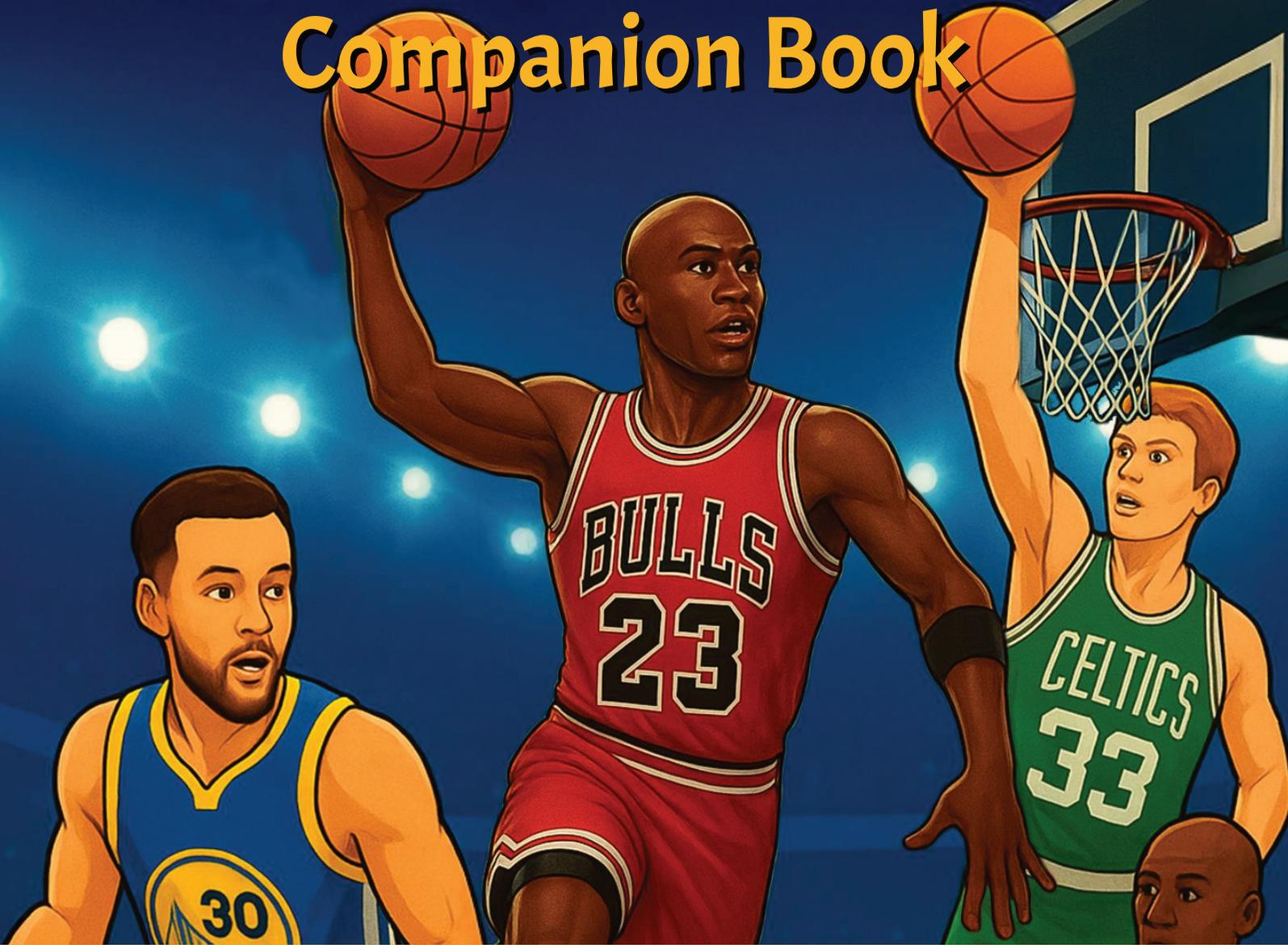


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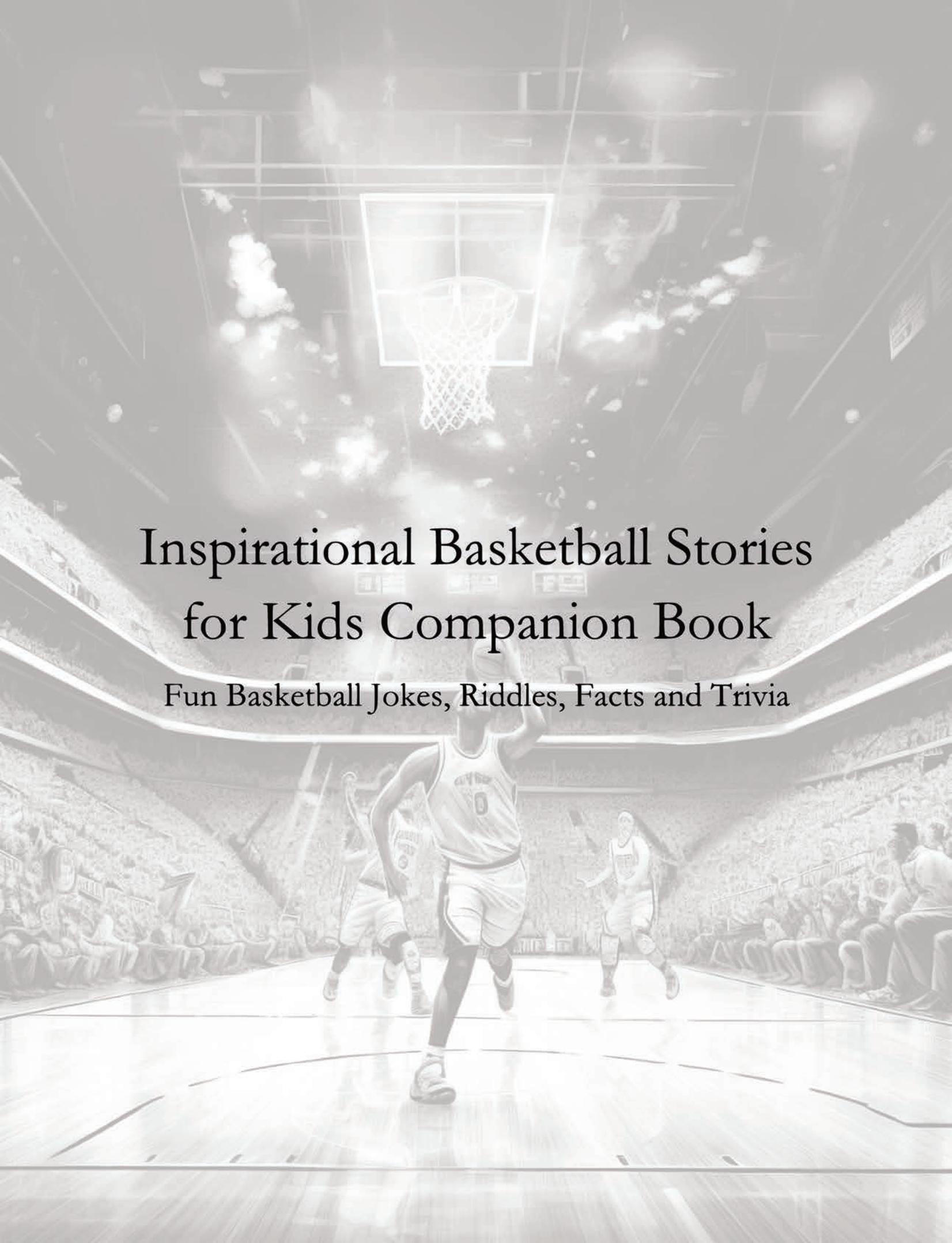
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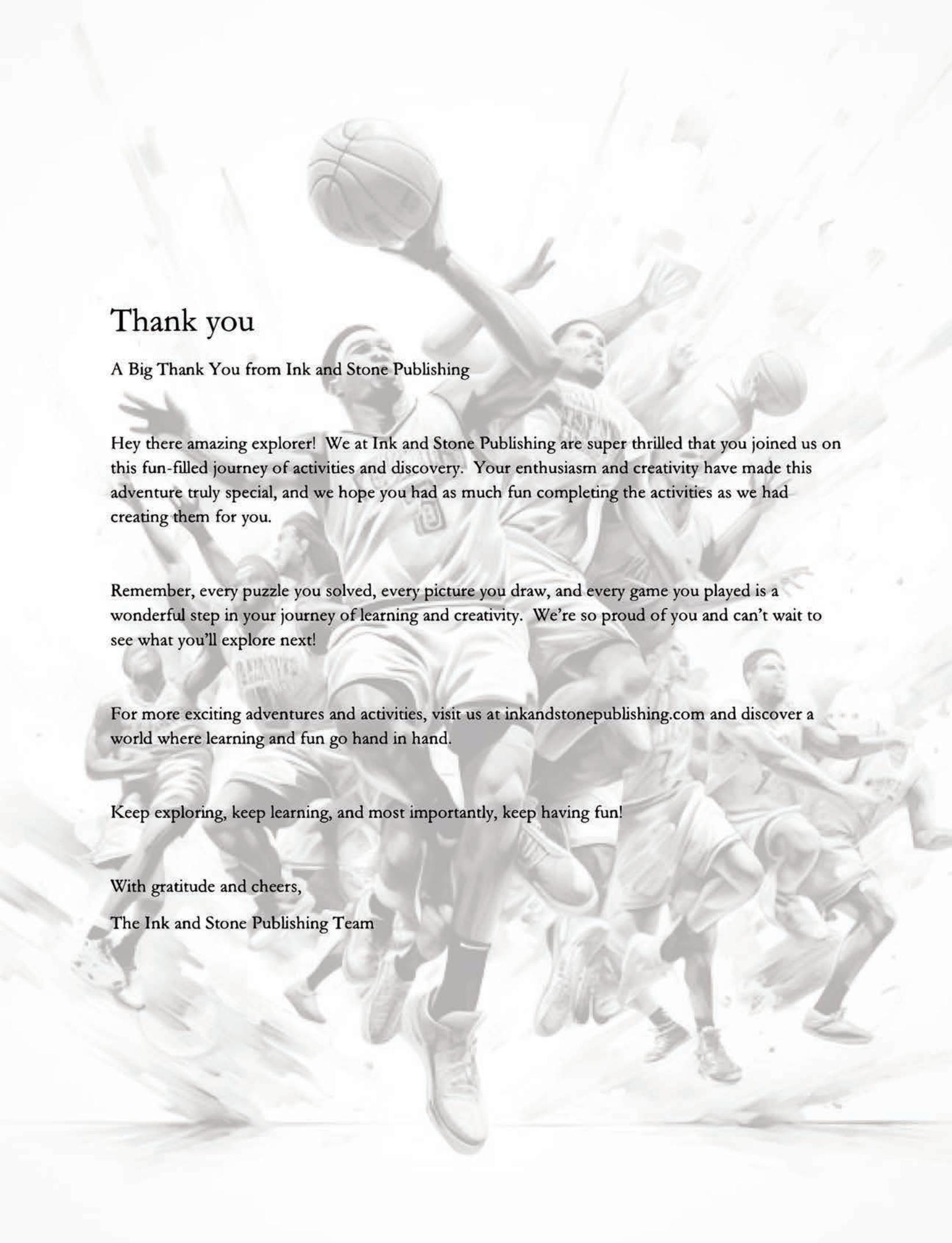
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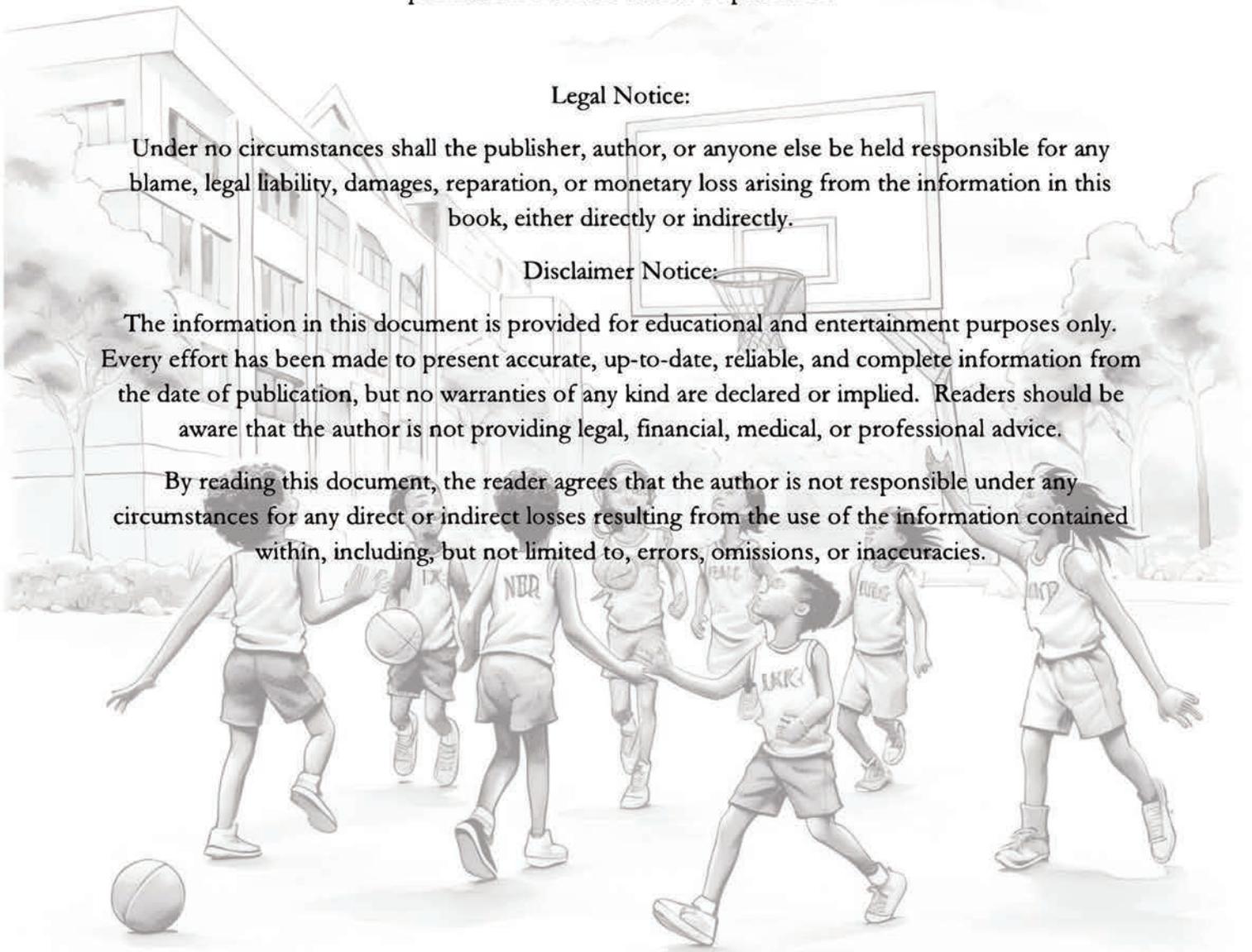


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Basketball Jokes for Kids

Why can't basketball players go on vacation?

