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Stay's Tall & **STRONG**

THEY DESTROYED WE REBUILD IT !

*Came here for school, graduated to the high  
life  
Ball players, rap stars, addicted to the lime-  
light  
MDMA got you feelin' like a champion  
The city never sleeps, better slip you an Am-  
bien - Jay Z*

**DOWN TOWN**

The day the Twin Towers fell, then New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani declared that they would rise again. "We will rebuild," Giuliani proclaimed after the terrorist attacks that toppled the iconic World Trade Center skyscrapers on September 11, 2001. "We're going to come out of this stronger than before -- politically stronger, economically stronger. The skyline will be made whole again." More than a decade later, the new One World Trade Center, or Freedom Tower, is nearly complete. The colossal building already dwarfs the massive skyscrapers that make up Manhattan's skyline, and will soon be crowned with a spire that will make it the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. The final pieces of the 124-meter spire are about to be shipped to the World Trade Center site. There they will sit until the weather is good enough -- with little to no wind -- for them to be lifted into place. Upon completion the One World Trade Center will stand at a symbolic 1,776 feet (541 meters) -- a nod to the year the United States of America declared independence from England.

Freedom!

Liberty!

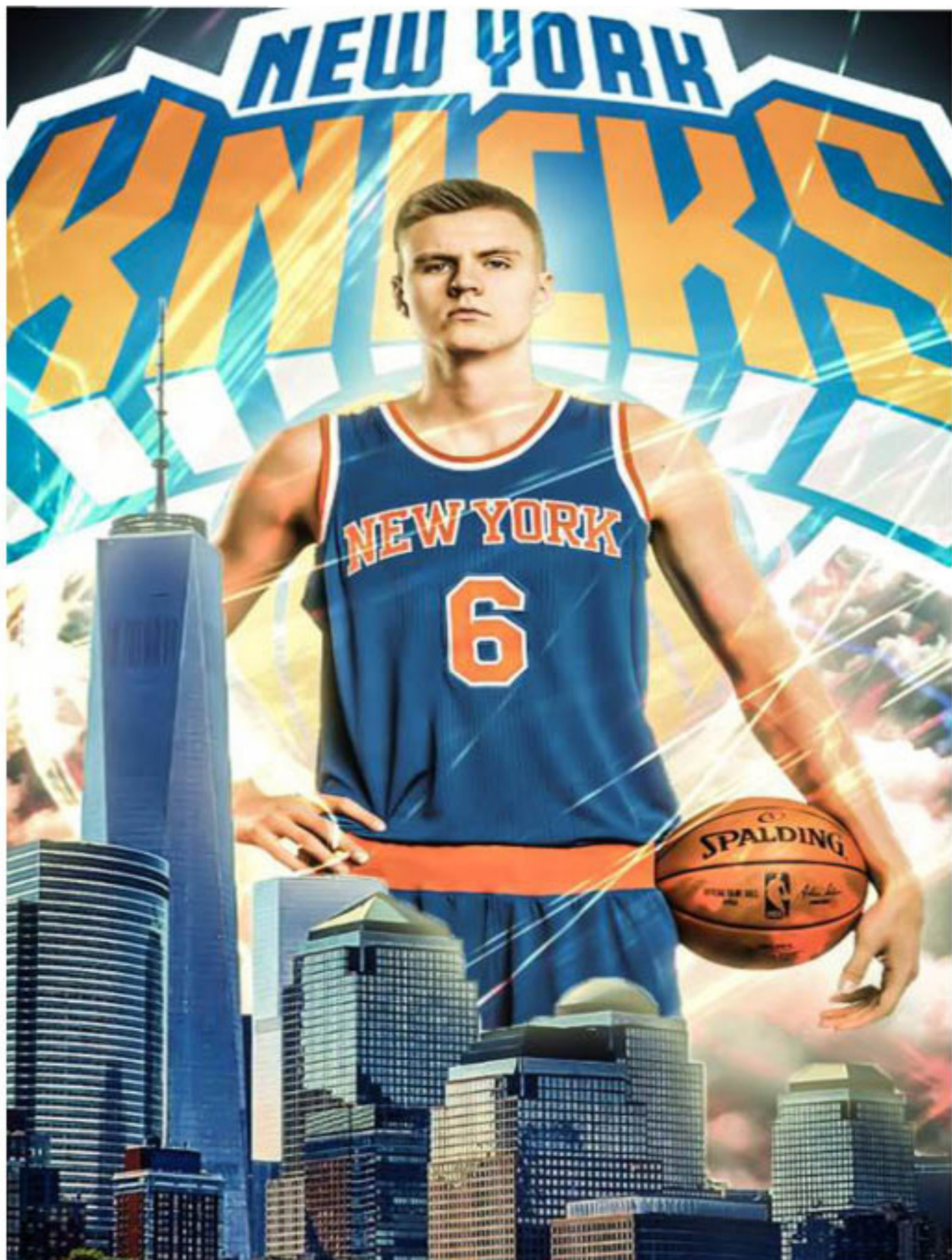


TOUCH DOWN!



MY LOGO





# FREEDOM TOWER OF BASKETBALL

*It's not as if the Knicks weren't warned; they can't be surprised. Almost two years ago, Kristaps Porzingis announced himself to America as different, as driven, as not your just-grateful-to-be-here European tall man. He sat down shortly before the 2015 N.B.A. draft and told Yahoo Sports: "I don't like being labeled soft. I'm very hungry. I love the game. I've got to prove to coaches and G.M.s that I'm not soft just because I'm from Europe." This, of course, was very good news. Porzingis was shooing away stereotypical suggestions and fears that he might be a skyscraping international bust. Targeting the doubters in New York, his predraft destination of choice, he was promising that in no way was he going to be another Andrea Bargnani or Frédéric Weis, two European skeletons in the Knicks' closet. "I want people to get to know me," Porzingis said. "I don't want to be the mystery man from Europe."*



MY SELF  
ALTER EGO  
SELF POR-  
TRAIT