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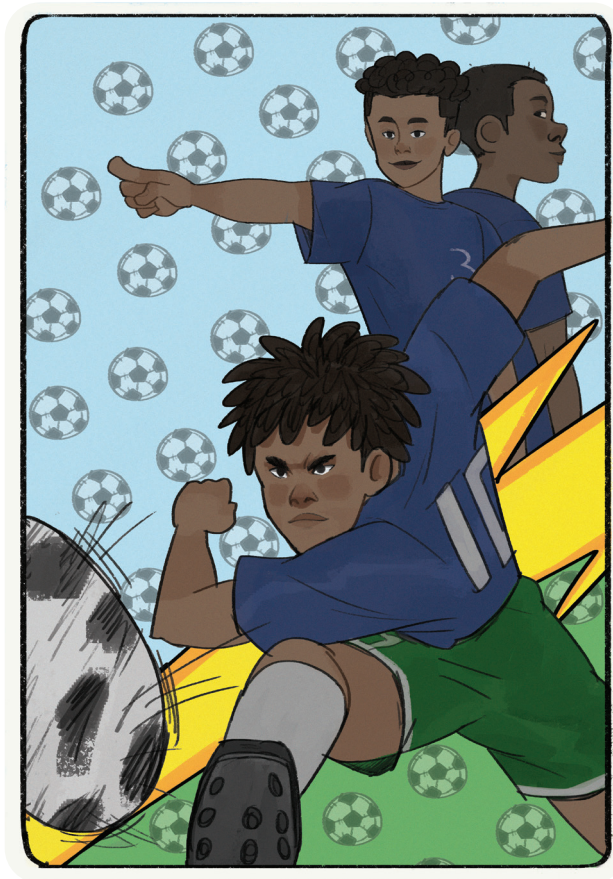
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Daniel had always worked hard at football. He played at school and practised by himself all the time. He dreamed of playing in a famous team.





Daniel cheered when he found out his team had been selected to play in a huge competition. He trained even harder, because their opponents were going to be difficult to beat.



The first match was against a team known for running fast. They scored two goals before Daniel's team even got one!



