

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESENTS...



READING HEROES

WITH COACH DAWN STALEY



SC Coach and Olympic All-Star Dawn Staley shares her journey through sports, and the power of reading!

**PLUS: MEET THE
WINNERS OF THE READING
HEROES CONTEST!**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOUTH CAROLINA



Welcome to **“Reading Heroes with Coach Dawn Staley,”** part of the **“Read with the Gamecocks”** Program. In its tenth year, the program is an initiative to promote reading in elementary school children. Due to the success of last year’s program, in which 35 elementary schools in Richland and Lexington Counties participated, and close to 3,500 students read 1.2 million pages, South Carolina has extended the invitation to all elementary schools in the state.

The program ran from December 19, 2008 through January 2, 2009, with each participant recording his/her reading with his/her parents or guardians during the holiday break.

At the end of the break, participants submitted their results to their teachers. A winner was chosen from each school, and you can read about them in this comic book!

**Congratulations to everyone who participated,
and to our winners. Coach Staley and the
University of South Carolina salute you!**

**For information on participating in this program,
please e-mail Dawn Ellerbe — dawne@mailbox.sc.edu.**

WELCOME TO THE COLONIAL LIFE
ARENA-- HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM!

GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!... GAMECOCKS!...

THAT'S RIGHT,
FOLKS, HERE WE ARE ON
A THURSDAY NIGHT, AND
THE CROWD IS GOING
WILD!

THE GAMECOCKS
ARE IN A COME FROM
BEHIND SITUATION! IT'S
MAKE OR BREAK FOR
SOUTH CAROLINA!

GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!...
GAMECOCKS!...

SOUTH
6
CAROL

SOUTH
13
CAROLINA

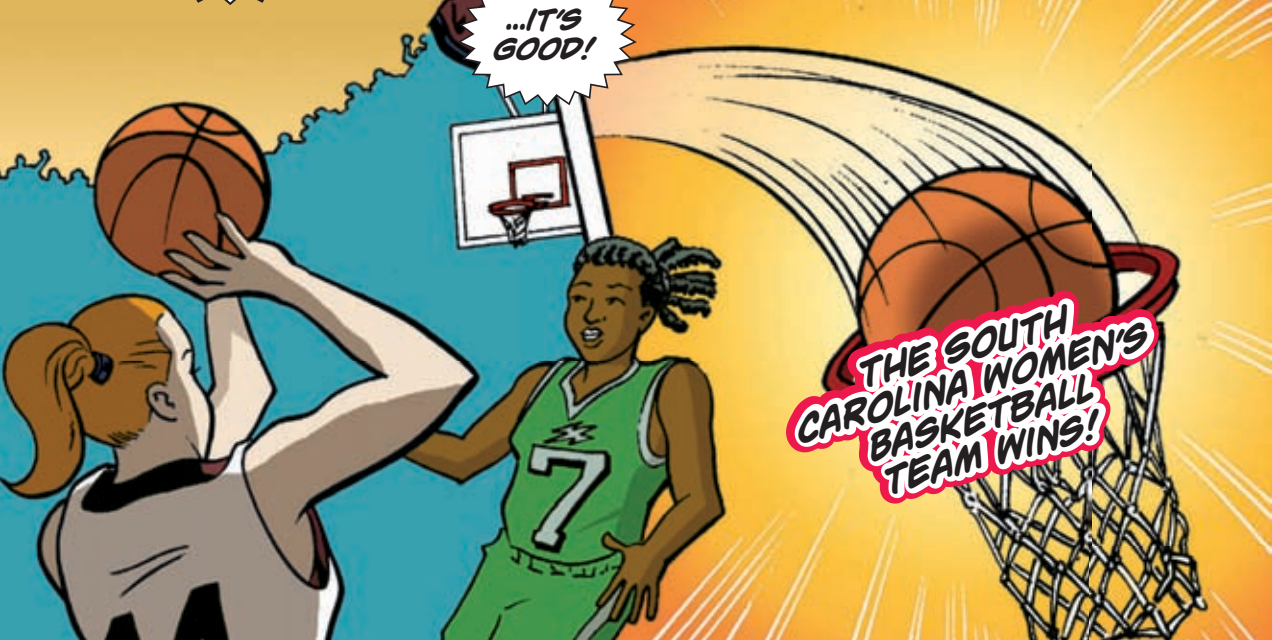
WOW, WHAT
A GREAT
GAME, RIGHT,
CINDY?

