELIEVED ME! AND I
GOT A *GOLAZO* FROM THAT
FREEKICK!"

Disappointed, his coach lectured him saying,
"TONY, DON'T CRY '¡FALTA! I'M HURT!' WHEN YOU AREN'T REALLY
HURTING!"



But even then, during the next game...



Tony would cry again.





When the foul was called,
the referee and coach
came running as fast as
possible to check on him.

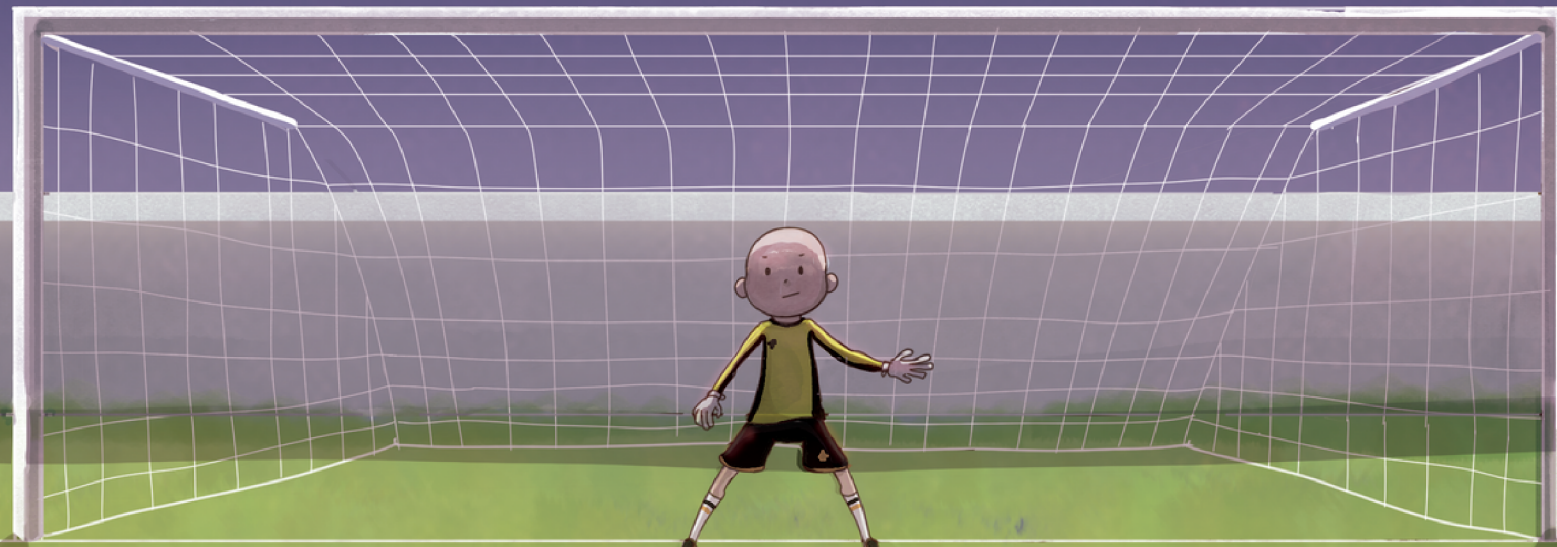
When they saw that there were no *GOLPES* or bruises, they said to Tony,

"STOP CRYING '*¡FALTA!*
I'M HURT! *¡ME DUELE!*'
WHEN YOU AREN'T REALLY
HURTING!"

Save your crying for when you are really hurting. And don't cry foul when there is no foul!"



