

# **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE**

**— THE EDDIE EDWARDS STORY —**

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I GREW UP A TYPICAL KID IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
I WAS THE MIDDLE CHILD OF THREE AND PLAYED LITTLE  
LEAGUE BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL.

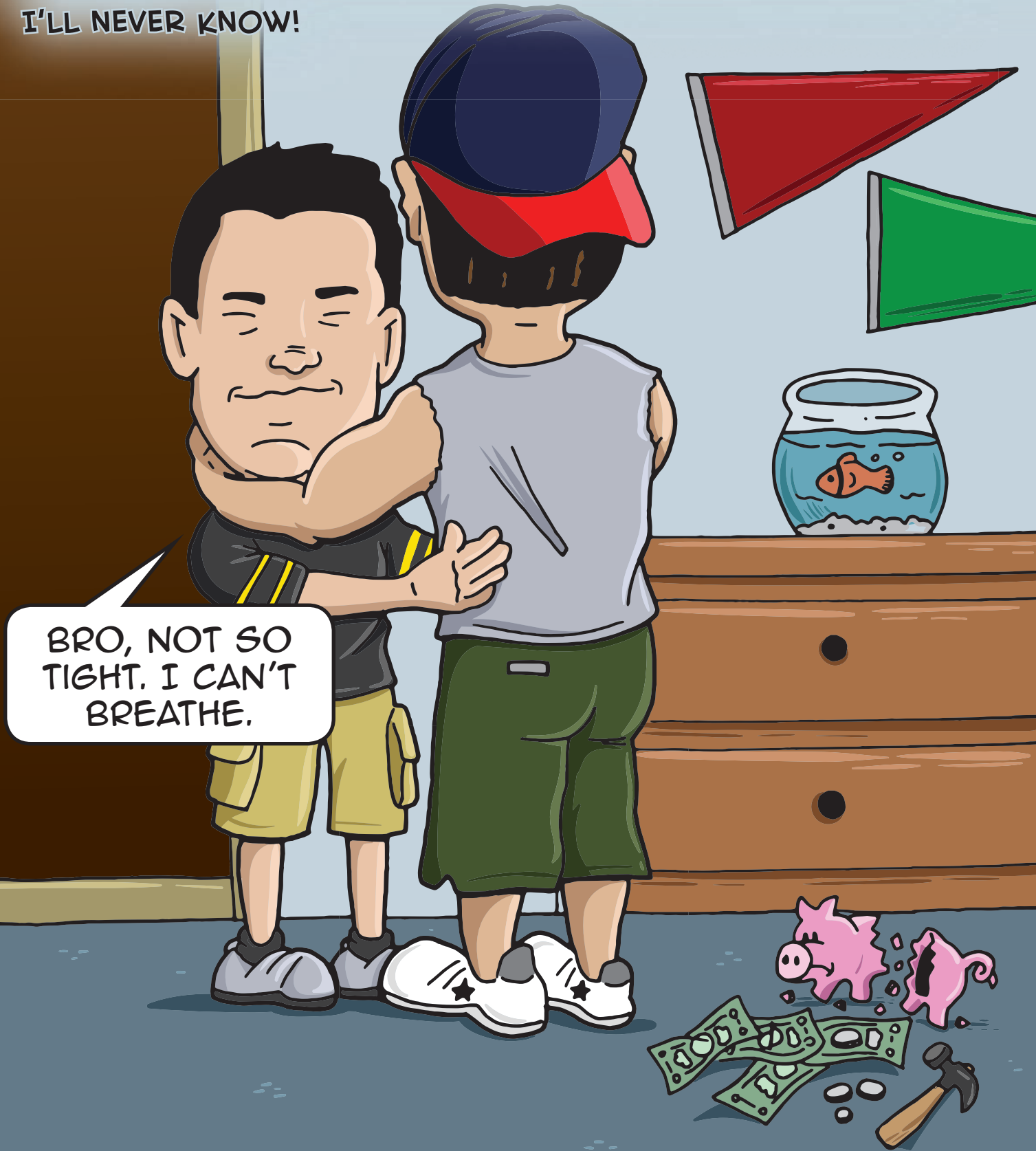


WHAT ARE YOU BOYS DOING IN THERE?