Because they'd get called for traveling!

Why was Cinderella so bad at basketball?

Because she always ran away from the ball!

Why did the basketball player sit on the sideline and sketch pictures of chickens?

He was learning how to draw fowls!

Why can't basketball players go on safari?

Because they're afraid of cheetahs!

What do you call a basketball team that loves donuts?

The Dunkin' Dribblers!

Why did the basketball player go to school?
Because he wanted to improve his dribbling!

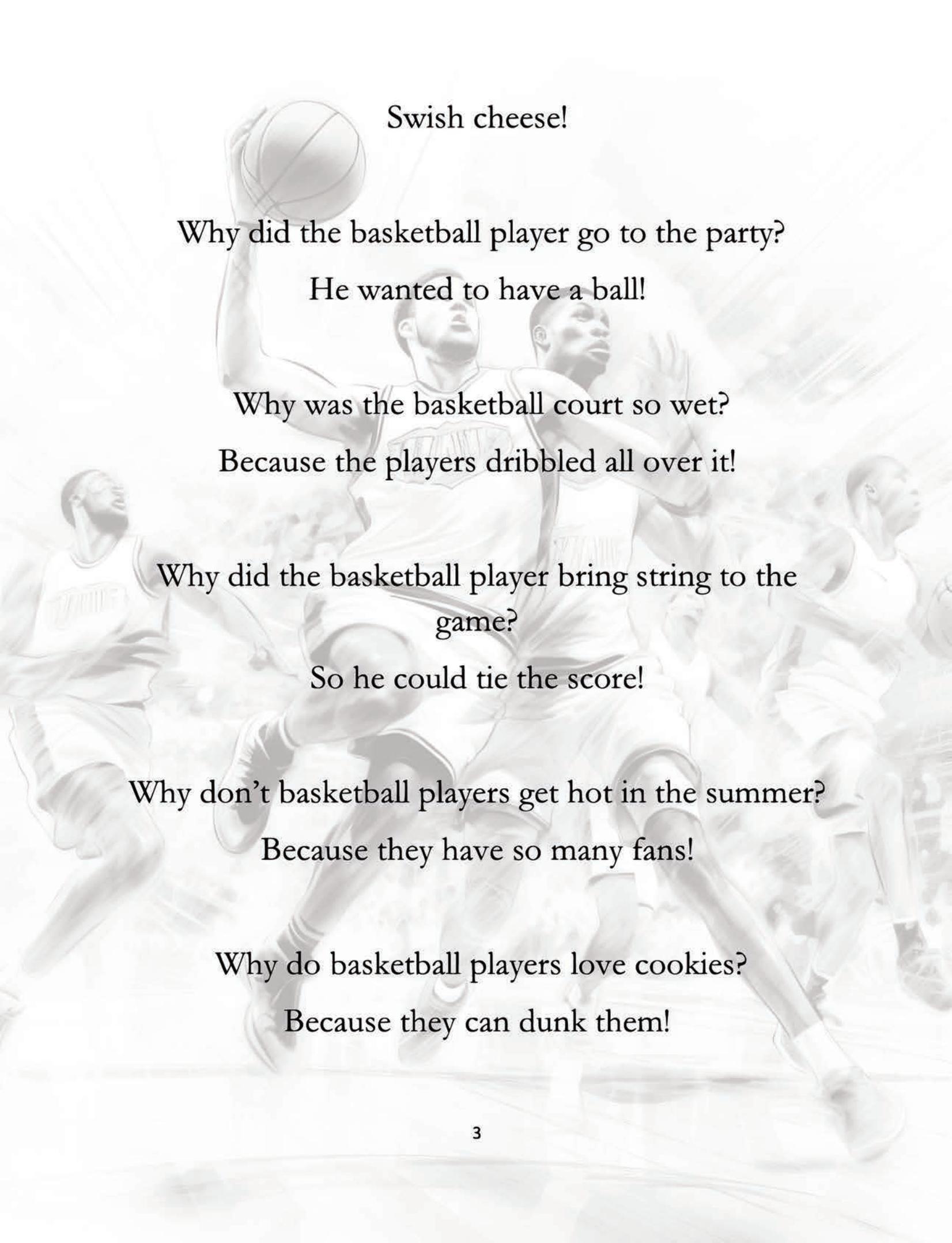
What kind of stories do basketball players love?
Hoop-er-natural tales!

Why did the scarecrow become a basketball player?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

Why did the basketball player bring a ladder to the
game?
Because he wanted to shoot at a higher level!

Why did the basketball coach go to the bank?
To get his bounced check!

What's a basketball player's favorite cheese?



Swish cheese!

Why did the basketball player go to the party?

He wanted to have a ball!

Why was the basketball court so wet?

Because the players dribbled all over it!

Why did the basketball player bring string to the game?

So he could tie the score!

Why don't basketball players get hot in the summer?

Because they have so many fans!

Why do basketball players love cookies?

Because they can dunk them!

What kind of music do basketball players love?

Hip-hop!

Why was the basketball team always in trouble?

Because they kept getting caught double dribbling!

Why was the tiny ghost such a good basketball player?

Because he had mad “boo” skills!

Why did the player sit on the bench and knit?

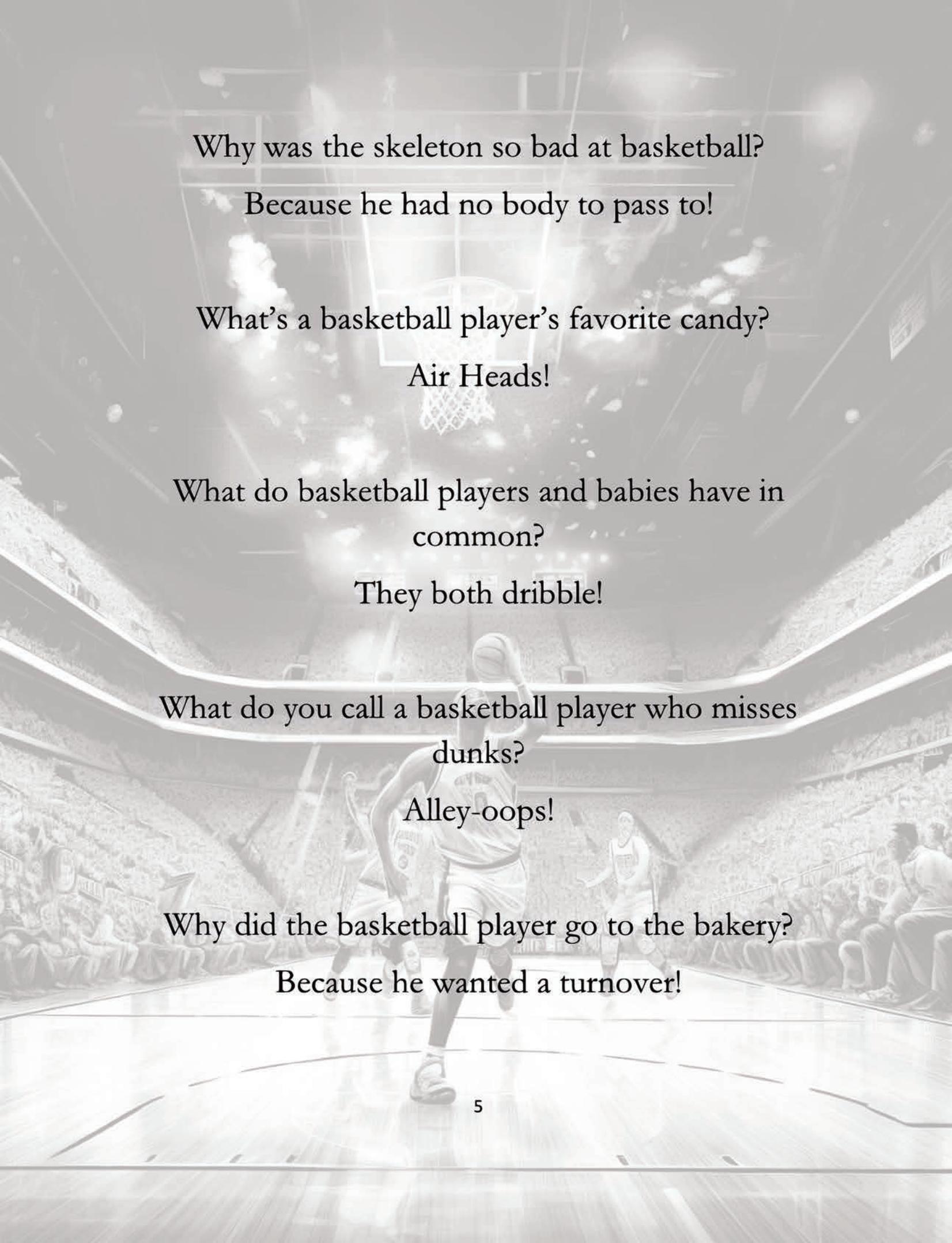
He was trying to make a net!

What do you call a pig who plays basketball?

A ball hog!

Why was the basketball player always tired?

Because he kept running circles around the court!



Why was the skeleton so bad at basketball?

Because he had no body to pass to!

What's a basketball player's favorite candy?

Air Heads!

What do basketball players and babies have in common?

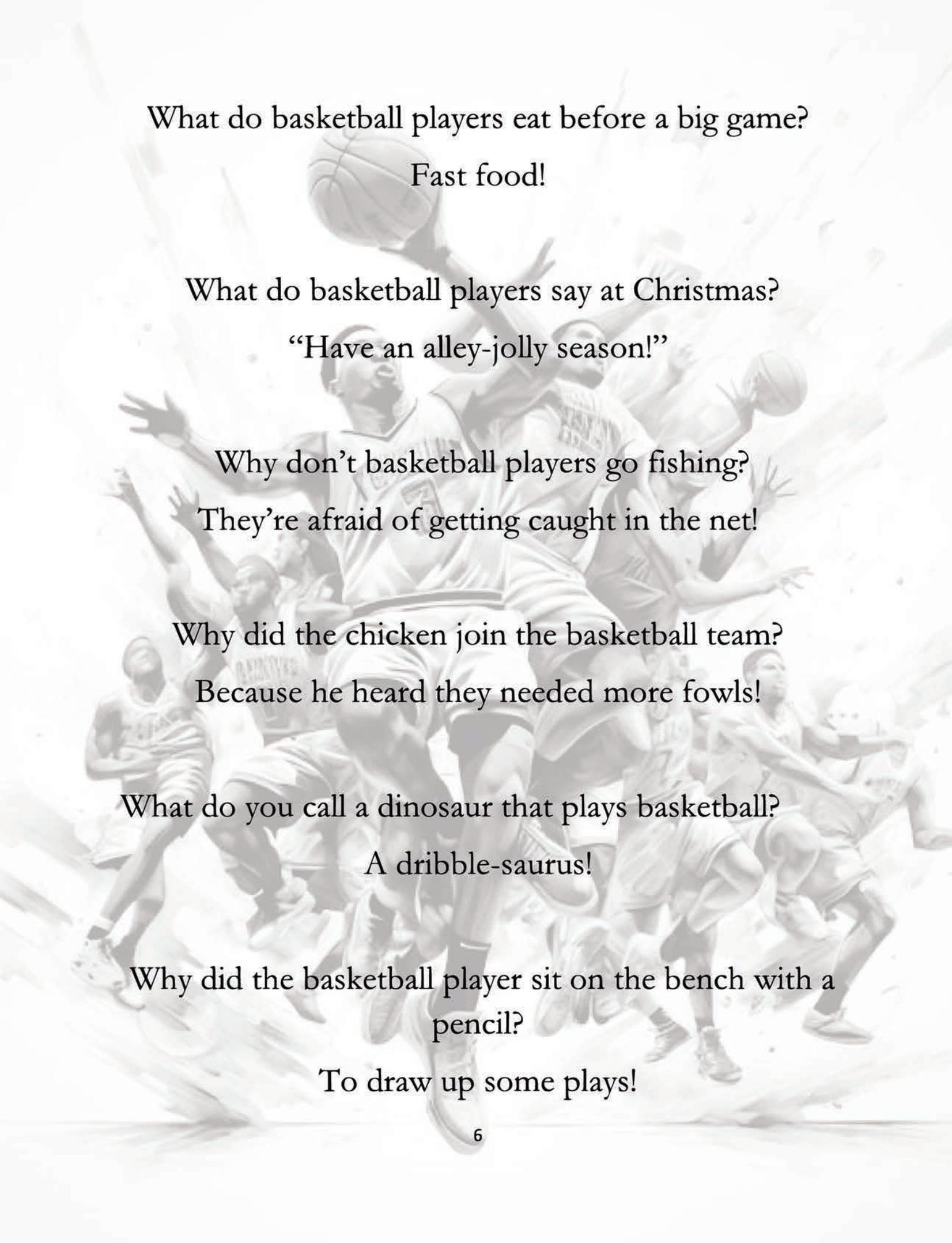
They both dribble!