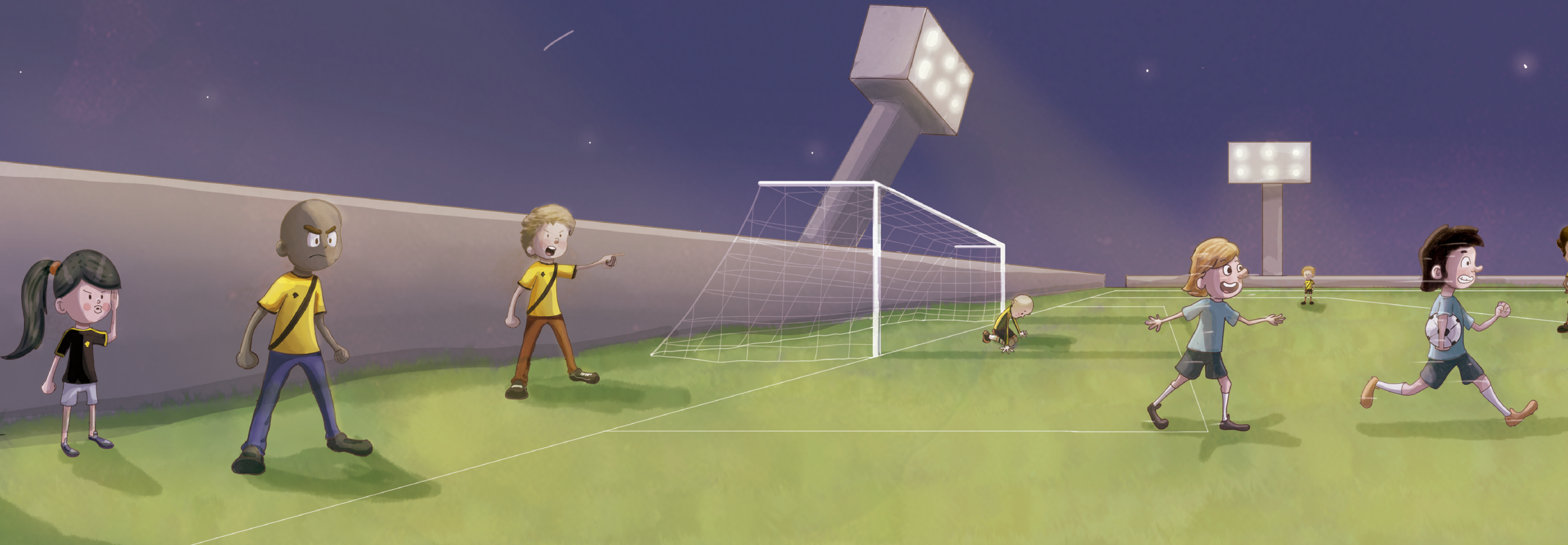
But even then, Tony got up on both feet, ready to take his team's penalty Kick.



Peniel
PENALTY!
(The penalty Kick)

Tony smirked at the sight of everyone's upset faces