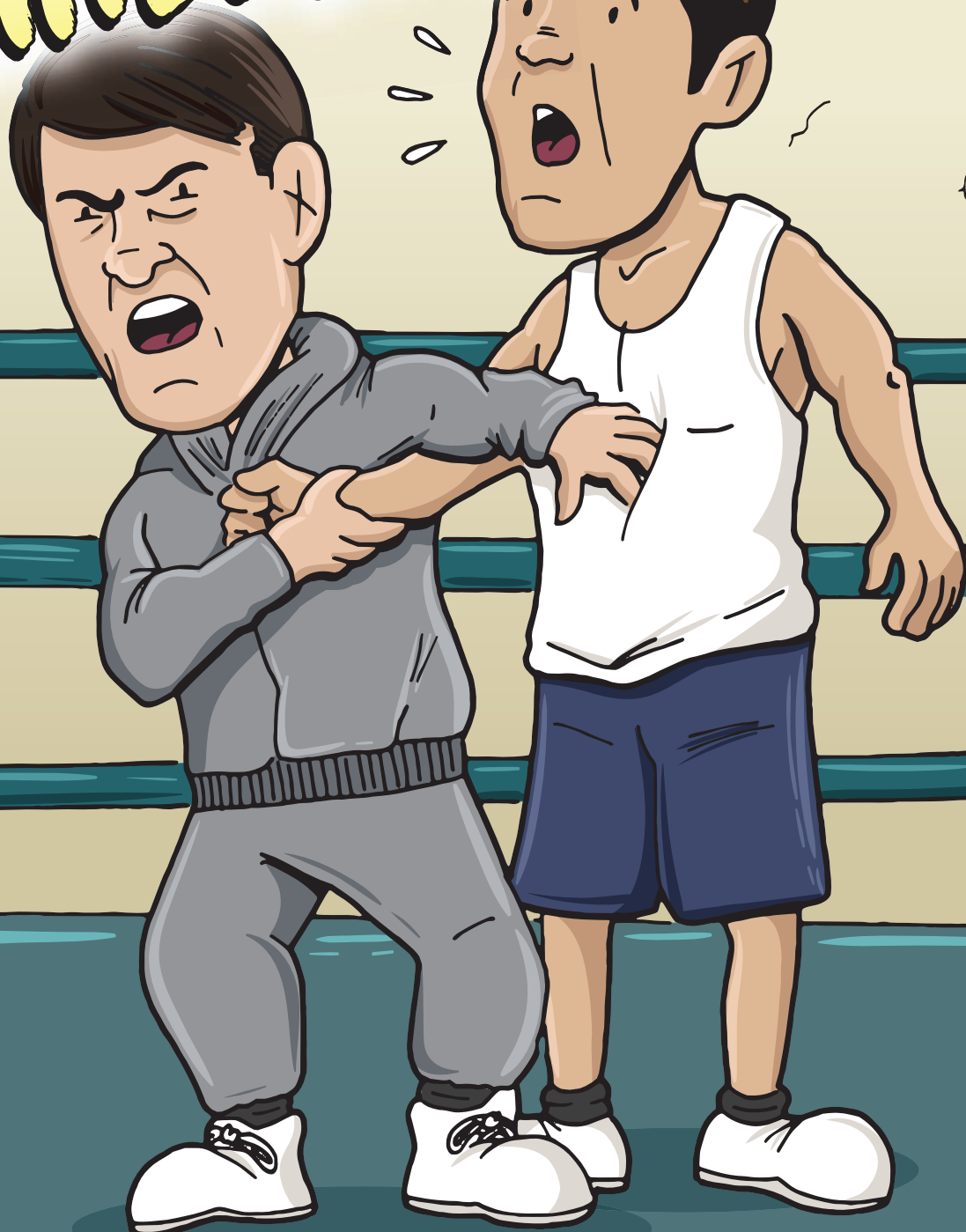
THE CROWD GOES WILD!

