

LEVELED Book • I



# Cinderello



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## Focus Question

How is this story the same as the  
fairy tale *Cinderella*?  
How is it different?

## Words to Know

chores

national

pitch

spatula

tryouts

uniform

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### Correlation

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A boy named Mateo lived  
in a small town.  
Mateo's father taught  
him how to pitch a baseball.



Sadly, Mateo's father died.  
Later, Mateo's mother married  
a rich man.  
Mateo and his mother were thrilled!  
The man had twins named  
Primo and Guapo.



Mateo asked the twins  
to play baseball.  
“Not with you,” Primo said.

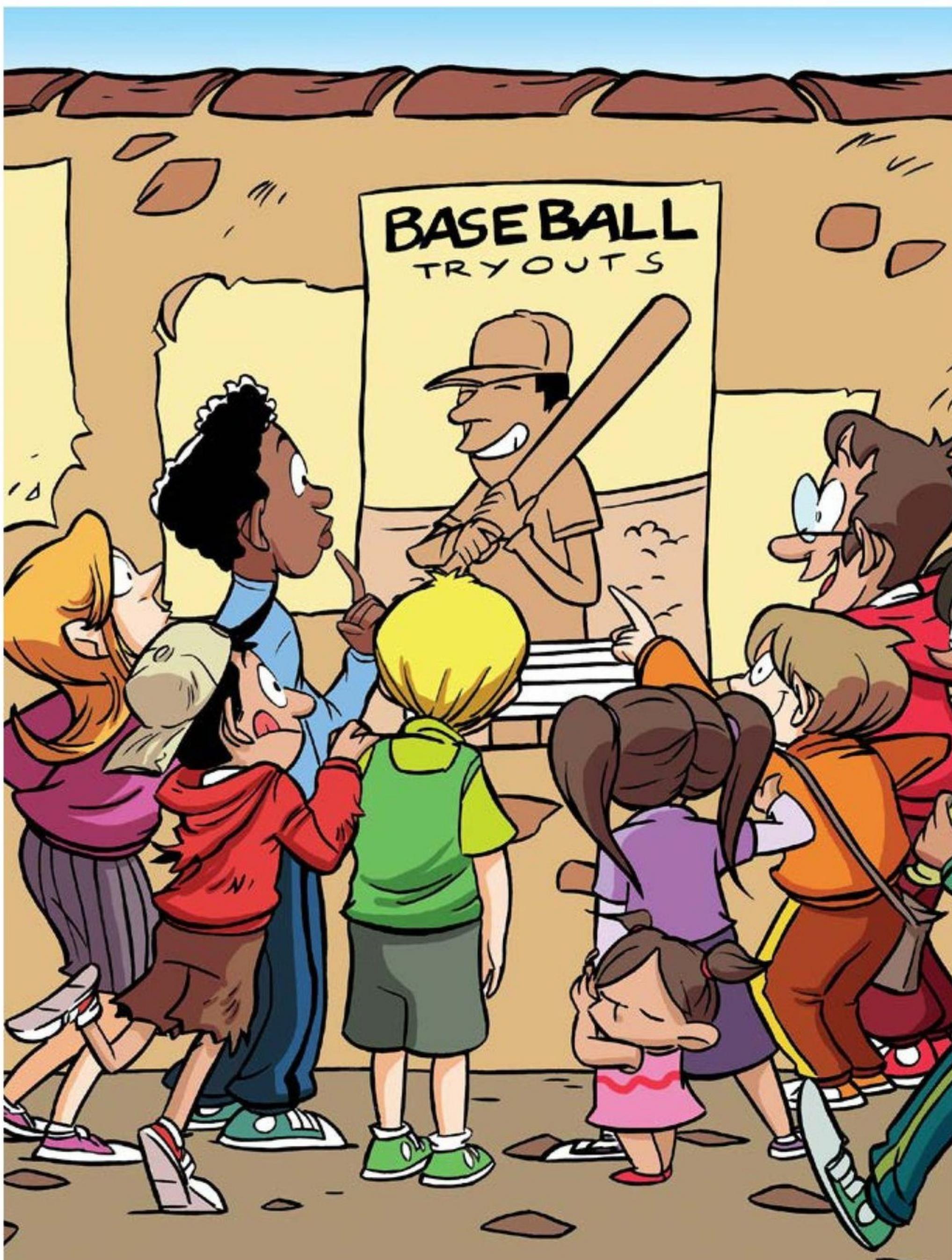


Mateo got to do all the chores.

The twins got to play.

“Just like Cinderella,” said Primo.

