

Screen writing script
Beyond the Dugout

[The scene opens into a backyard. A dad is building a baseball field with used equipment, from when he played baseball, while putting on an old baseball cap. Demetri, his youngest son, holding a baseball bat, watches excitedly.]

Dad

(smiling) All right, are you ready, let's master that swing. Eye on the ball.

[The dad tosses his son a ball underhand. Demetri swings, missing by a lot. He's upset about it.]

Demetri

(upset) Dad, I can't do this. It's way too hard

Dad

(giving encouragement) You'll get there Meech, trust me it takes time.

[The scene jumps around over the years, showing the father pitching to Demetri and Demetri training, struggling, and occasionally falling.]

Dad

(encouraging) Bud, maintain a broad stance. Put your shoulders square. That's all there is to it!

[Cut to a montage showing Demetri older and turning his backyard into a practice area. Dad watches and mentors his kid through drills, the father never pushes too hard but is always encouraging.]

Dad

(smiling) You're improving every day, keep up the good work

Demetri

(angry and having an injury to his shoulder) Dad, I can't do this. It's just too difficult.

Dad

(putting his hand on Demetri's shoulder) You got this Meech. Getting back up is where the strength comes from. You have to fail to succeed.

[Demetri finally pulls it off, hitting a grand slam in a playoff game. As the dad watches from the stands, remembering his own unfulfilled goals, breaks down in tears of pride.]

Dad

(watery eyes) That's my boy! I knew you could do it.(hugging)

Demetri

(laughing) Dad, we made it!

Dad

(crying) We did, we certainly did.

[The final scene, Demetri, who is currently a professional player for the mets, is seen entering the field wearing a Major League Baseball uniform. The dad, watching from the stands with his old baseball jersey in hand, grinned with joy as his son's accomplishment allowed him to live out his dreams.]

Dad

(smiling) Go get them, kid. We are so proud of you.

[Demetri hits a home run, scene ends]