What do you call a basketball player who misses dunks?

Alley-oops!

Why did the basketball player go to the bakery?

Because he wanted a turnover!



What do basketball players eat before a big game?

Fast food!

What do basketball players say at Christmas?

“Have an alley-jolly season!”

Why don't basketball players go fishing?

They're afraid of getting caught in the net!

Why did the chicken join the basketball team?

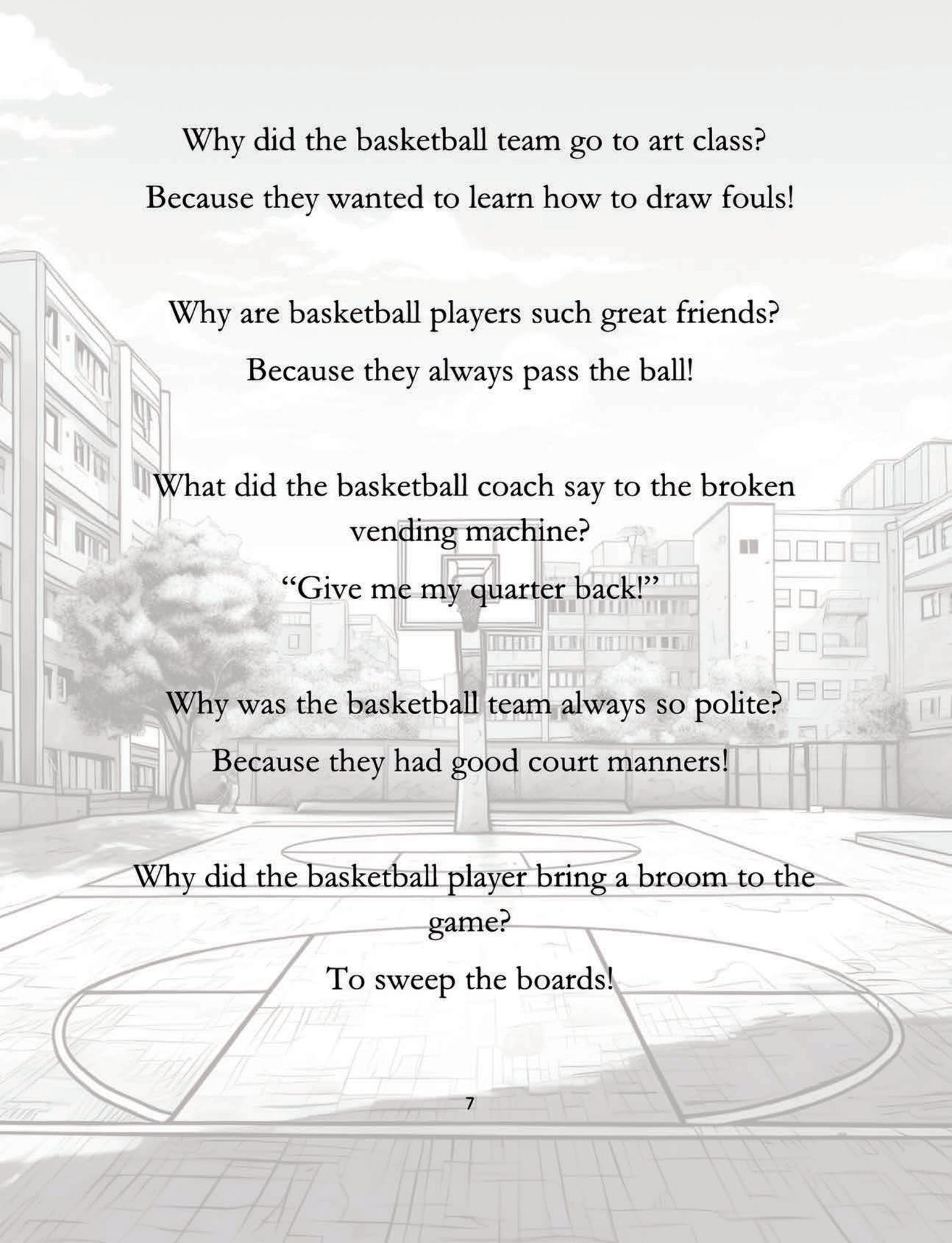
Because he heard they needed more fowls!

What do you call a dinosaur that plays basketball?

A dribble-saurus!

Why did the basketball player sit on the bench with a pencil?

To draw up some plays!



Why did the basketball team go to art class?
Because they wanted to learn how to draw fouls!

Why are basketball players such great friends?
Because they always pass the ball!

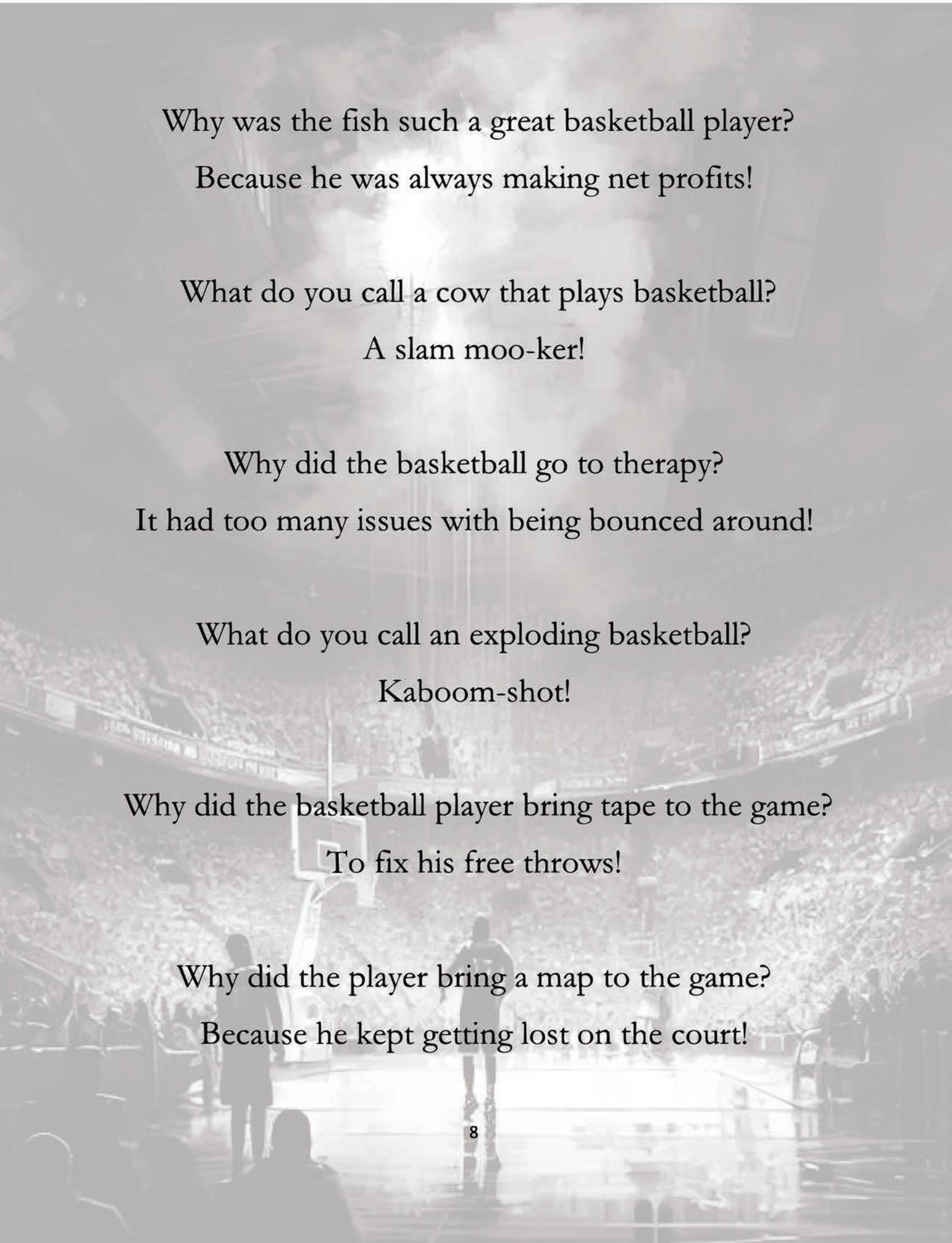
What did the basketball coach say to the broken
vending machine?

“Give me my quarter back!”

Why was the basketball team always so polite?
Because they had good court manners!

Why did the basketball player bring a broom to the
game?

To sweep the boards!



Why was the fish such a great basketball player?

Because he was always making net profits!

What do you call a cow that plays basketball?

A slam moo-ker!

Why did the basketball go to therapy?

It had too many issues with being bounced around!

What do you call an exploding basketball?

Kaboom-shot!

Why did the basketball player bring tape to the game?

To fix his free throws!

Why did the player bring a map to the game?

Because he kept getting lost on the court!

What's a basketball player's favorite type of cereal?

Slam-oats!

Why did the basketball coach wear sunglasses?

Because his team was too bright!

Why was the basketball player good at music?

Because he had perfect pitch!

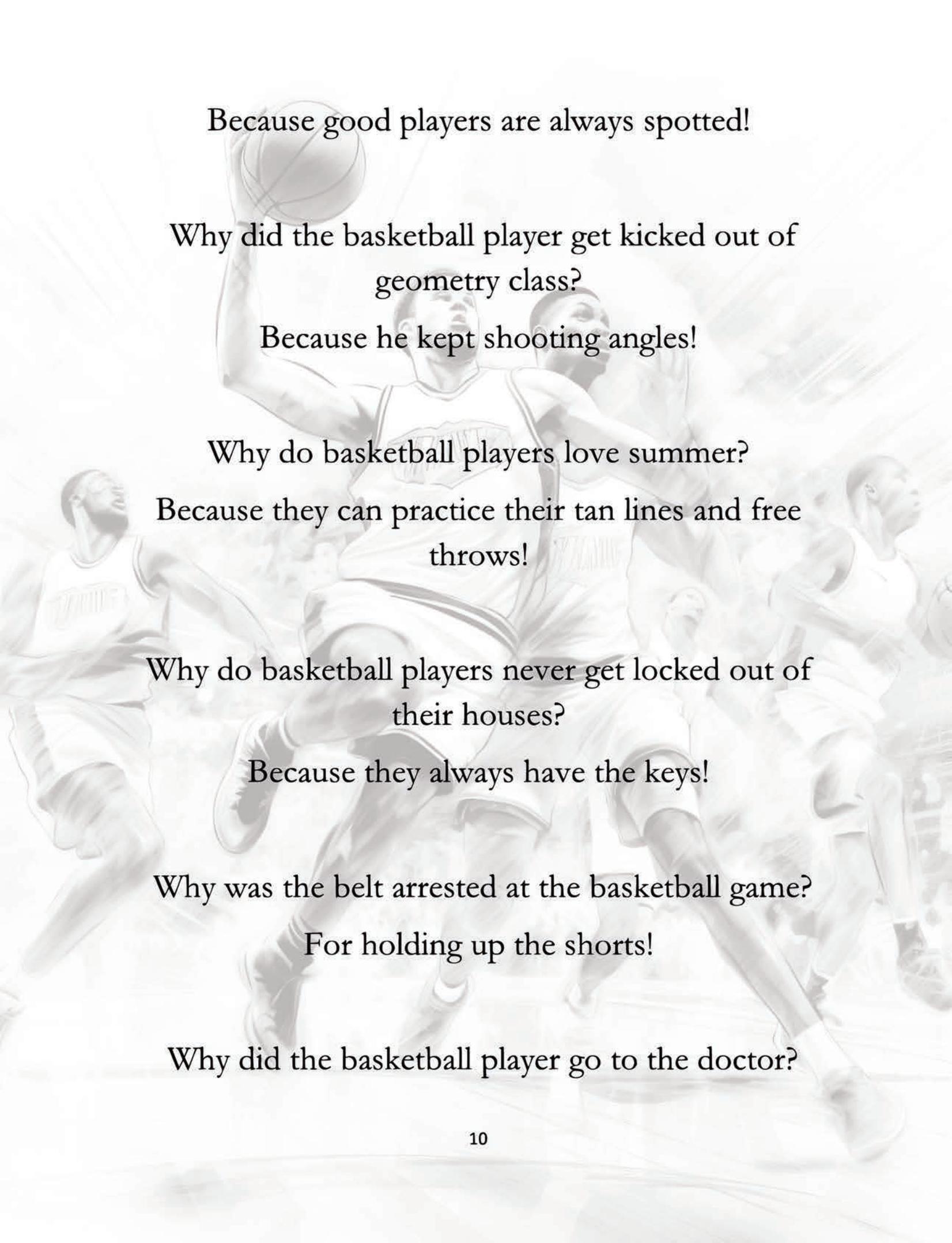
What do you call a dog who plays basketball?

A labrador dunk-retriever!

Why was the basketball team so good at dancing?

Because they had great moves!

Why don't basketball players play hide-and-seek?



Because good players are always spotted!

Why did the basketball player get kicked out of geometry class?

Because he kept shooting angles!

Why do basketball players love summer?

Because they can practice their tan lines and free throws!