Guapo said, “Let’s call  
him *Cinderello!*”



One day, the coach of the national  
Little League team came to town.  
He was holding tryouts.



Mateo wanted to go.

“You can’t go,” Primo laughed.

“You don’t have  
a uniform!” said Guapo.

Their father agreed.



Mateo watched the other boys play.  
Then someone called his name.  
It was the lady from the taco cart.  
She said, “I’m your fairy godmother!”  
“Why don’t you play?” she asked.  
“I don’t have a uniform,” he said.



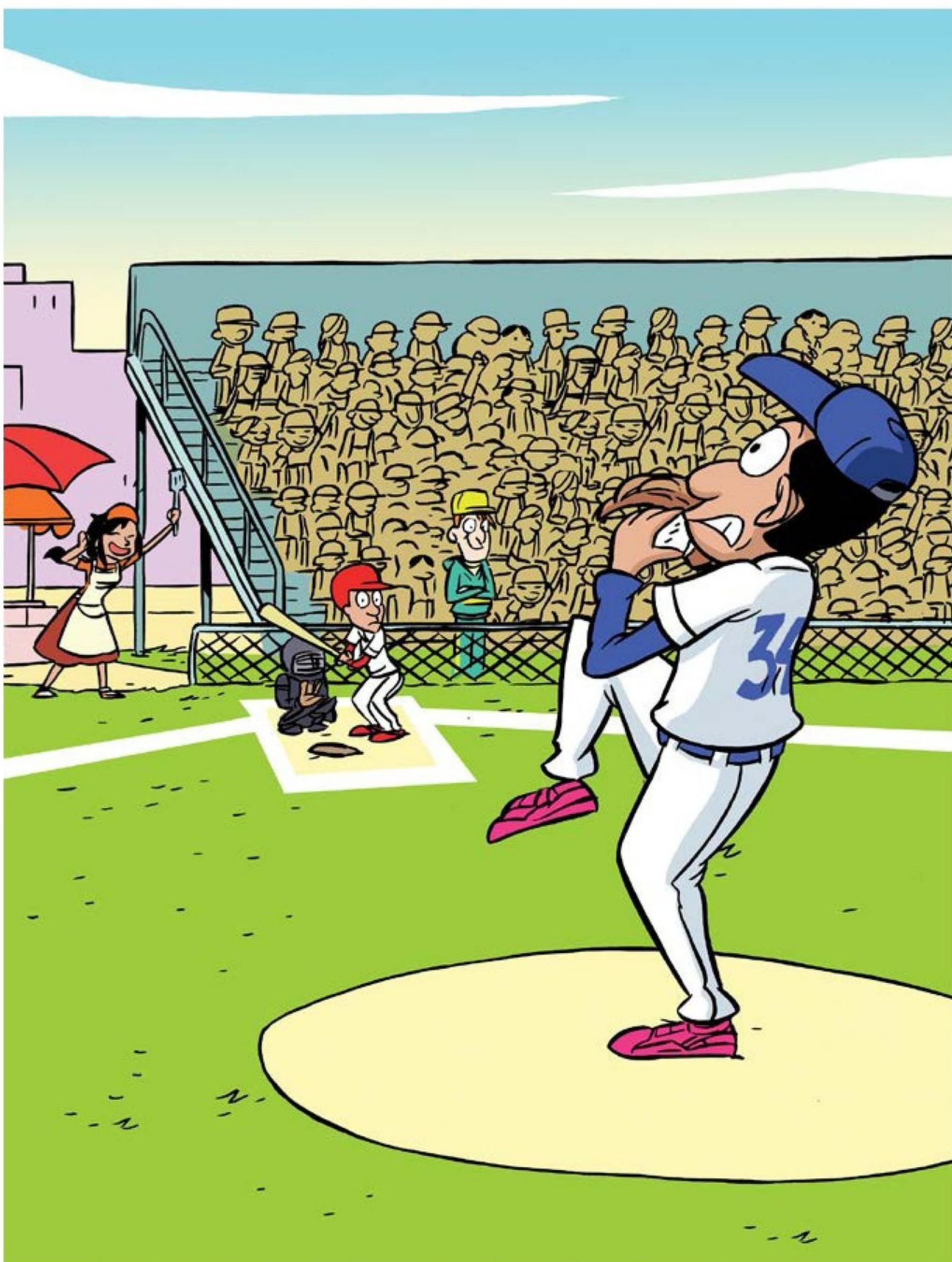
She waved her magic **spatula**!

Mateo looked down at  
his new uniform, smiling.

“Now no one will know it is you,”

the fairy godmother said.

“But you must leave the minute  
the tryouts are over,” she added.