thinking,

"THEY ALL BELIEVED ME! AND I GOT A *GOLAZO* FROM THAT PENALTY
KICK!"



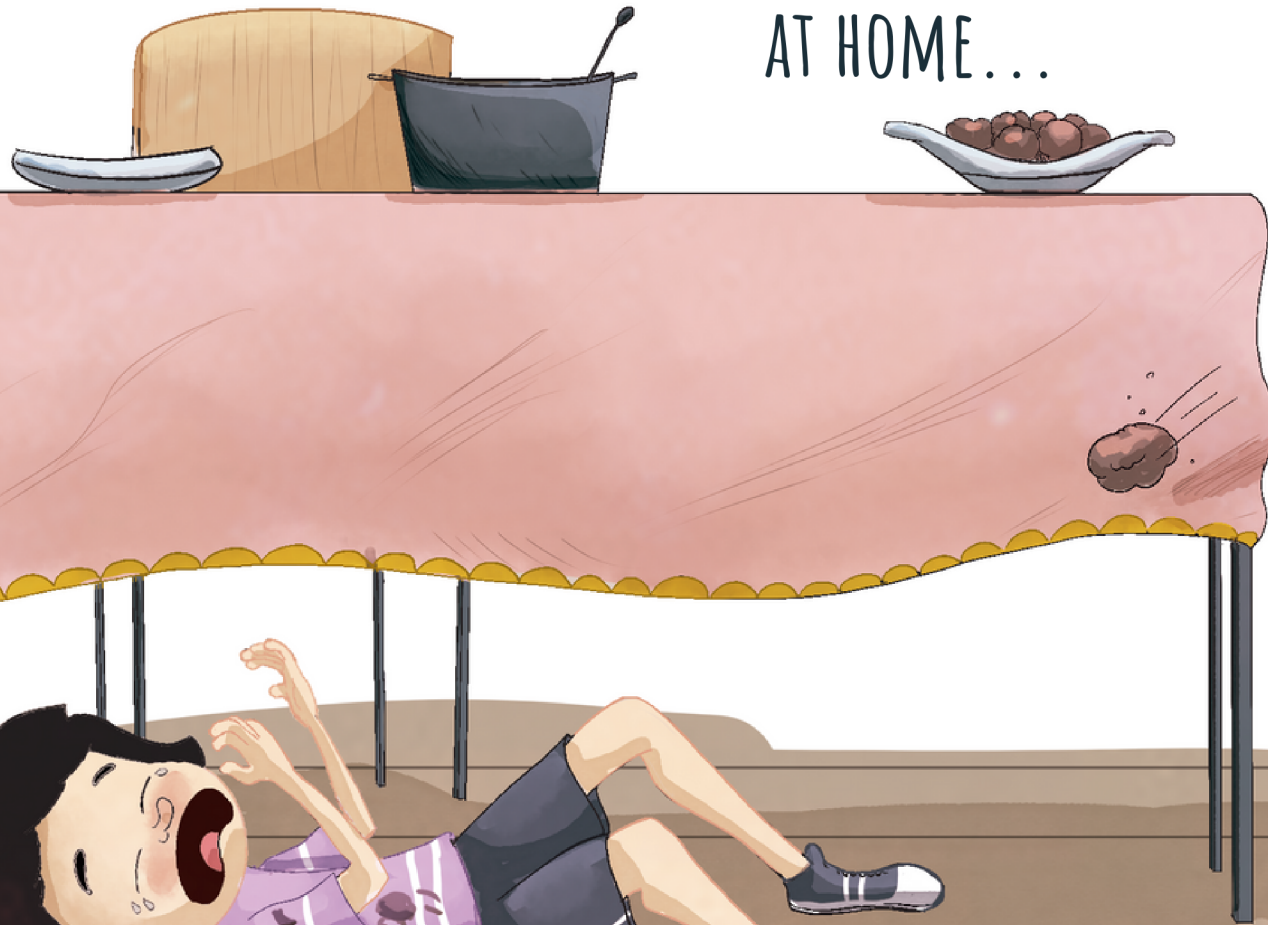
Tony continued to fake *FALTAS* the whole season. He even practiced faking them