MY BROTHERS AND I WOULD WATCH WRESTLING TOGETHER. WE LOVED THE CLASSICS! THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR, MACHO MAN AND HULK HOGAN WERE SOME OF OUR FAVORITES. THEIR IN-RING SUPER HEROICS MADE ME BELIEVE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

BY THE TIME I WAS 17, I WAS OBSESSED WITH WRESTLING. THE ATTITUDE AND FAN REACTIONS HAD ME HOOKED! MY LITTLE BROTHER, COLIN, LENT ME THE MONEY TO JOIN WRESTLING SCHOOL. HOW HE HAD MORE MONEY THAN ME, I'LL NEVER KNOW!



AWIIIEEEE!

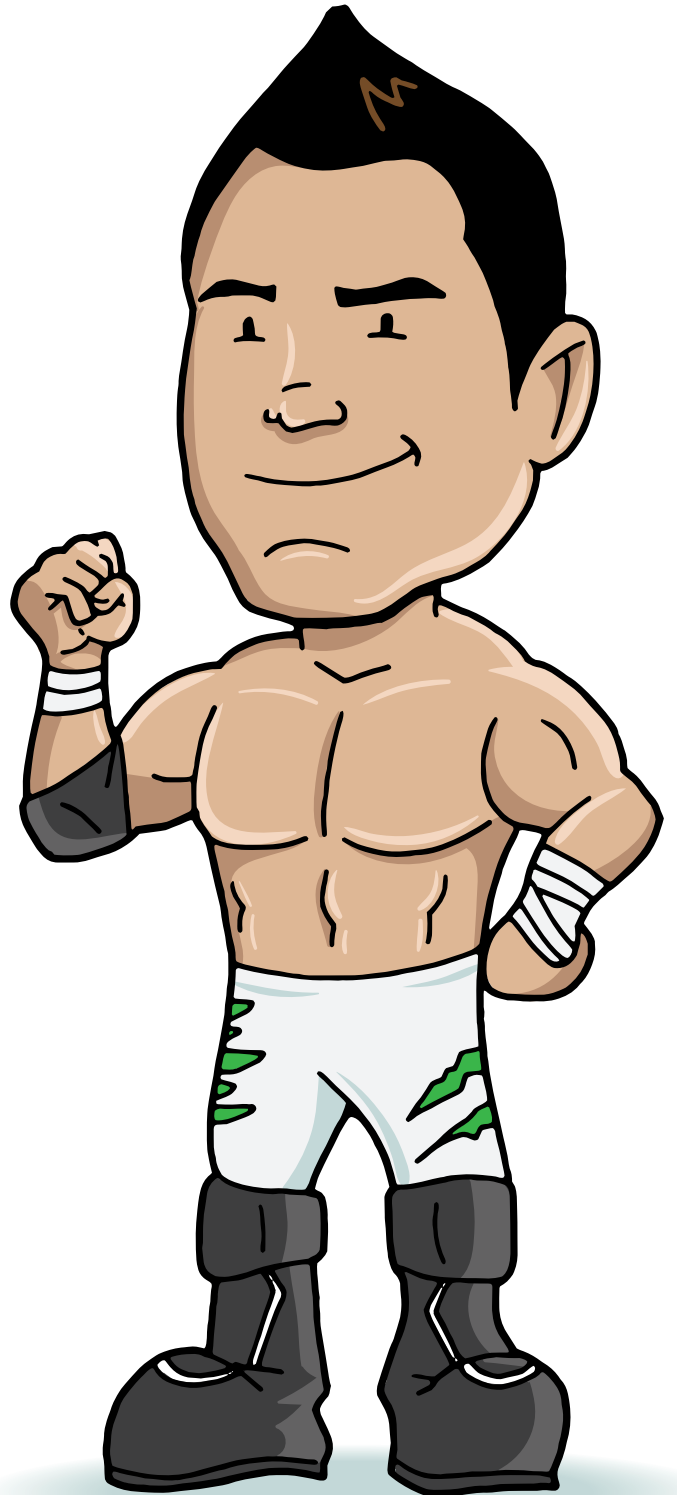
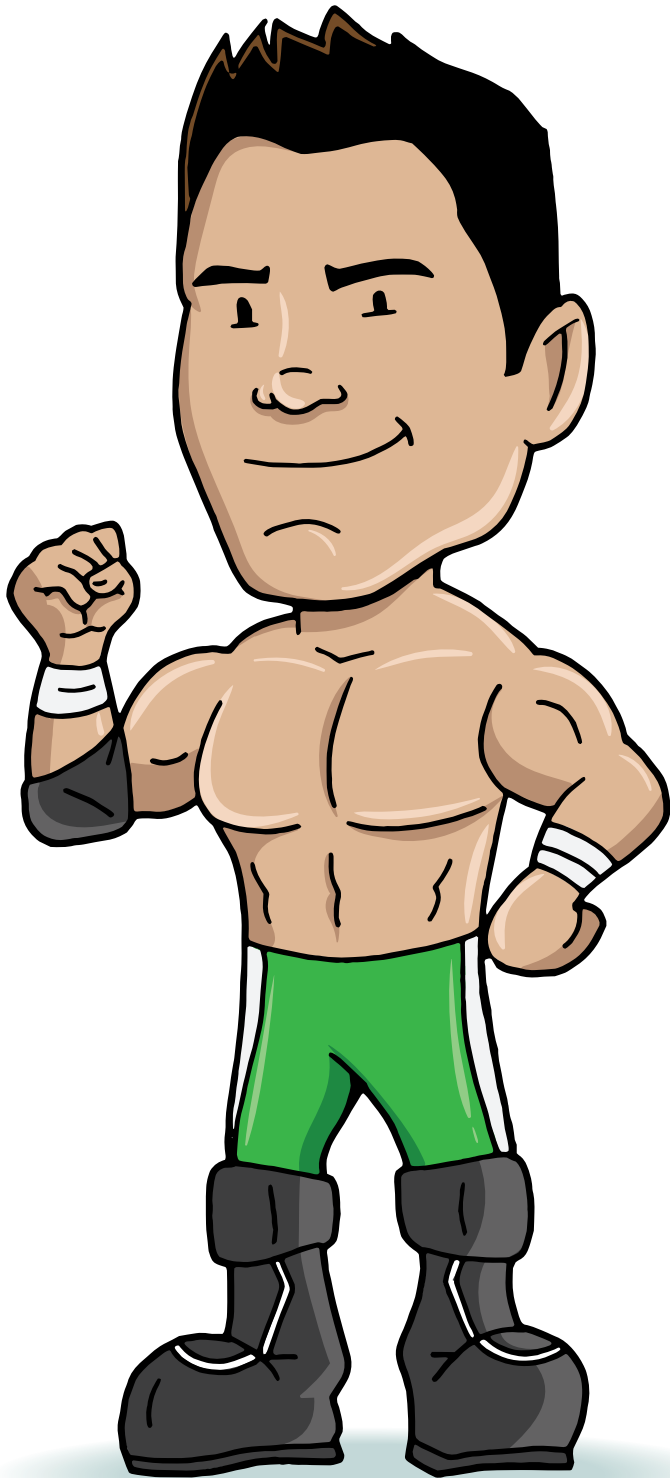