YOU SAID
IT, MAX! WHAT
DO YOU THINK
TEDDY?

AWESOME--
HOW ABOUT
YOU, ZOEY?

I CAN'T
WAIT! WE'RE
GOING TO GET
TO MEET...

**Coach
Dawn Staley!**



THE FANS GO WILD FOR CAROLINA AND COACH STALEY! BUT NO ONE IS MORE EXCITED THAN THAT FABULOUS FOWL...

COCKY!

KA-KAW!

COCKY FLIPS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WANTS TO BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE THE COACH!

KA-KAW!

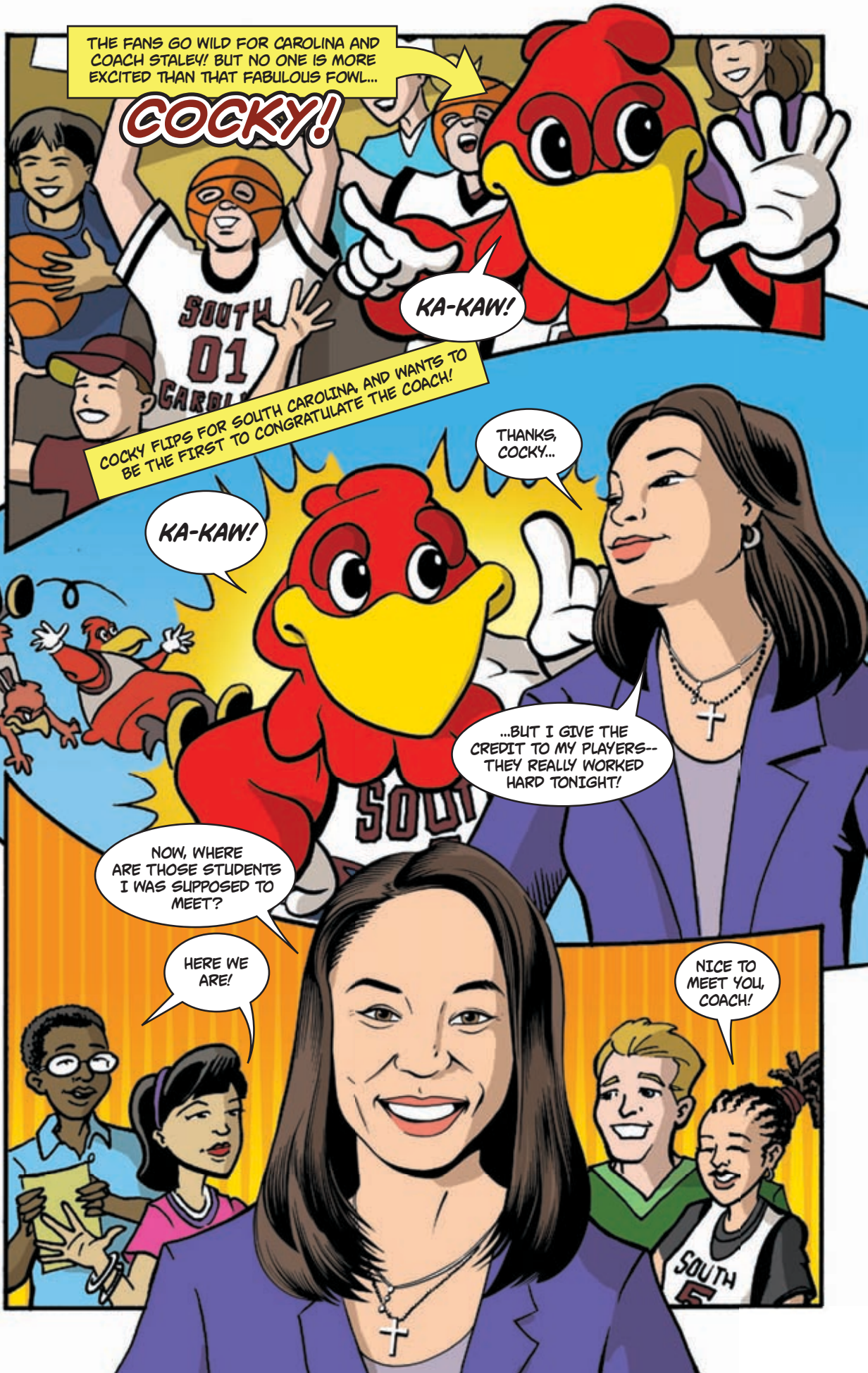
THANKS, COCKY...

