

Screen writing script  
Beyond the Dugout Dreams

[The scene opens into a backyard. A father builds a temporary baseball field with used equipment while putting on an old baseball cap. Demetri, his youngest son, clutching a bat, watches excitedly.]

Father

(with a smile) All right, boy, let's master that swing. Never forget to focus on the ball.

[The father tosses his son a ball. Demetri swings, missing by a great distance. He appears unhappy.]

Demetri

(annoyed) Dad, I can't do this. I'll never hit it

Father

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

[The scene jumps around over the years, showing the father pitching innumerable balls and the boy training, struggling, and occasionally falling.]

Father

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

[Cut to a montage showing Demetri maturing and turning his backyard into a practice area. Watching and mentoring his kid through innumerable drills, the father never pushes too hard but is always encouraging.]

Father

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

Demetri

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

Father

(putting his hand on his kid's shoulder) You got this meech, Getting back up is where the strength comes from.

[Demetri finally pulls it off, turning in a big play in a game that matters. As he watches from the stands, the father, remembering his own unfulfilled goals, breaks down in tears of pride.]

Father

(crying, with tears in his eyes) That's my boy! (hugging)

Demetri

(laughing) Dad, we made it!

Father

(crying) We did, indeed.

[The final scene, Demetri, who is currently a professional player, is seen entering the field wearing a Major League Baseball uniform. The father, watching from the sidelines with his old baseball jersey watches, grinned with joy as his son's accomplishment allowed him to live out his goal.]

Father

(silently, grinning) Go get 'em, kid. We are proud of you.

[Demetri hits a home run, scene ends]