AT SCHOOL...



AT HOME...



AT CHURCH...



With the help of
Tony's



In the tournament, Tony and his team dazzled everyone while making their way to the tournament's final. By now, every local and international team knew about Tony's acting...



Goals!
GOLAZOS!

and his world class
diving, the team
qualified to play in
the Dallas Cup!



In the championship game, Tony and his team faced the opponent with the best defense.

¡LOS RUDOS! (The Mean Ones!)



Tony's team struggled to score the whole game and found themselves down by one goal, with the end of the game quickly approaching.



With no time to waste, Tony got played a short corner and dribbled his way past one defender. Then two. When inside the box...



AHHHH!

I'M

HURT!
I'M DYING!
(It hurts!)

I FELL!
(Foull!)

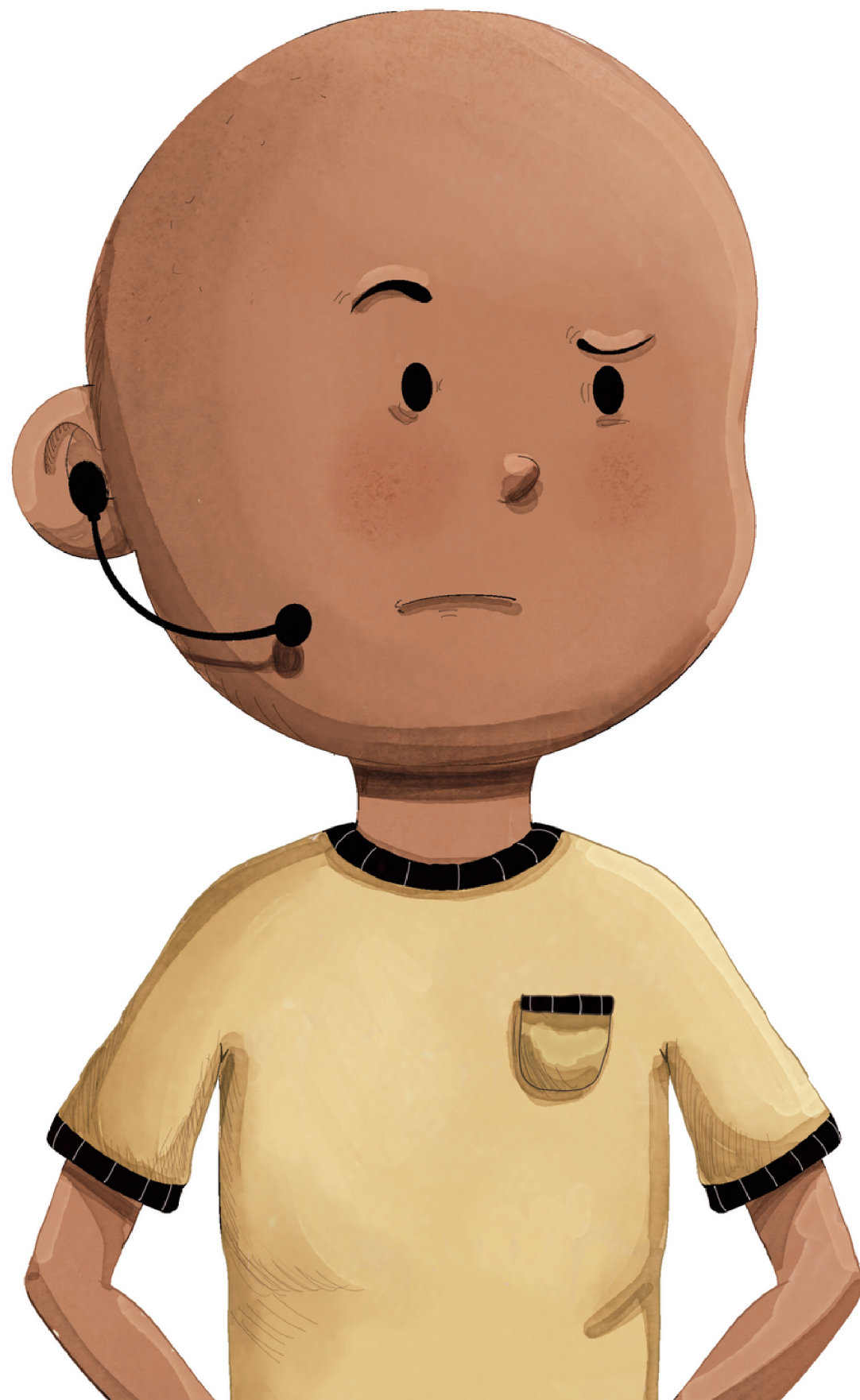
Tony cried one last time. But this time, he was really fouled.



The parents knew about Tony faking fouls from the past.



The referee knew about Tony faking fouls from the past.



The coach knew about Tony faking fouls from the past.



When Tony's coach came to check on him he said,



"Tony, get up and go take a break.

i CAMBIO! SUB!

He called to his bench.



"But I am really hurt, coach.

i ME DUELE!

It hurts!" Tony painfully replied.

"¡Sammy,

i ENTRA!

Come on the field,"
said the coach as Tony limped
off the field.



The referee blew the final whistle giving the Cup
to *LOS RUDOS*.

Tony was upset and argued, "I really was hurt,
coach! It was a penalty!"

¡SI ERA PENAL!



"It's very important to be honest and compete fairly,
Tony.

Everyone thought you were faking a foul like you have
done many times before.
That's why the referee did not believe you.
That's why the parents did not believe you.
That's why I did not believe you."