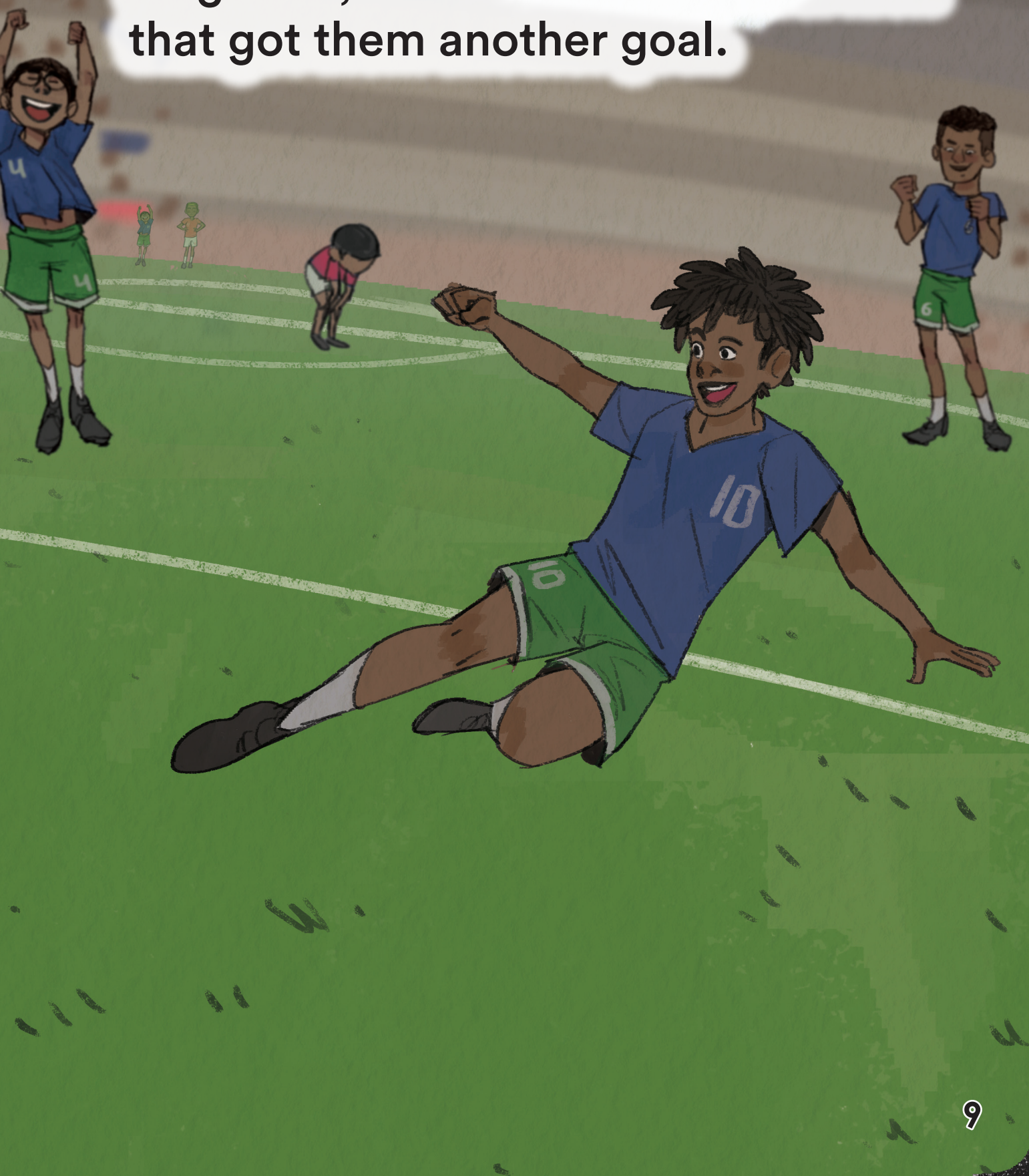


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It wasn't until the second half that Daniel and his team caught up. One of his teammates scored and, not long after, Daniel did a beautiful kick that got them another goal.