On the day of the tryouts,  
Mateo was the pitcher  
and got every boy out.

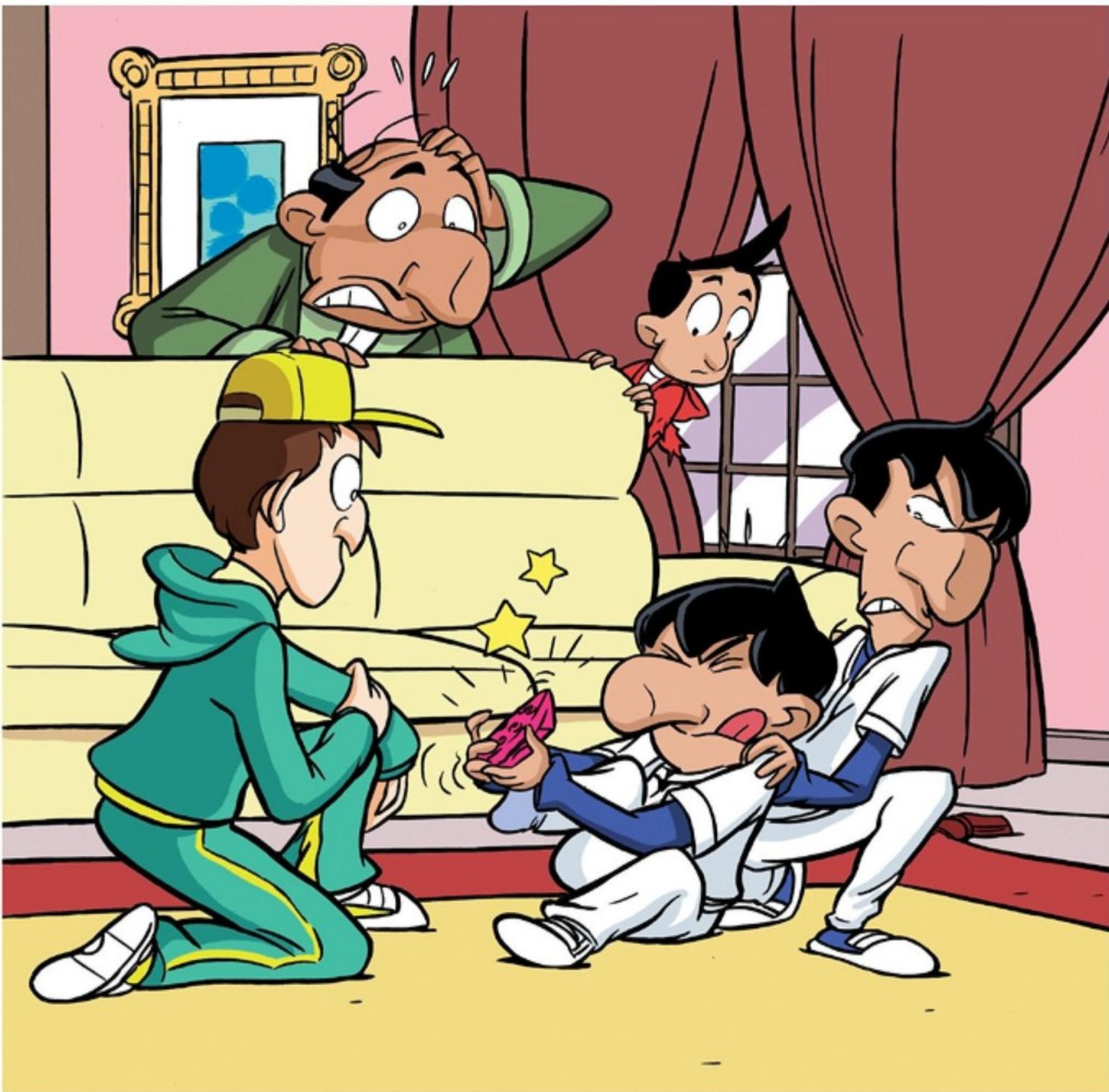


Later that day, there were  
more tryouts.

Mateo got every boy out again.  
When it was over, the team  
crowded around him.