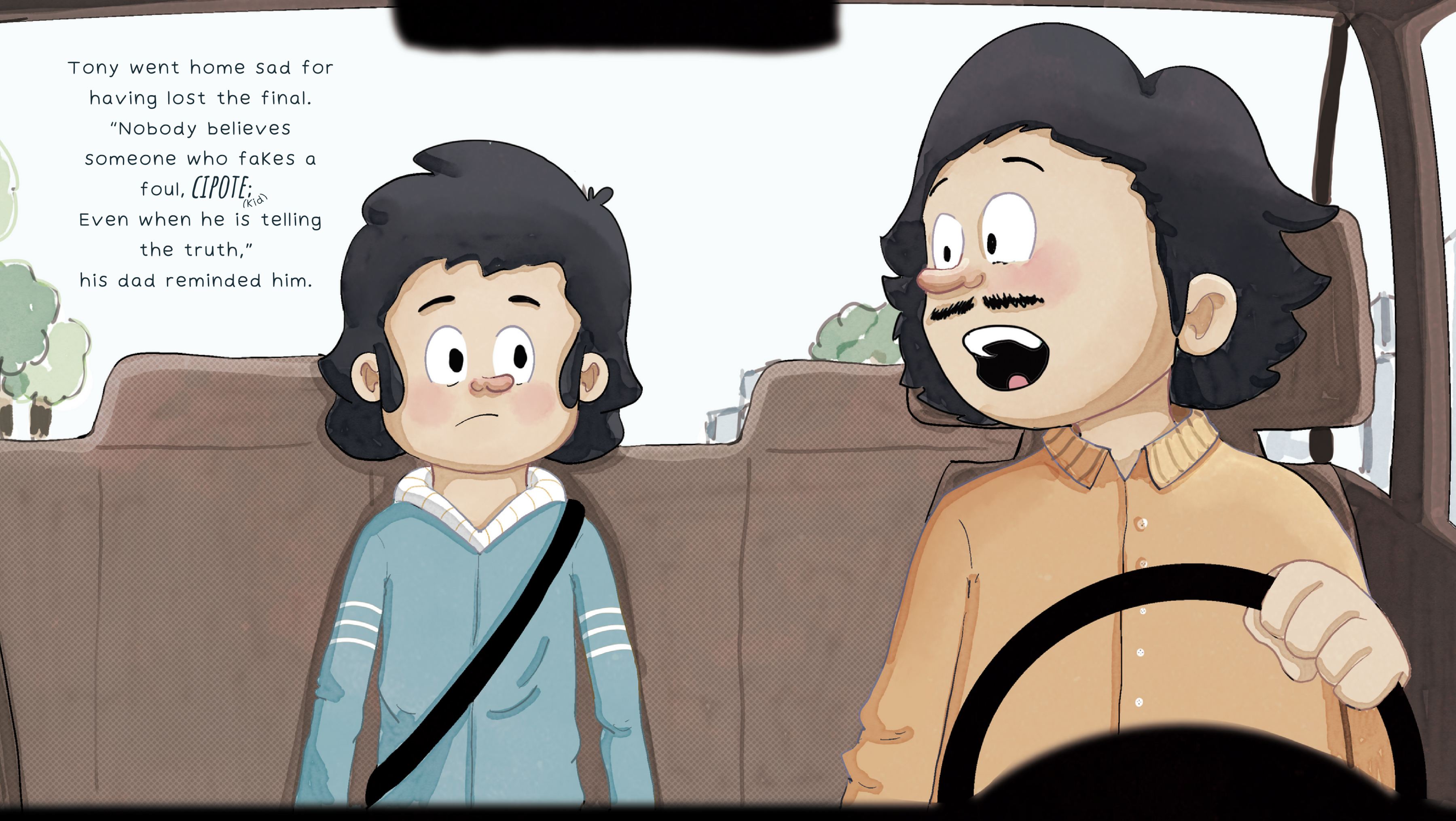


*TIENES QUE SER
HONESTO.*

(You have to be honest.)

Tony went home sad for
having lost the final.

“Nobody believes
someone who fakes a
foul, *CIPOTE*
(kid)
Even when he is telling
the truth,”
his dad reminded him.



Tony learned a very important lesson during that fateful championship game. And although it took him some time to get over that foul, he continued to play soccer as often as possible.