Why do basketball players never get locked out of their houses?

Because they always have the keys!

Why was the belt arrested at the basketball game?

For holding up the shorts!

Why did the basketball player go to the doctor?

Because he sprained his shooting arm from too many
hoops!

Why do basketball players always bring pencils?
Because they love making points!

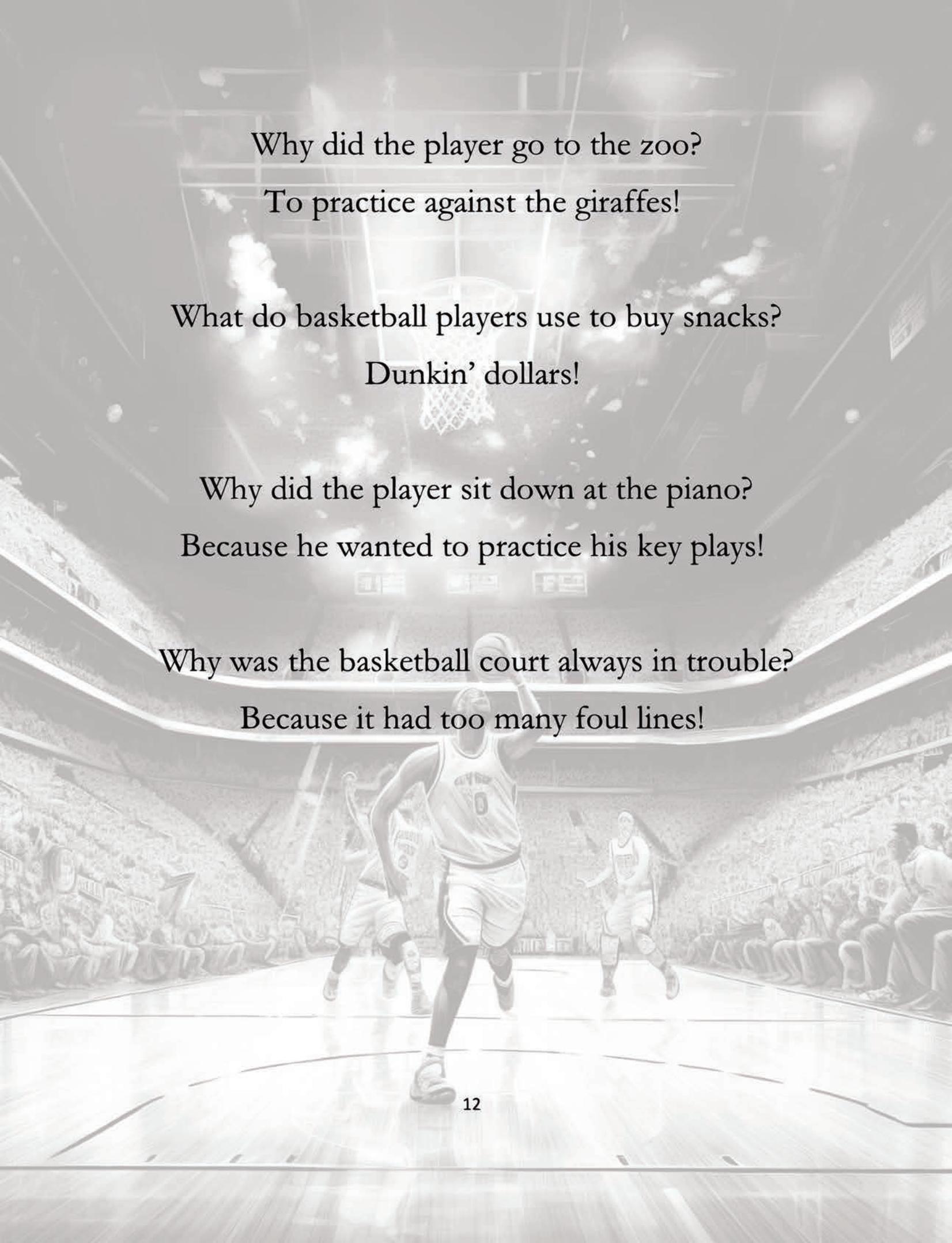
Why was the basketball hoop always worried?
Because it was under a lot of pressure!

Why did the basketball player get arrested?
Because he loved making steals!

Why do basketball players love donuts?
Because they can dunk them without missing!

What did the basketball say when it got invited to the
party?

“I’m just here to have a ball!”



Why did the player go to the zoo?

To practice against the giraffes!

What do basketball players use to buy snacks?

Dunkin' dollars!

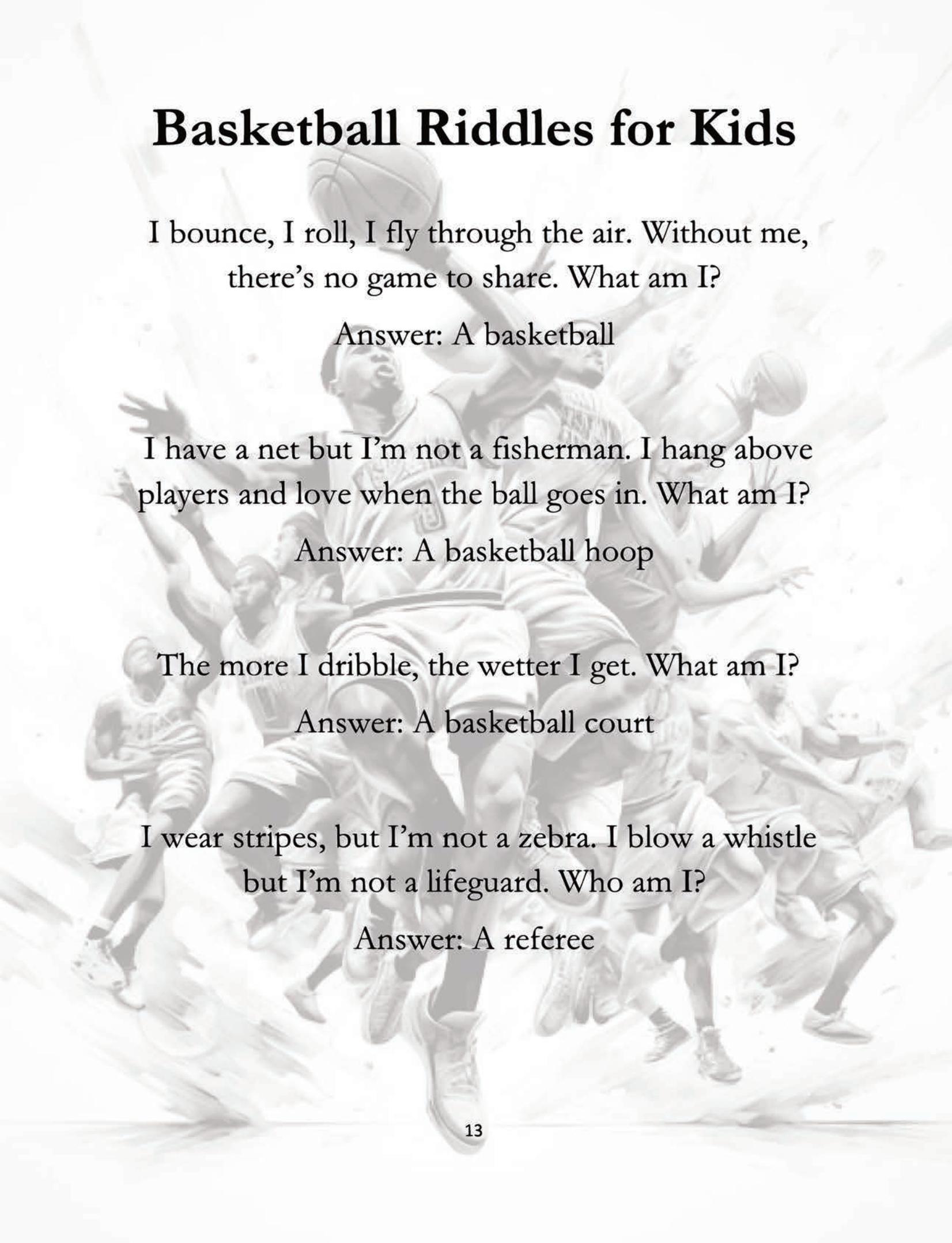
Why did the player sit down at the piano?

Because he wanted to practice his key plays!

Why was the basketball court always in trouble?

Because it had too many foul lines!

Basketball Riddles for Kids



I bounce, I roll, I fly through the air. Without me, there's no game to share. What am I?

Answer: A basketball

I have a net but I'm not a fisherman. I hang above players and love when the ball goes in. What am I?

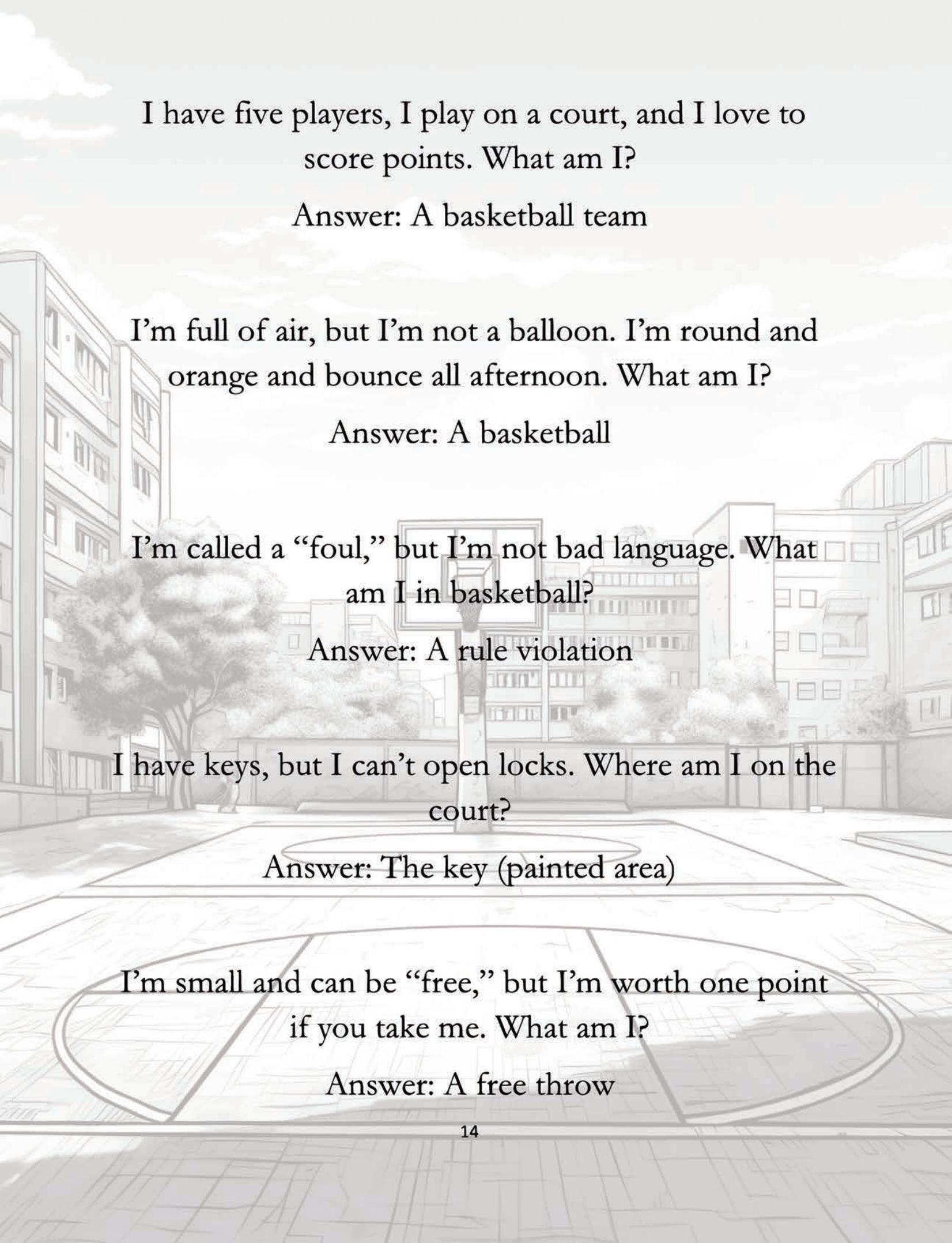
Answer: A basketball hoop

The more I dribble, the wetter I get. What am I?

Answer: A basketball court

I wear stripes, but I'm not a zebra. I blow a whistle but I'm not a lifeguard. Who am I?

Answer: A referee



I have five players, I play on a court, and I love to score points. What am I?

Answer: A basketball team

I'm full of air, but I'm not a balloon. I'm round and orange and bounce all afternoon. What am I?

Answer: A basketball

I'm called a "foul," but I'm not bad language. What am I in basketball?