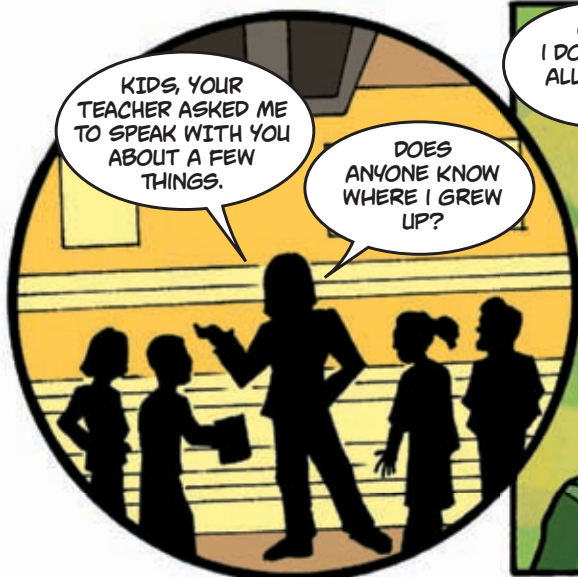
...BUT I GIVE THE CREDIT TO MY PLAYERS-- THEY REALLY WORKED HARD TONIGHT!

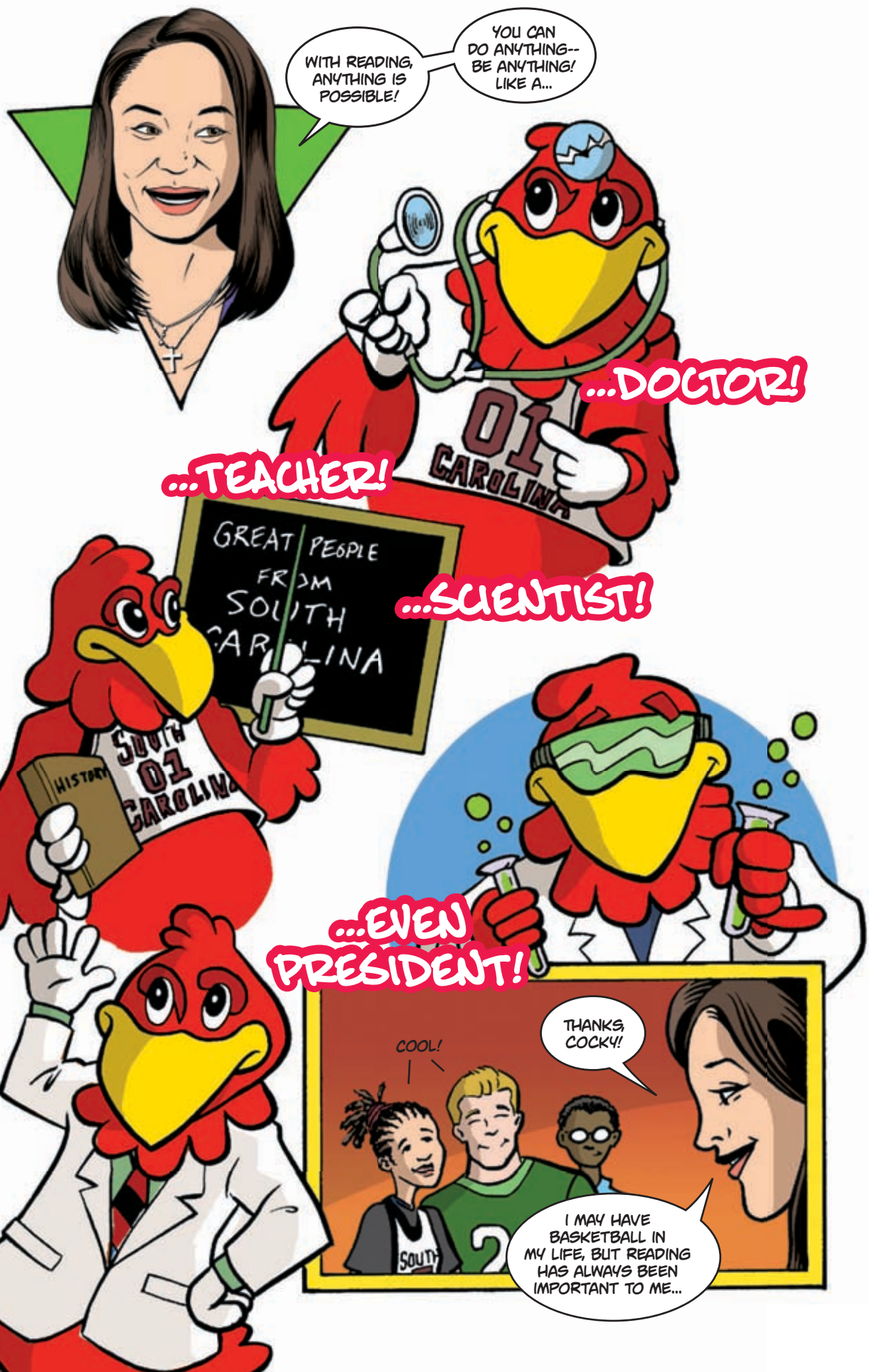
NOW, WHERE ARE THOSE STUDENTS I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET?

HERE WE ARE!

NICE TO MEET YOU, COACH!







WITH READING,
ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE!

YOU CAN
DO ANYTHING--
BE ANYTHING!
LIKE A...

...DOCTOR!

...TEACHER!

...SCIENTIST!

...EVEN
PRESIDENT!



AS YOU
HEARD, I'M FROM
PHILADELPHIA. I
GREW UP IN A
LOVING FAMILY...

I WASN'T VERY
OLD WHEN I
PICKED UP A
BASKETBALL-- AND
IT WAS LOVE AT
FIRST SIGHT!

SOON, I WAS PLAYING ALL THE TIME, WITH
MY FRIENDS, AND BY MYSELF, PRETENDING I
WAS PART OF THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS
BASKETBALL TEAM!



MY LOVE OF SPORTS
(ESPECIALLY BASKETBALL!)
CARRIED RIGHT THROUGH TO
HIGH SCHOOL...