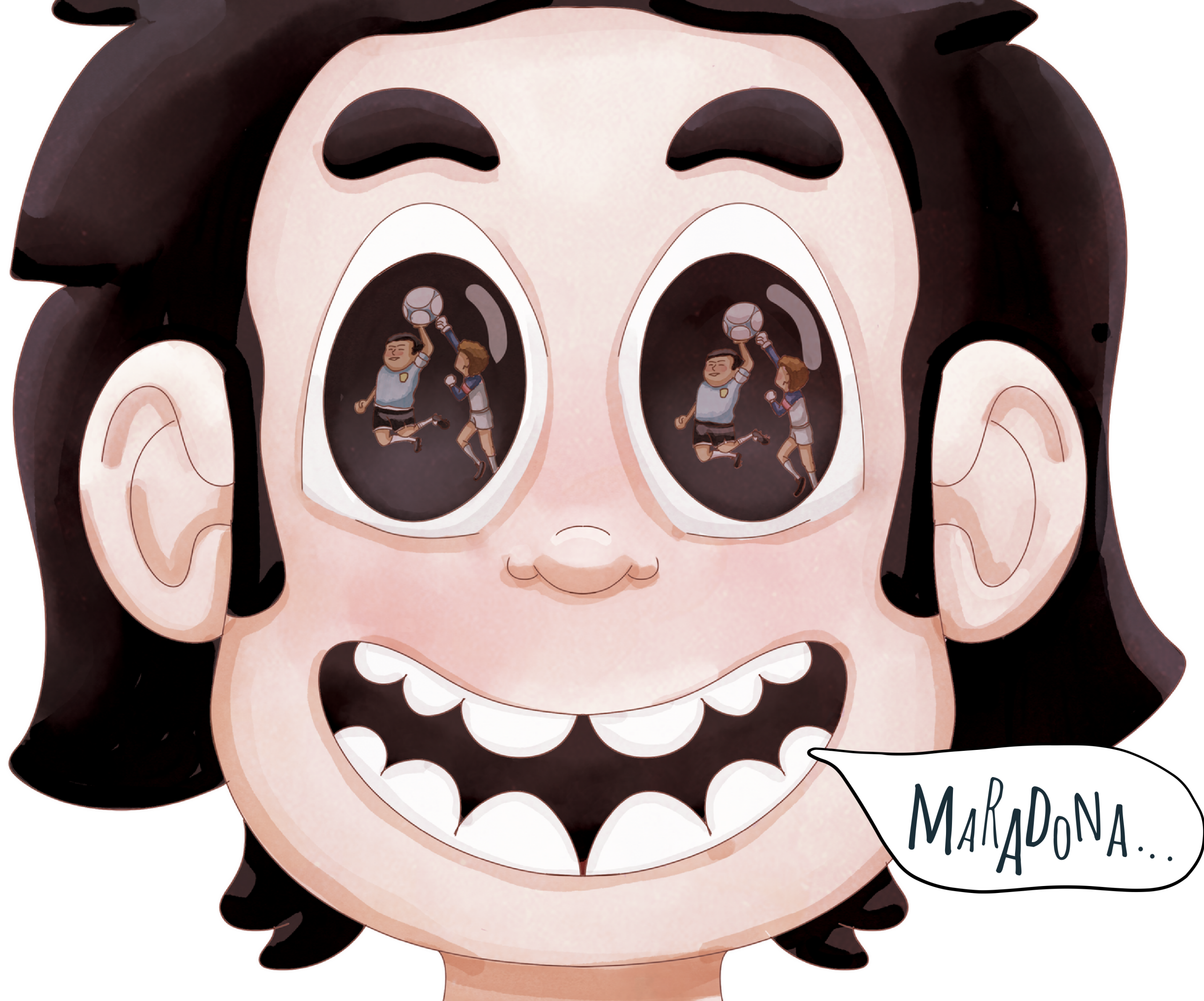
Tony also began to watch OLD videos of

FÚTBOL PROFESIONAL

Professional soccer

legends with his dad. Tony learned many good things from watching Pelé, Hugo Sánchez, Mágico González, but then he watched...





MARADONA...





David Flores, A.K.A. Coach Brownie, grew up in El Salvador with his parents and his two siblings. He loved to play soccer from a young age. He would play at school, the streets, and anywhere else he went. He played soccer wearing church shoes, chanclas, and even barefoot! In his teenage years, David migrated to Texas. In Dallas, soccer helped him transition to his new home by making some of his best friendships amongst his teammates.

David played select, high school, and college soccer in North Texas. He attended and played soccer at Richland College (Dallas, TX) and SAGU (Waxahachie, TX) where he graduated as an educator. David currently resides in Waxahachie with his soccer sweetheart and his two book worm soccer-loving daughters.

David continues to teach, coach, and write bilingual children's books as Coach Brownie. "The Boy Who Cried ¡Falta!" is the third book from his Soccer Little series about Tony, the Dallas soccer-loving boy.



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"While reading, I felt like I was watching an episode of ¡Supercampeones! An important lesson for all the little sport fans who love a great story. Recommended reading material for future World Cup stars!"

-123 Andrés, Grammy Award Winners

A great book for all soccer fans and players. David tells a great story that shows how special the Dallas soccer community is... while also providing a very important life lesson about fair play.

-Gordon Jago, Indoor Soccer Hall of Famer



"A must read for any child who plays the beautiful game. As someone who uses fútbol to teach life lessons, this book teaches one of the most important ones."

-Juan Martinez, DKSC President/ Executive Director