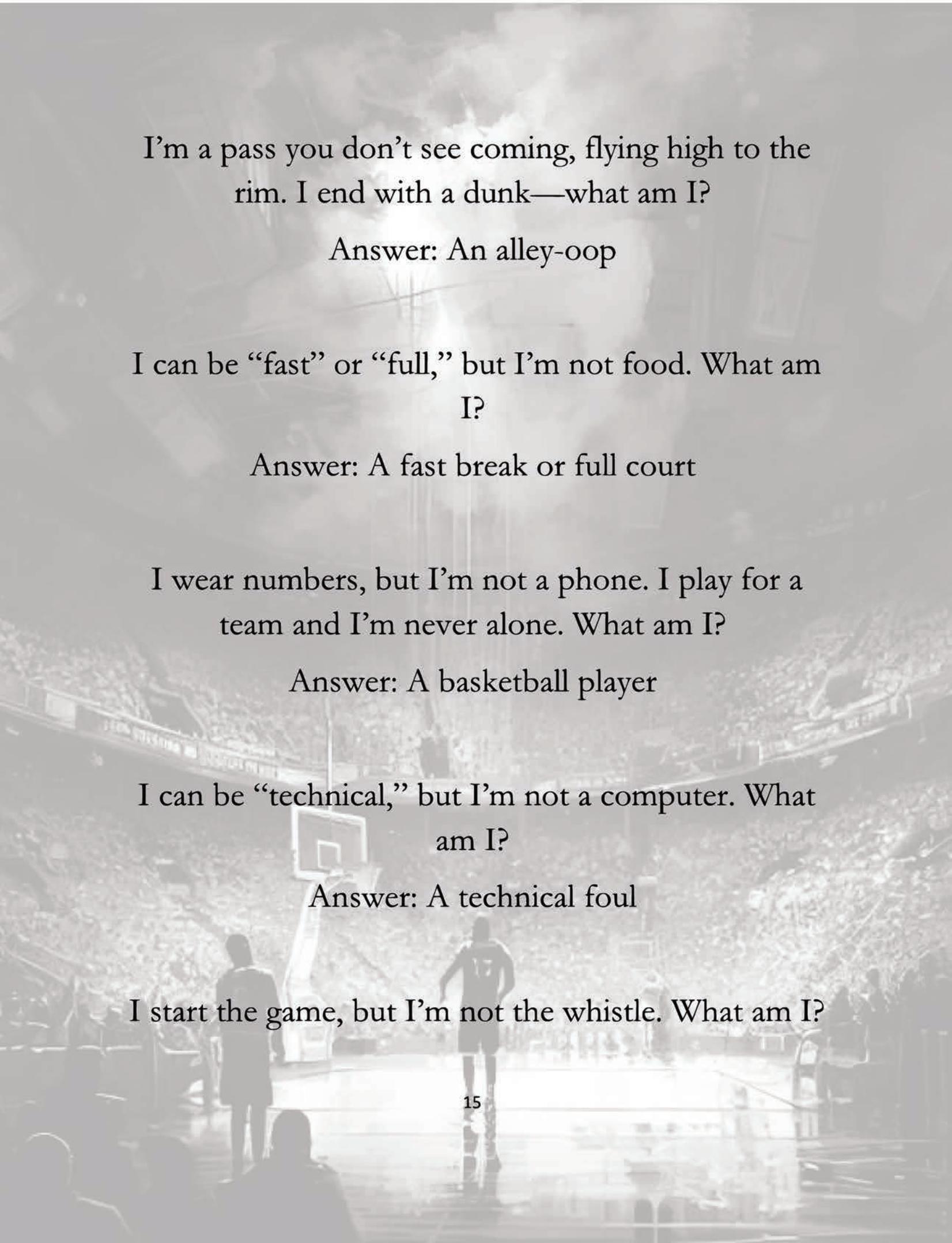
Answer: A rule violation

I have keys, but I can't open locks. Where am I on the court?

Answer: The key (painted area)

I'm small and can be "free," but I'm worth one point if you take me. What am I?

Answer: A free throw



I'm a pass you don't see coming, flying high to the rim. I end with a dunk—what am I?

Answer: An alley-oop

I can be “fast” or “full,” but I’m not food. What am I?

Answer: A fast break or full court

I wear numbers, but I’m not a phone. I play for a team and I’m never alone. What am I?

Answer: A basketball player

I can be “technical,” but I’m not a computer. What am I?

Answer: A technical foul

I start the game, but I’m not the whistle. What am I?

Answer: The tip-off

I'm a bounce, but not a trampoline. What am I?

Answer: A dribble

You can "shoot" me, but I'm not a camera. You can "block" me, but I'm not a door. What am I?

Answer: A basketball shot

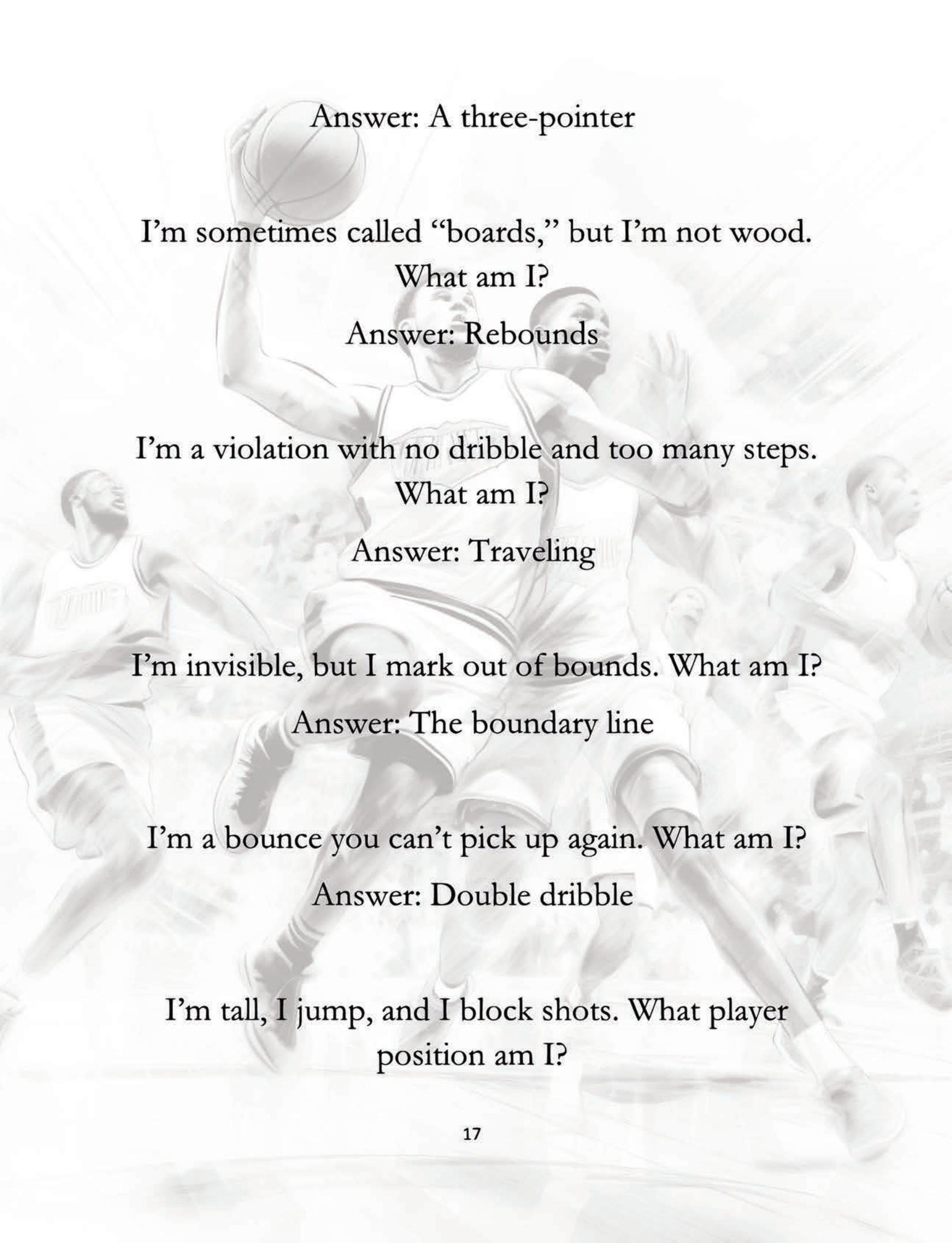
I'm a clock that counts down but never counts up.
What am I?

Answer: The shot clock

I guard players but I'm not a police officer. What am I?

Answer: A defender

I'm worth 3 points, but I'm not a triangle. What am I?



Answer: A three-pointer

I'm sometimes called "boards," but I'm not wood.

What am I?

Answer: Rebounds

I'm a violation with no dribble and too many steps.

What am I?

Answer: Traveling

I'm invisible, but I mark out of bounds. What am I?

Answer: The boundary line

I'm a bounce you can't pick up again. What am I?

Answer: Double dribble

I'm tall, I jump, and I block shots. What player position am I?

Answer: Center

I'm often "pointing," but I don't use my finger. What am I?

Answer: Point guard

I'm small but mighty, I set the plays. What am I?

Answer: A point guard

You can foul me, and I'll go to the line. Who am I?

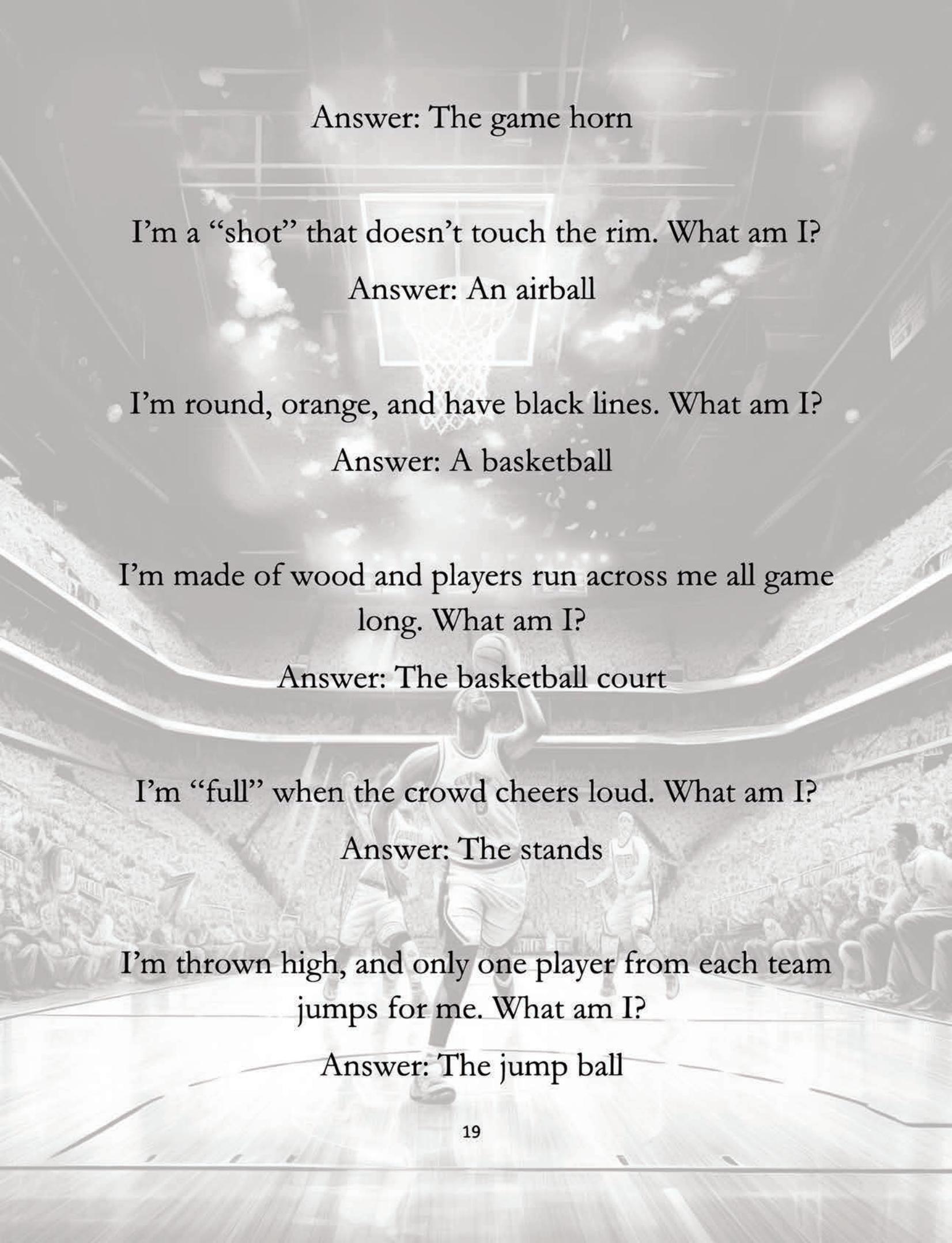
Answer: The shooter

I'm the shortest on the court, but I handle the ball the most. What am I?

Answer: A guard

I'm the sound the buzzer makes when time is up.

What am I?



Answer: The game horn

I'm a "shot" that doesn't touch the rim. What am I?

Answer: An airball

I'm round, orange, and have black lines. What am I?

Answer: A basketball

I'm made of wood and players run across me all game long. What am I?