AS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, I STARTED TRAINING AT KILLER KOWALSKI'S PRO WRESTLING SCHOOL. BETWEEN GOING THERE 4 TIMES A WEEK, GOING TO THE GYM AND DIETING, I WAS GETTING IN THE RIGHT SHAPE TO BE A WRESTLER.

AS I PRACTICED MY CRAFT, I EXPERIMENTED WITH MY LOOK. I TRIED EVERYTHING FROM RAINBOW COLORED HAIR TO DREADLOCKS, I WANTED TO STAND OUT.



I EVENTUALLY SETTLED ON WHAT YOU SEE TODAY.  
MY IN-RING ABILITY IS WHAT WOULD HELP ME  
STAND OUT FROM THE PACK!





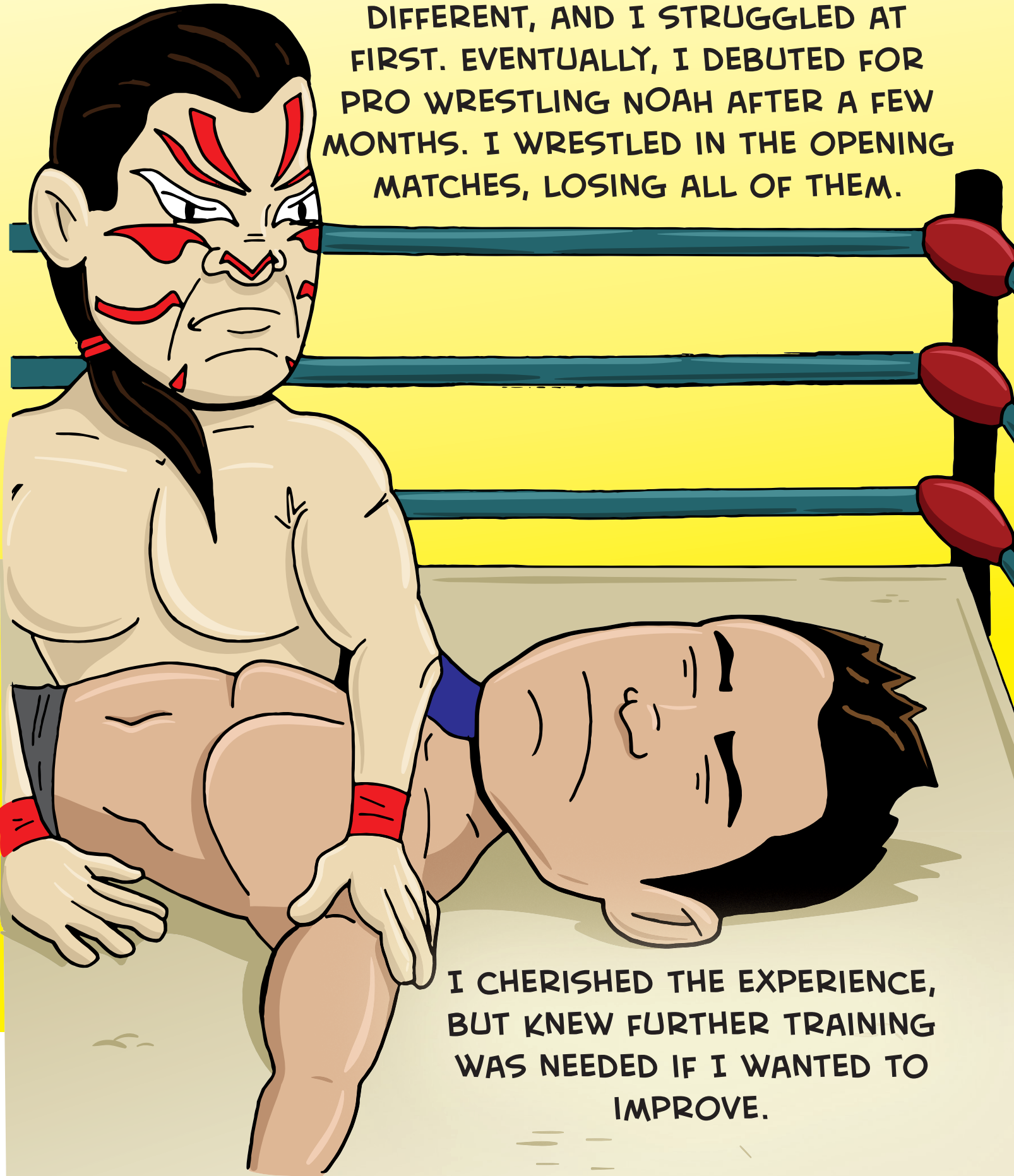


**EARLY IN MY CAREER, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO GO TO JAPAN, WHERE I WOULD  
LIVE AND TRAIN IN A DOJO.**

**I JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY. A LOT OF MY  
WRESTLING IDOLS HAD GONE THROUGH THE  
JAPANESE DOJO TRAINING AND I WANTED  
THE SAME EXPERIENCE.**



TRAINING THERE WAS A LOT DIFFERENT, AND I STRUGGLED AT FIRST. EVENTUALLY, I DEBUTED FOR PRO WRESTLING NOAH AFTER A FEW MONTHS. I WRESTLED IN THE OPENING MATCHES, LOSING ALL OF THEM.



I CHERISHED THE EXPERIENCE, BUT KNEW FURTHER TRAINING WAS NEEDED IF I WANTED TO IMPROVE.