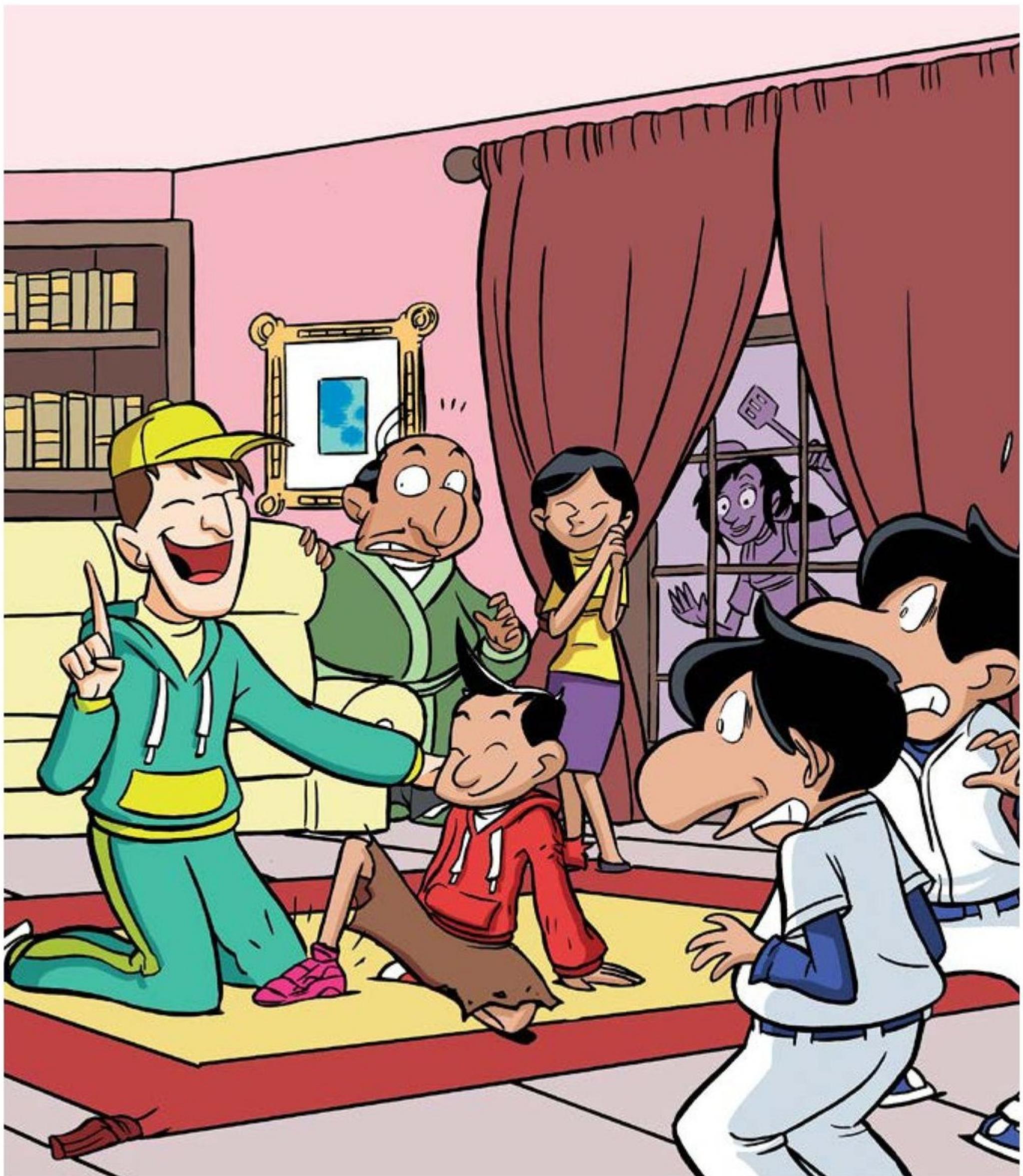
Mateo ran home,  
but he lost one shoe.  
He looked down.  
His new uniform was gone.



The coach looked all over  
for the star pitcher.

Every boy in town tried on  
the shoe.

At Mateo's house, the twins  
tried on the shoe, but it didn't fit.  
Then Mateo tried.



The shoe fit.

“Mateo will be our star pitcher,”

said the coach.

“And the twins will be  
our towel boys!” he added.

## Glossary

<b>chores</b> (n.)	small jobs or tasks that must be done regularly (p. 6)
<b>national</b> (adj.)	across or relating to an entire country or nation (p. 7)
<b>pitch</b> (v.)	to throw a ball to a batter in a game of baseball or softball (p. 3)
<b>spatula</b> (n.)	a long-handled kitchen tool with a wide, flat surface that is used to mix, spread, or lift things (p. 10)
<b>tryouts</b> (n.)	events where activities are used to test how good people are in athletics or performing (p. 7)
<b>uniform</b> (n.)	matching clothing worn by members of a group (p. 8)

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## Connections

### Writing and Art

Draw a picture and write your own version of *Cinderella*.

### Social Studies

Locate Mexico on a map or globe.

Describe its location and three things you notice about the country to a partner.

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