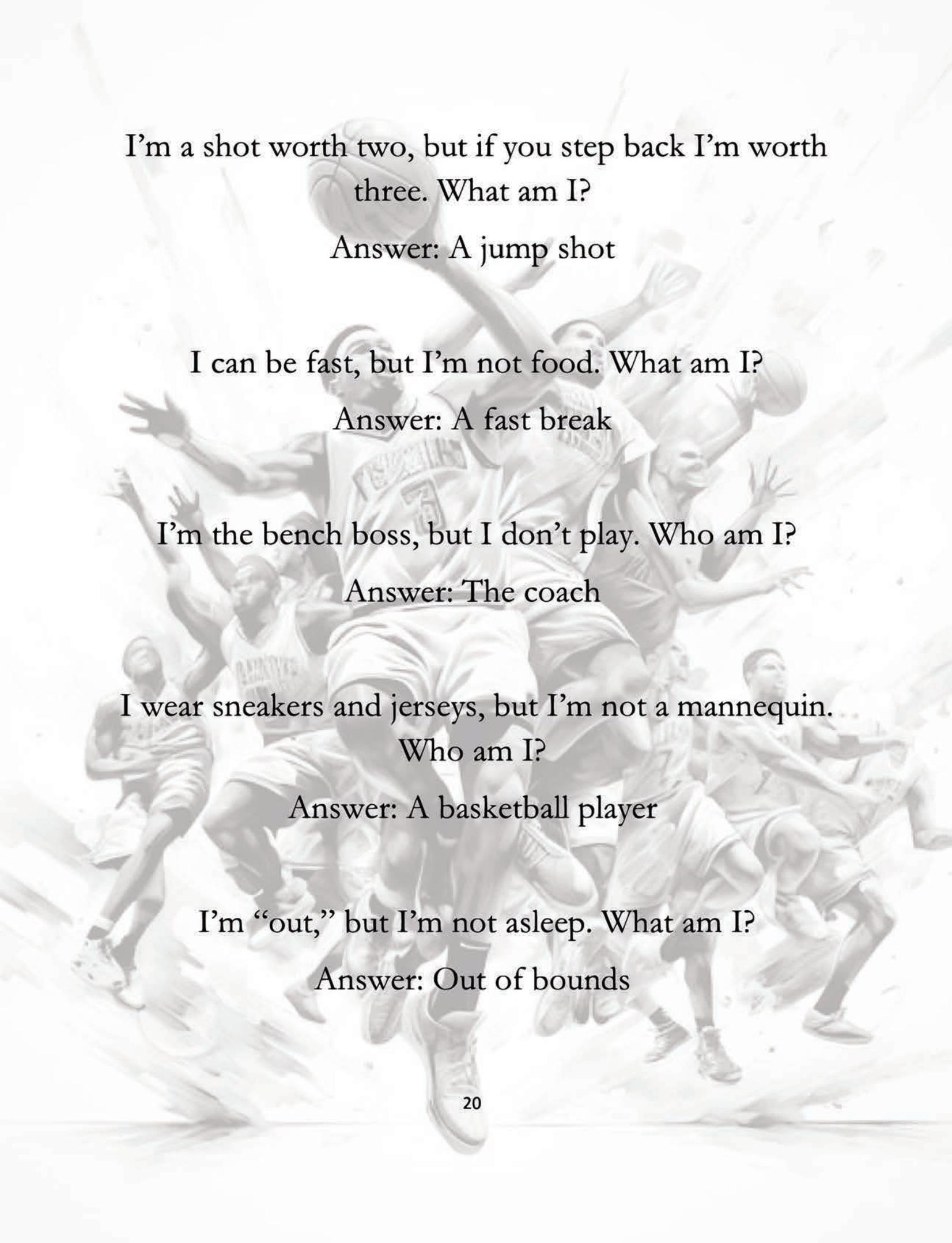
Answer: The basketball court

I'm "full" when the crowd cheers loud. What am I?

Answer: The stands

I'm thrown high, and only one player from each team jumps for me. What am I?

Answer: The jump ball



I'm a shot worth two, but if you step back I'm worth three. What am I?

Answer: A jump shot

I can be fast, but I'm not food. What am I?

Answer: A fast break

I'm the bench boss, but I don't play. Who am I?

Answer: The coach

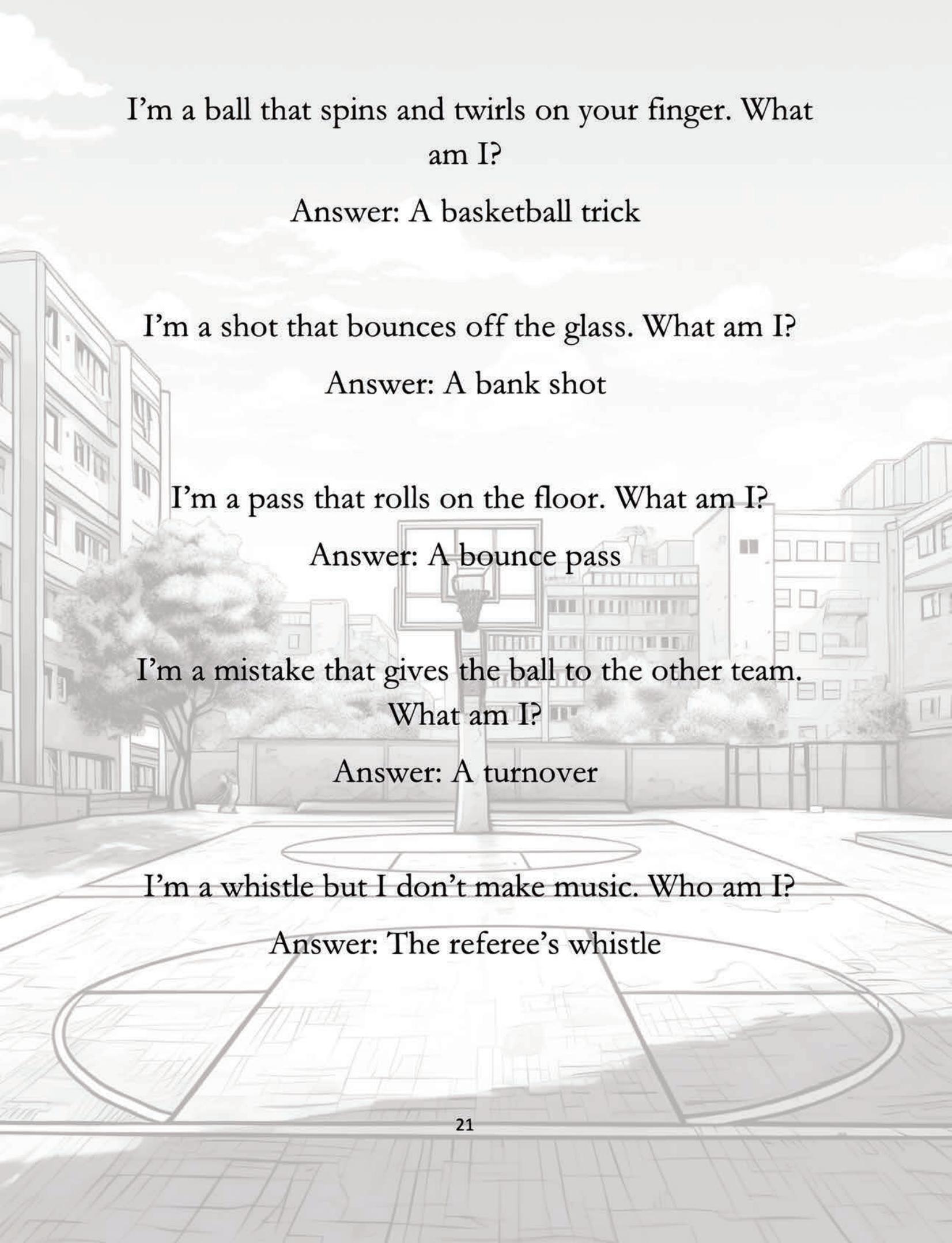
I wear sneakers and jerseys, but I'm not a mannequin.

Who am I?

Answer: A basketball player

I'm "out," but I'm not asleep. What am I?

Answer: Out of bounds



I'm a ball that spins and twirls on your finger. What am I?

Answer: A basketball trick

I'm a shot that bounces off the glass. What am I?

Answer: A bank shot

I'm a pass that rolls on the floor. What am I?

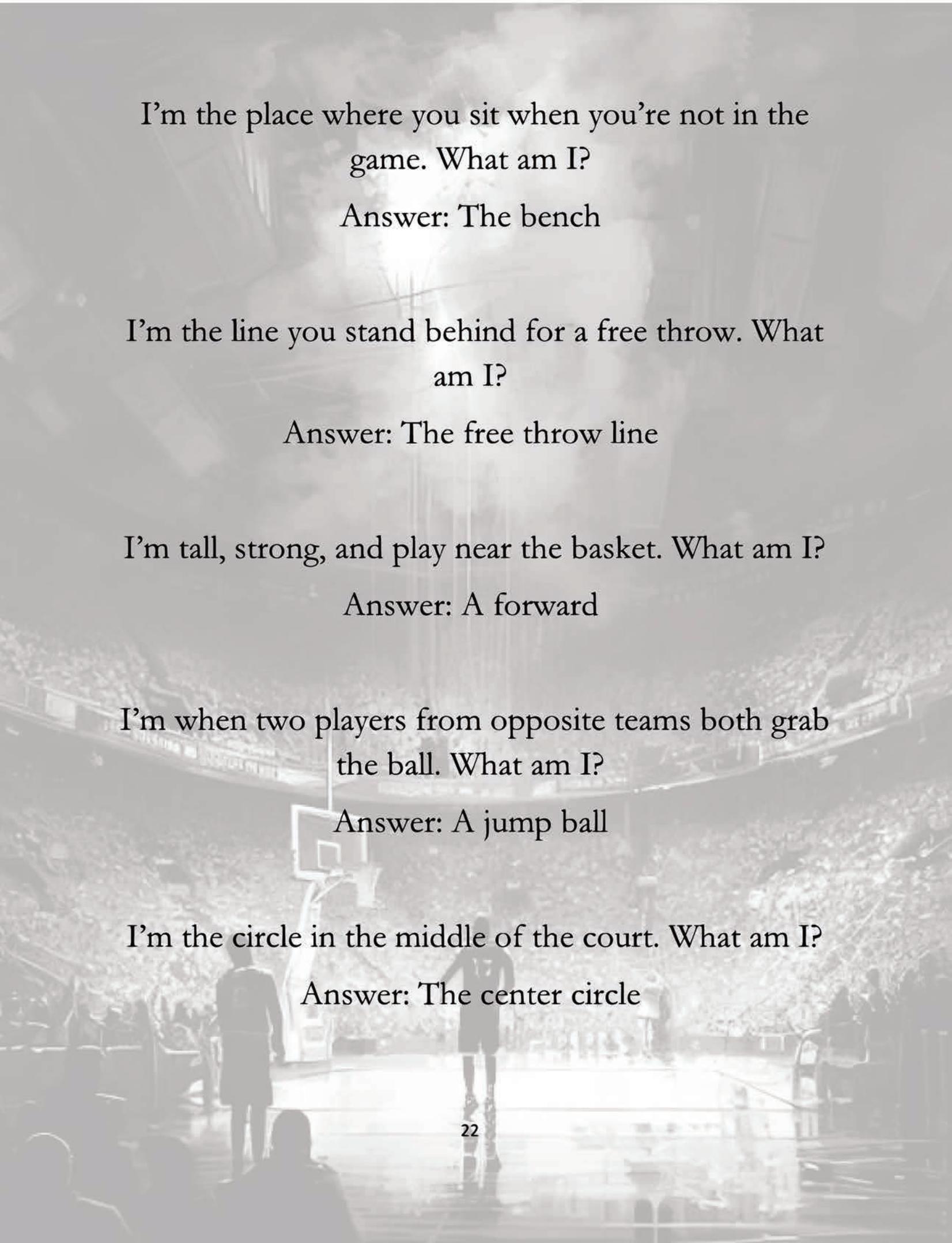
Answer: A bounce pass

I'm a mistake that gives the ball to the other team.
What am I?

Answer: A turnover

I'm a whistle but I don't make music. Who am I?

Answer: The referee's whistle



I'm the place where you sit when you're not in the game. What am I?

Answer: The bench

I'm the line you stand behind for a free throw. What am I?

Answer: The free throw line

I'm tall, strong, and play near the basket. What am I?

Answer: A forward

I'm when two players from opposite teams both grab the ball. What am I?

Answer: A jump ball

I'm the circle in the middle of the court. What am I?

Answer: The center circle

I'm the player who controls the ball the most. What position am I?

Answer: Point guard

I'm the shot kids love most—flying high above the rim. What am I?

Answer: A slam dunk

I'm worth the most points, but I'm the hardest shot to make. What am I?

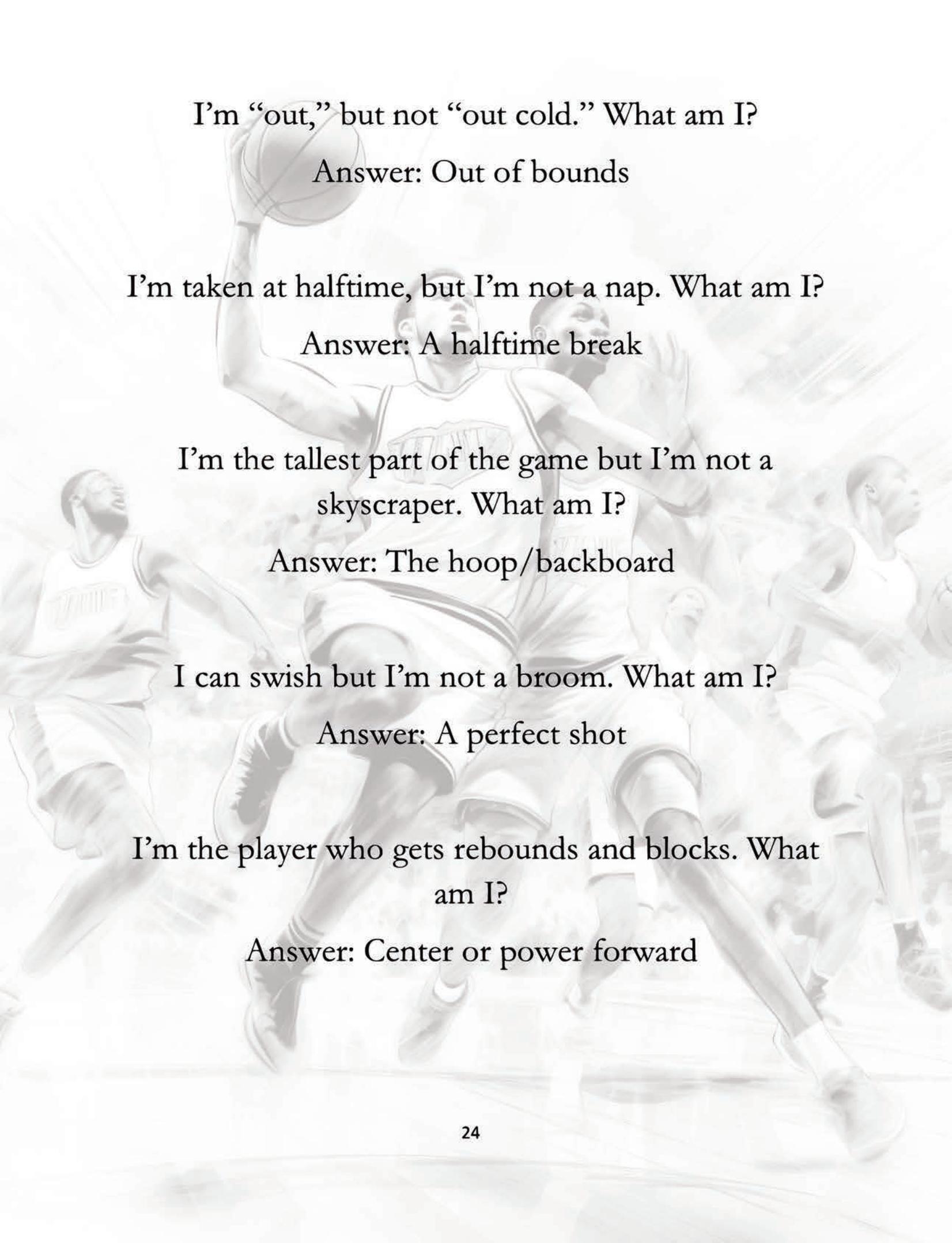
Answer: A three-pointer

I'm the paint, but I'm not for art. What am I?