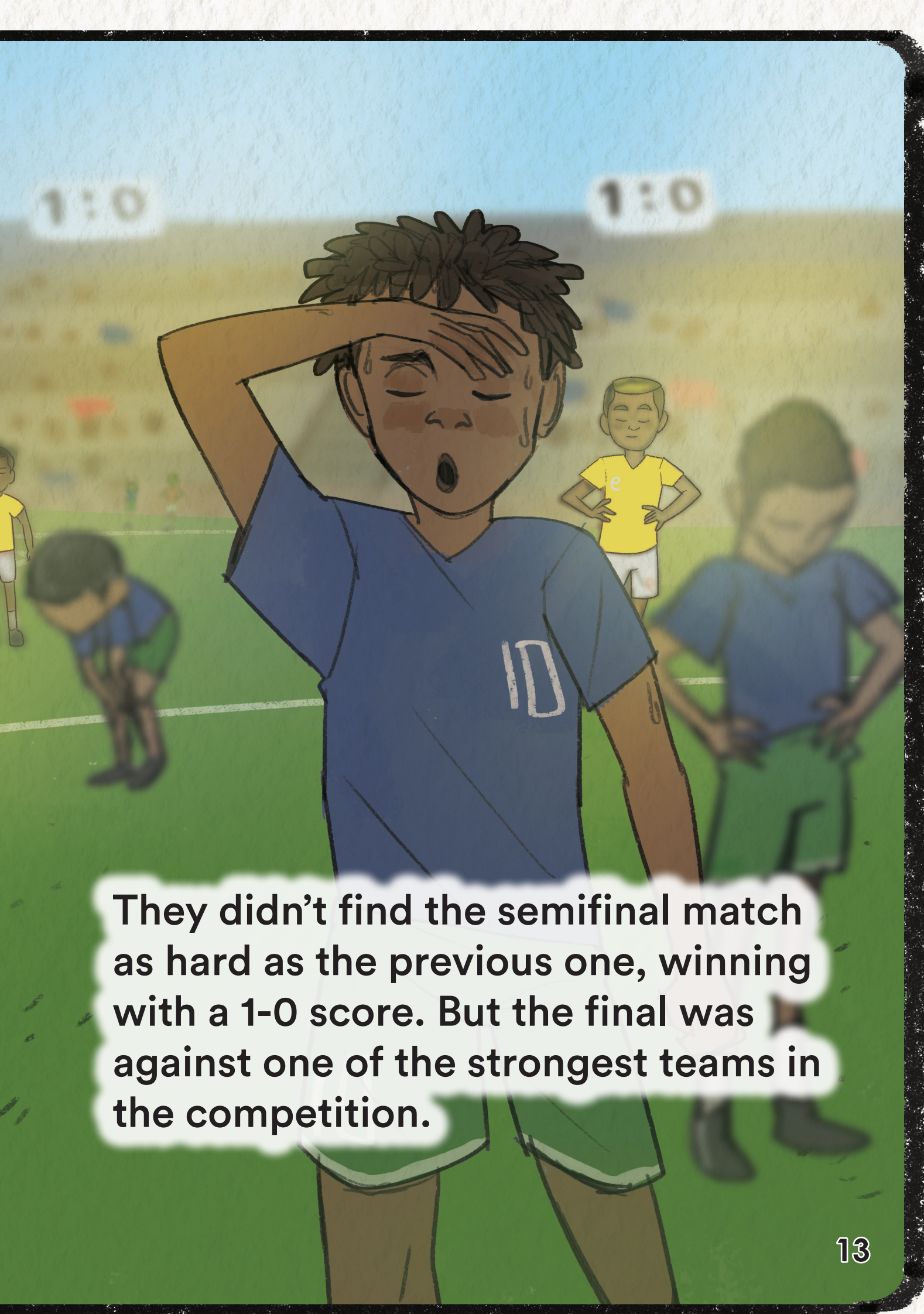


In the last few minutes of the game, Daniel scored again! The match ended, and Daniel's team went on to the semifinal round.

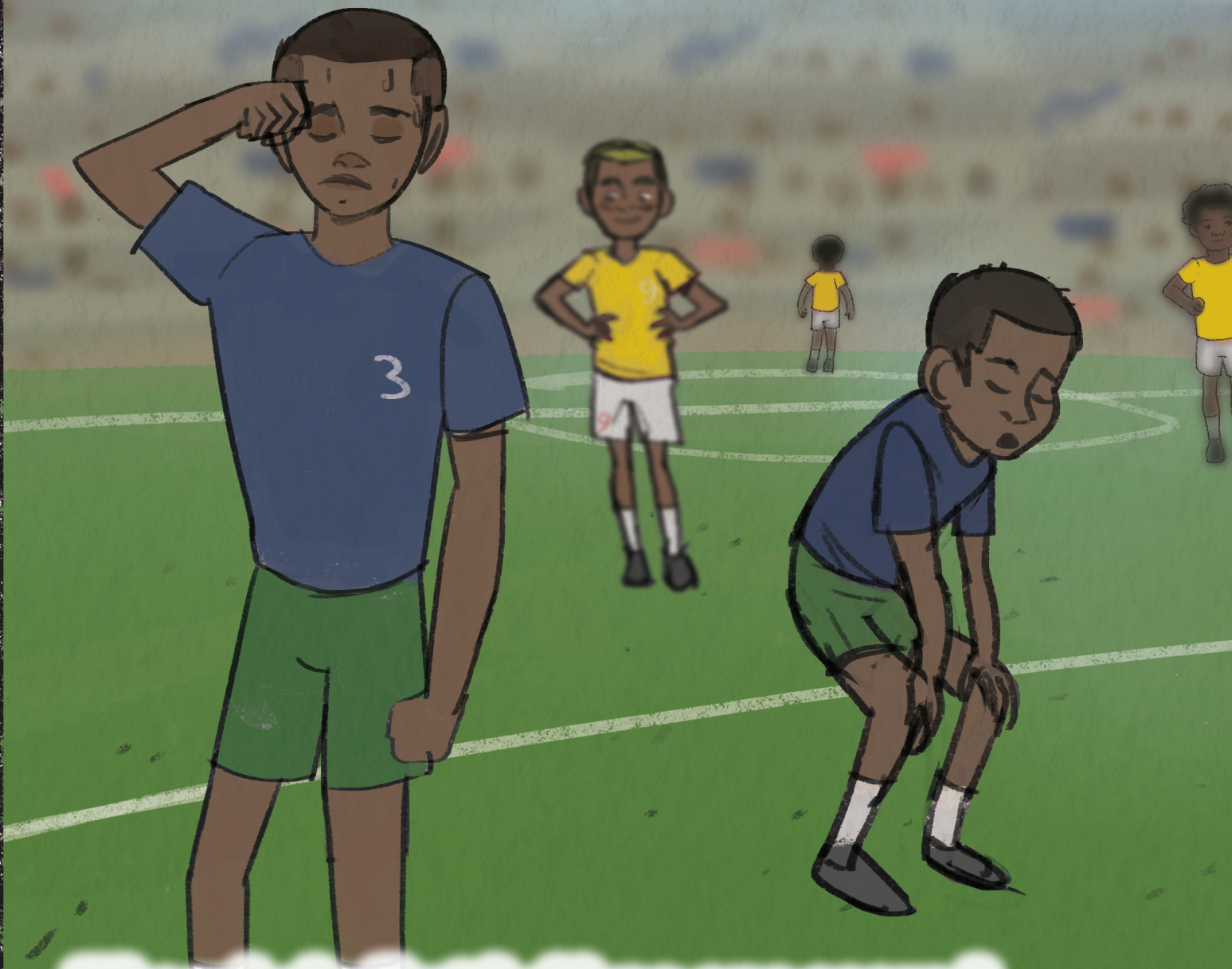


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They didn't find the semifinal match as hard as the previous one, winning with a 1-0 score. But the final was against one of the strongest teams in the competition.