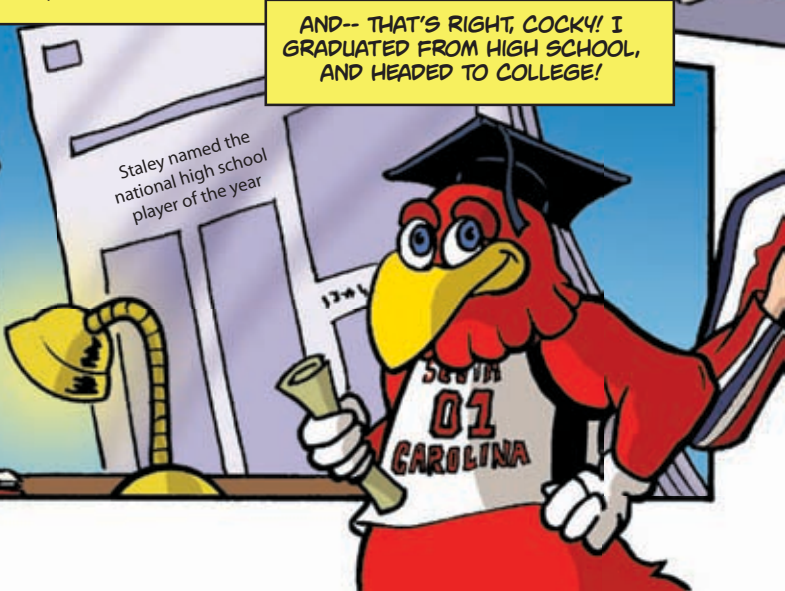



MY MOTHER ALWAYS MADE
SURE SCHOOL, AND READING
CAME FIRST!

AND-- THAT'S RIGHT, COCKY! I
GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
AND HEADED TO COLLEGE!



Staley named the
national high school
player of the year





EVEN THOUGH PLAYING COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOOK UP GREAT AMOUNTS OF TIME, SCHOOLWORK WAS ALWAYS A PRIORITY!

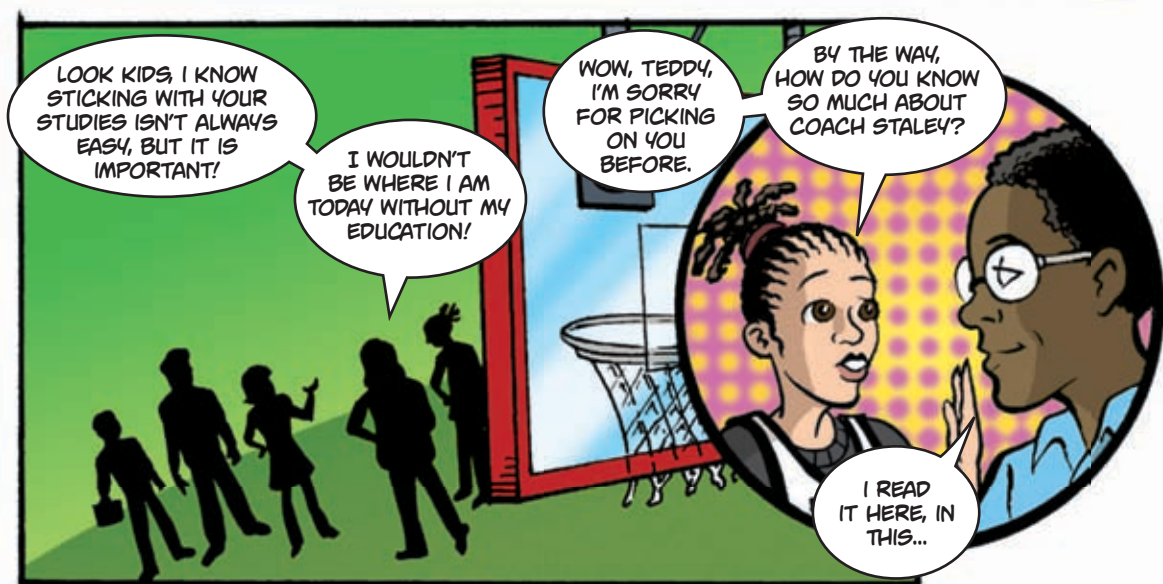
SOON, I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING ASKED TO JOIN MY FELLOW ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPICS, TAKING ON TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

AFTER COLLEGE, I HEADED INTO THE WORLD OF PRO BASKETBALL, RETURNING TWICE MORE TO THE OLYMPICS...

...WINNING A TOTAL OF THREE GOLD MEDALS!

TODAY, I HAVE COMBINED MY PASSION FOR BASKETBALL, WITH MY EDUCATION...

...AND I'M PROUD TO BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH!



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SOUTH CAROLINA