Answer: The key area

I'm an orange ring with a net below. What am I?

Answer: The hoop



I'm "out," but not "out cold." What am I?

Answer: Out of bounds

I'm taken at halftime, but I'm not a nap. What am I?

Answer: A halftime break

I'm the tallest part of the game but I'm not a skyscraper. What am I?

Answer: The hoop/backboard

I can swish but I'm not a broom. What am I?

Answer: A perfect shot

I'm the player who gets rebounds and blocks. What am I?

Answer: Center or power forward

I'm the crowd's favorite sound when the ball goes in without touching the rim. What am I?

Answer: Swish!

I'm a "court," but I don't have a judge. What am I?

Answer: A basketball court

I'm a shot that misses everything. What am I?

Answer: Airball

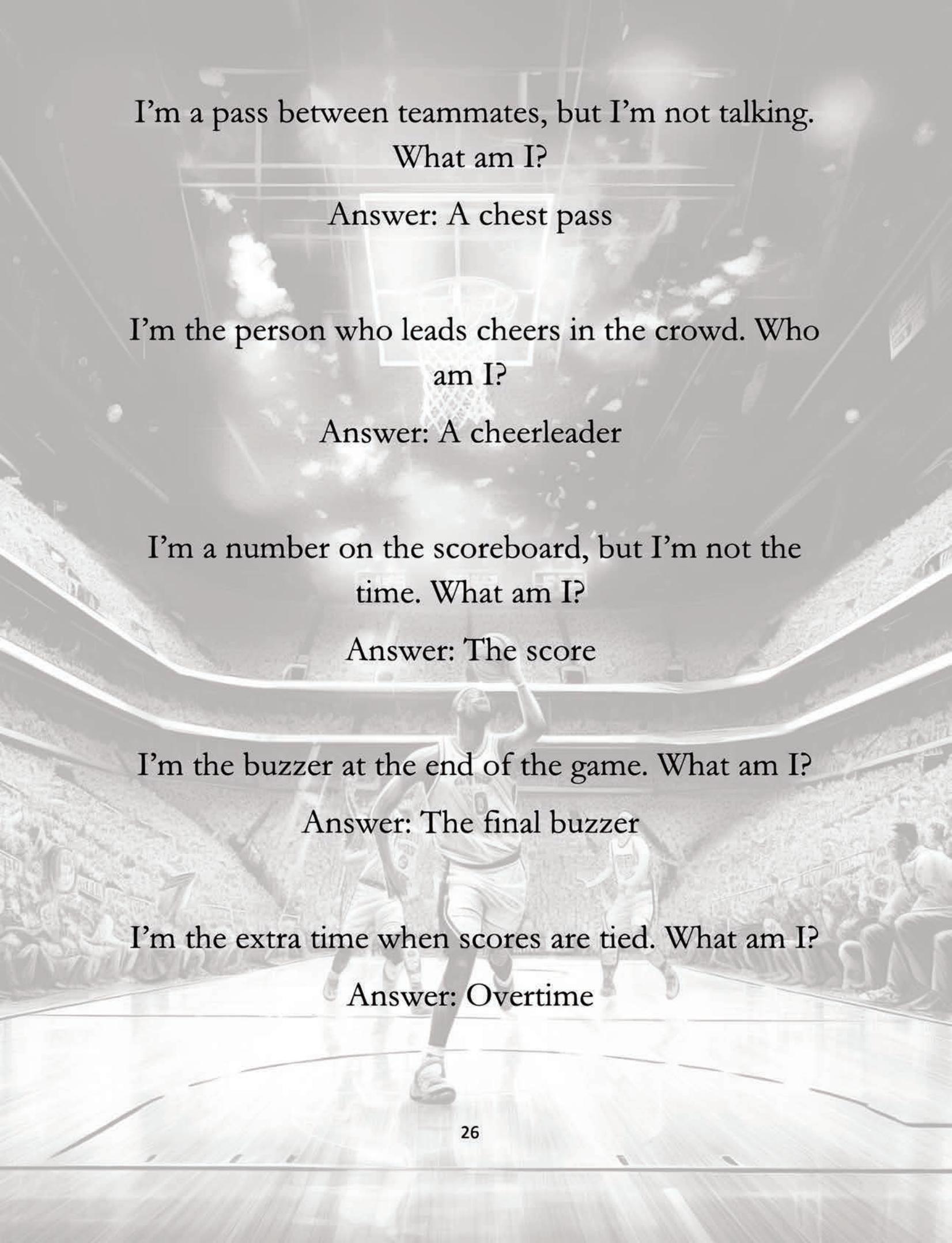
I'm the player who comes off the bench to help.

What am I?

Answer: A substitute

I'm a shot taken with one hand while leaping. What am I?

Answer: A layup



I'm a pass between teammates, but I'm not talking.
What am I?

Answer: A chest pass

I'm the person who leads cheers in the crowd. Who
am I?

Answer: A cheerleader

I'm a number on the scoreboard, but I'm not the
time. What am I?

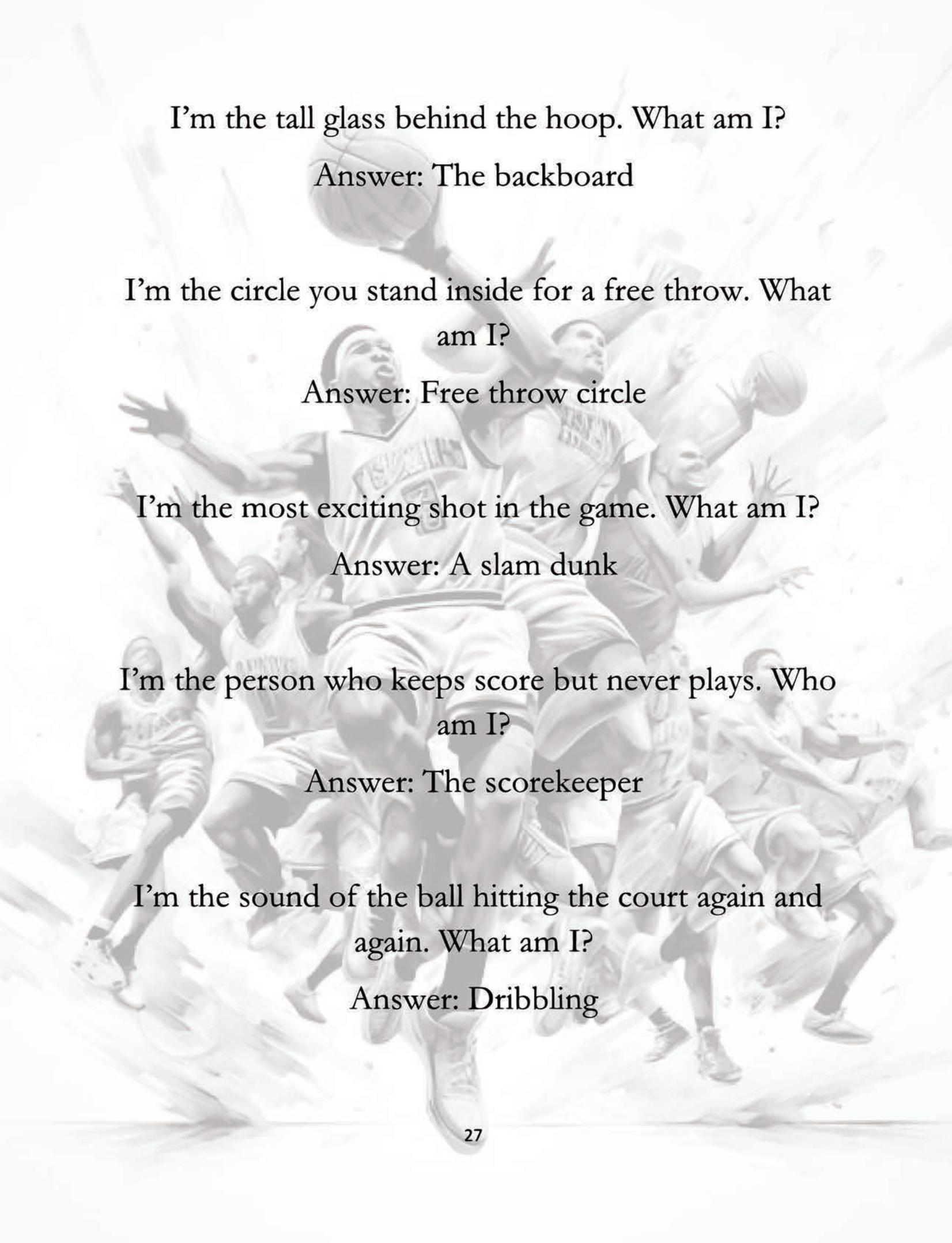
Answer: The score

I'm the buzzer at the end of the game. What am I?

Answer: The final buzzer

I'm the extra time when scores are tied. What am I?

Answer: Overtime



I'm the tall glass behind the hoop. What am I?

Answer: The backboard

I'm the circle you stand inside for a free throw. What am I?

Answer: Free throw circle

I'm the most exciting shot in the game. What am I?

Answer: A slam dunk

I'm the person who keeps score but never plays. Who am I?

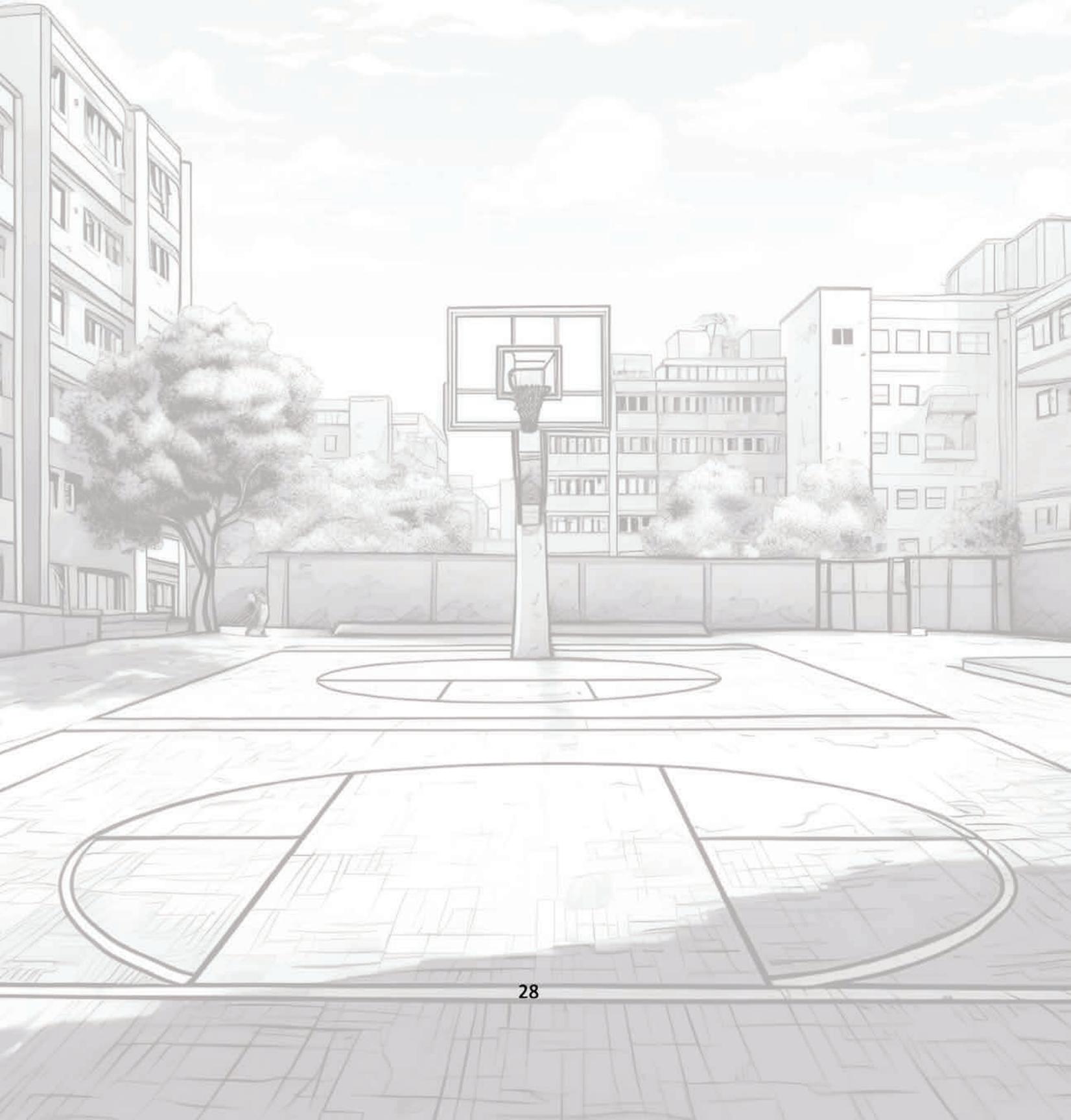
Answer: The scorekeeper

I'm the sound of the ball hitting the court again and again. What am I?