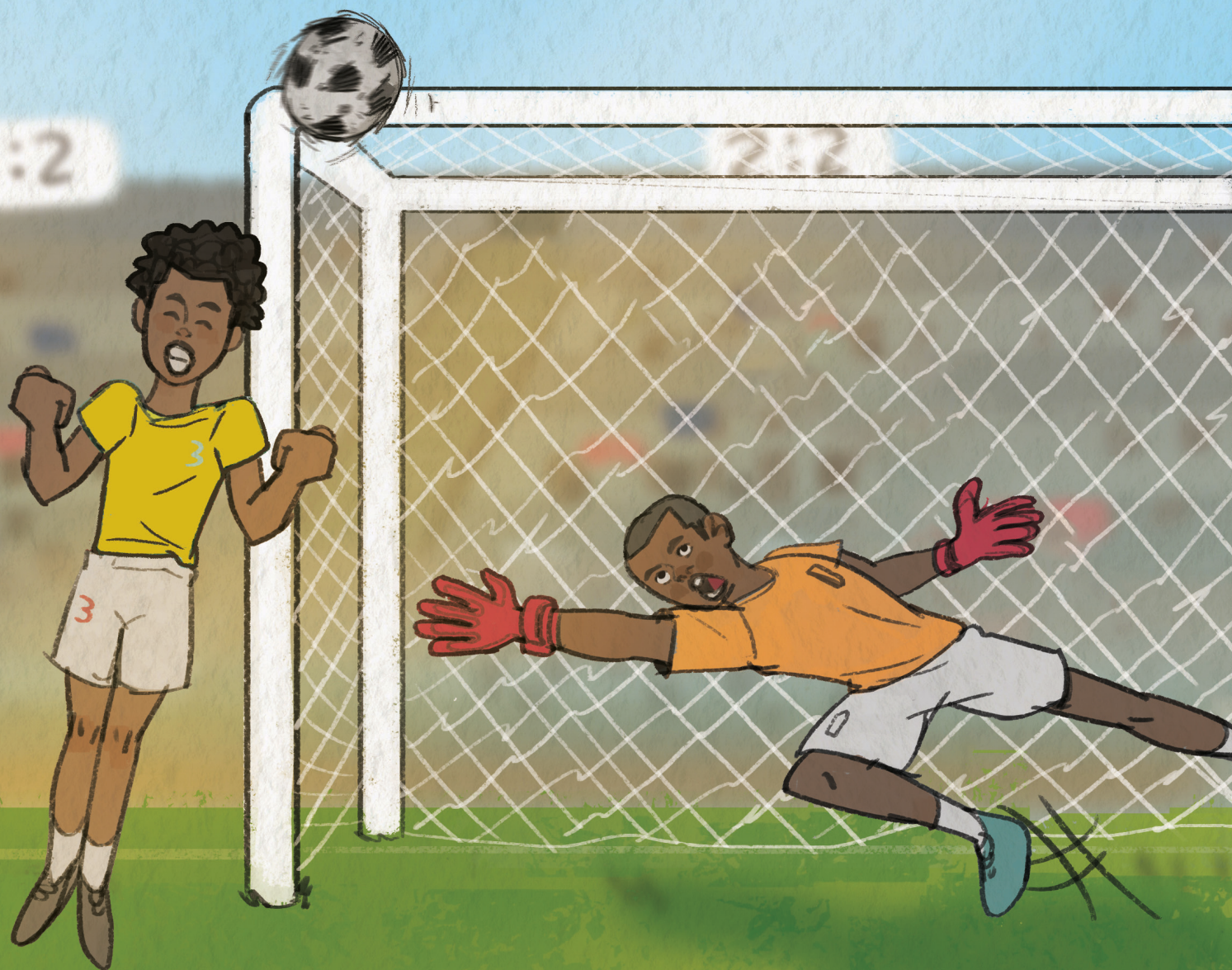


The whole first half, no one scored.
But as soon as the second half
started, the other team kicked two
goals in a row!



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Energised, Daniel and his team caught up with two goals of their own. The other team got a penalty score on them, but the kicker missed!

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It was Daniel's moment.
He kicked and scored right
before the match ended.

His team jumped on him,
yelling and cheering. They'd
won the competition!

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



What colours is Daniel's uniform?



**How much did Daniel's team win by
in their final match?**



What does 'semifinal' mean?

Have you ever been in a competition?



**How would you celebrate winning a
competition?**

About the author

Daniel lives in Pele Island with his parents.

He wrote this story because he thought it would be fun to write something interesting for readers his age. When he was younger, his favourite stories were *Peppa Pig* and *Paw Patrol*. When Daniel spends time with friends and family, he likes to play soccer and tell stories.



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