Answer: Dribbling

I'm the person who starts the game with a toss. Who
am I?

Answer: The referee



Basketball Facts & Trivia for Kids

History of Basketball

Basketball was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith.

The first basketball game was played with a soccer ball.

The original hoops were actually peach baskets.

The first game had just 13 rules.

In the first basketball game, the score was only 1–0.

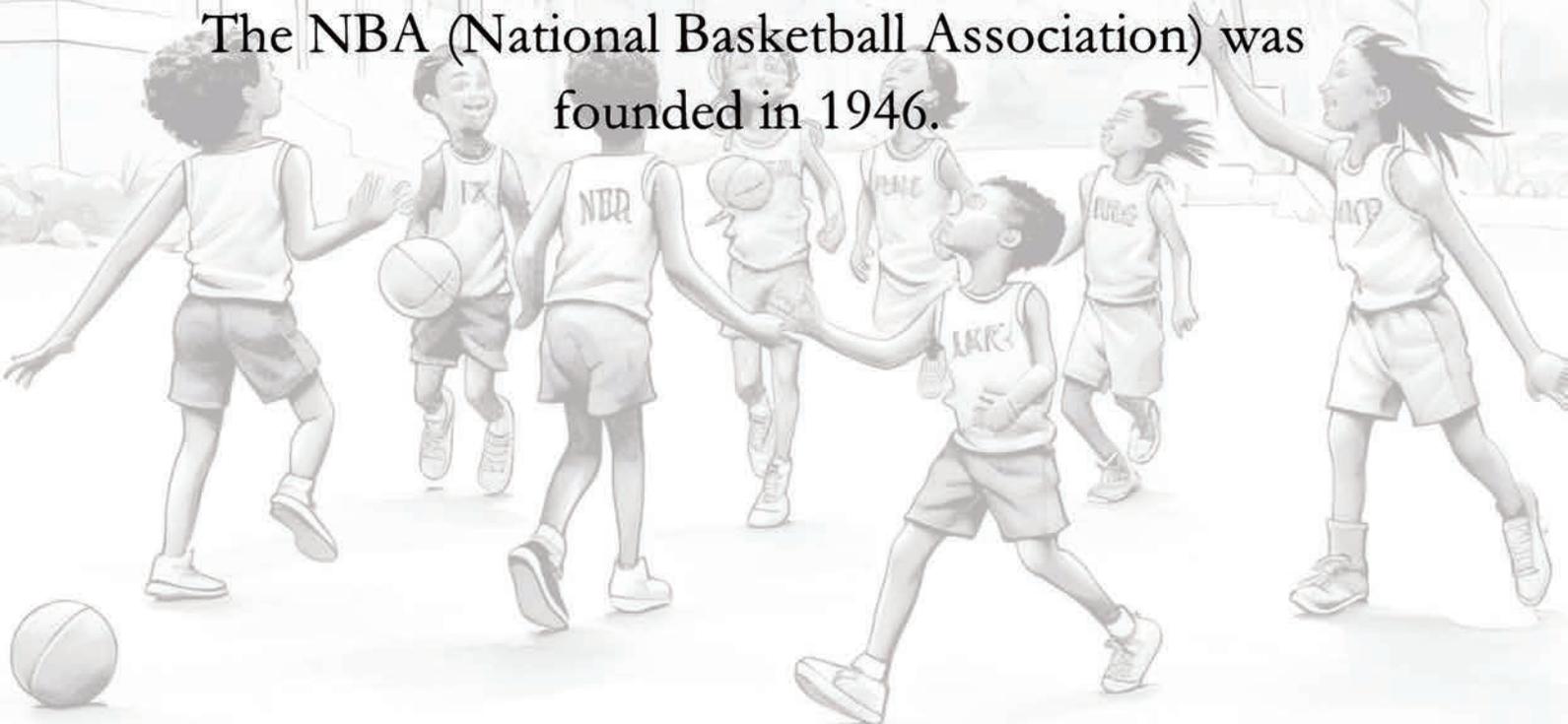
The backboard was added in 1904 to stop fans from interfering.

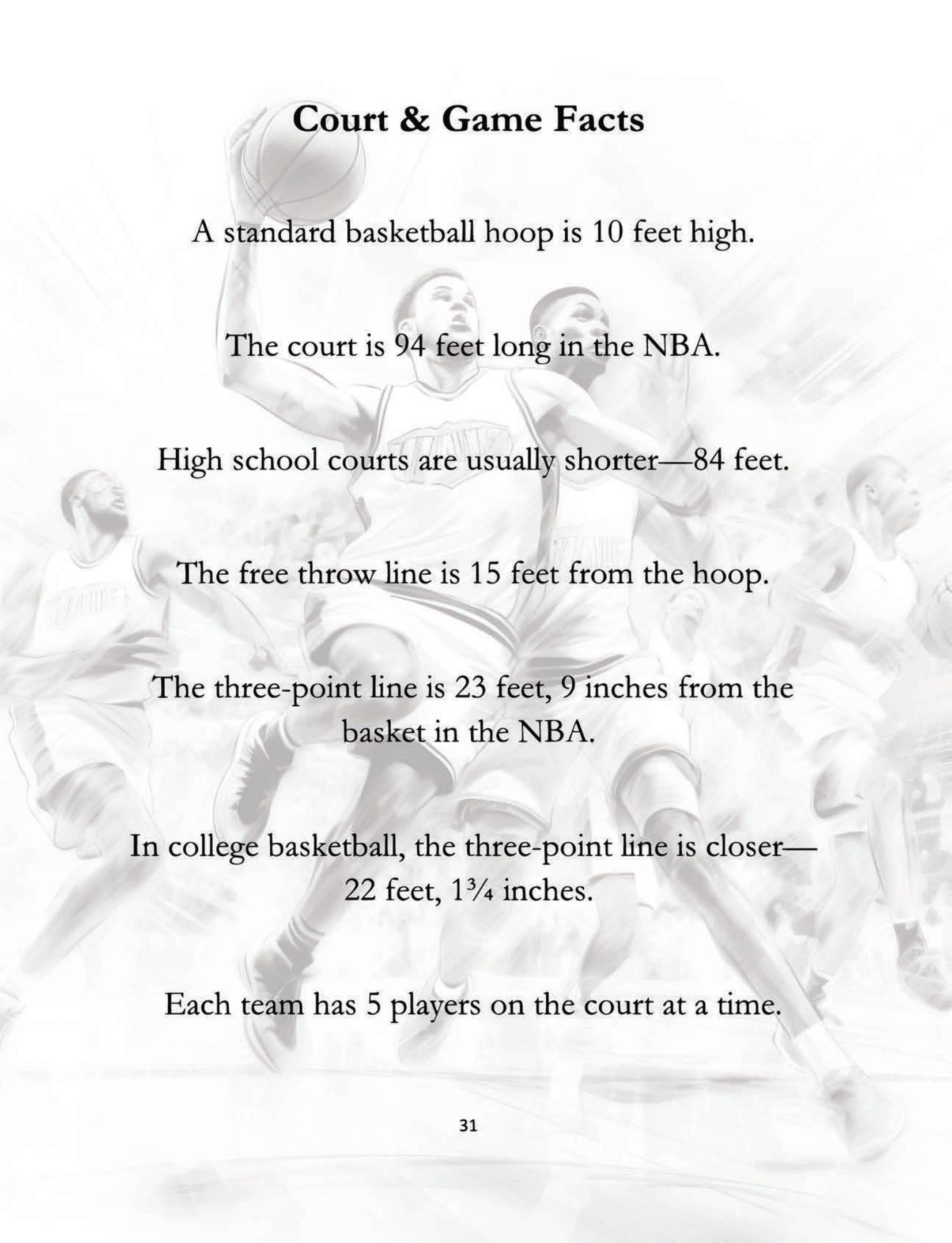
Dr. James Naismith was a Canadian teacher.

The very first professional basketball league started in 1898.

Women's basketball began just a year after men's—1892!

The NBA (National Basketball Association) was founded in 1946.





Court & Game Facts

A standard basketball hoop is 10 feet high.

The court is 94 feet long in the NBA.

High school courts are usually shorter—84 feet.

The free throw line is 15 feet from the hoop.

The three-point line is 23 feet, 9 inches from the basket in the NBA.

In college basketball, the three-point line is closer—22 feet, 1¾ inches.

Each team has 5 players on the court at a time.

A basketball game is divided into quarters or halves depending on the league.

The shot clock in the NBA is 24 seconds.

College basketball uses a 30-second shot clock.



The Basketball

A basketball is 29.5 inches in circumference for men.

Women's basketballs are slightly smaller—28.5 inches.

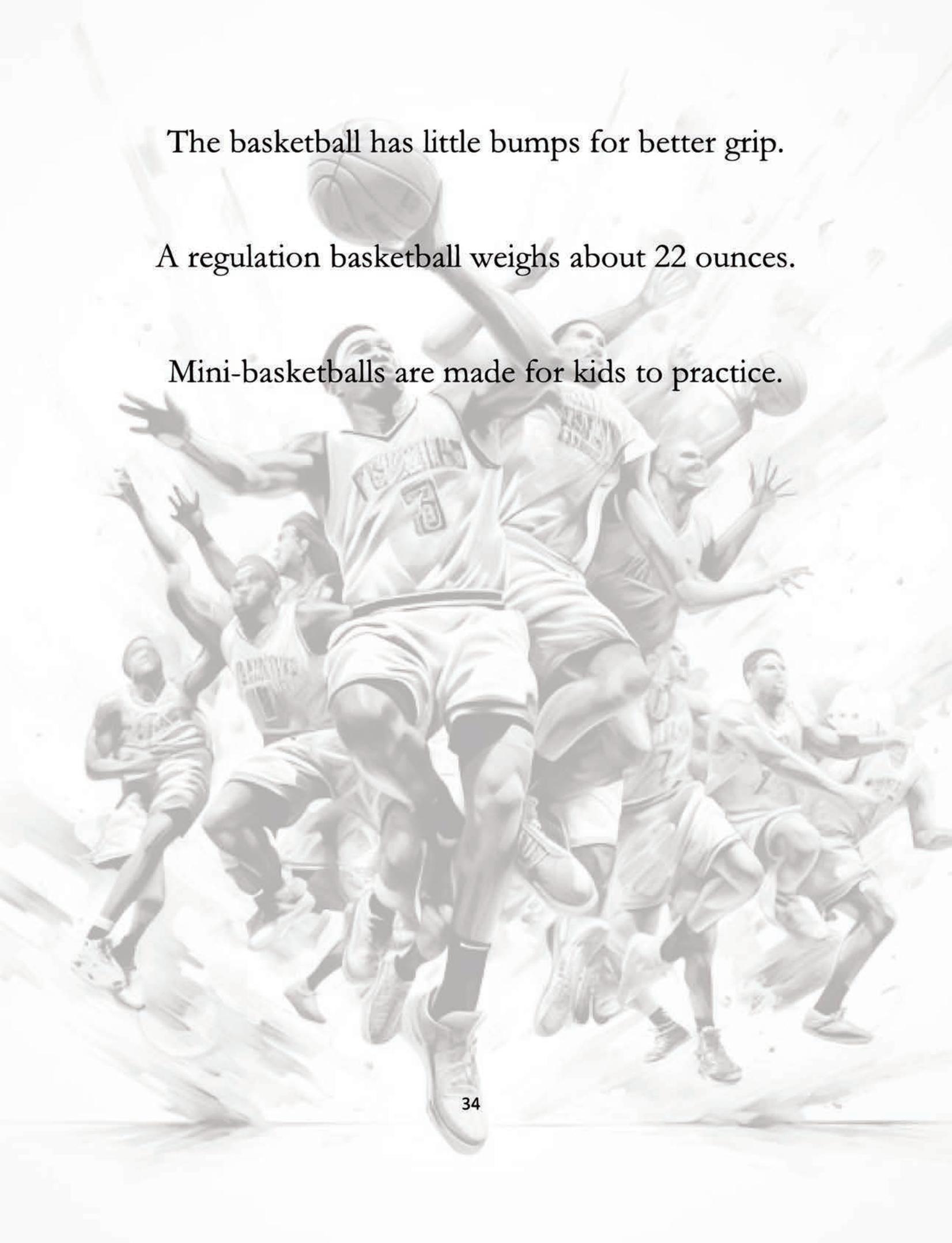
The first basketballs were brown, not orange.

Orange basketballs were introduced in the 1950s for better visibility.

The official NBA basketball has 8 panels.

The NBA uses Spalding basketballs (soon Wilson).

Outdoor basketballs are made of rubber, indoor of leather or composite.



The basketball has little bumps for better grip.

A regulation basketball weighs about 22 ounces.

Mini-basketballs are made for kids to practice.

Worldwide Basketball

Basketball is played in more than 200 countries.

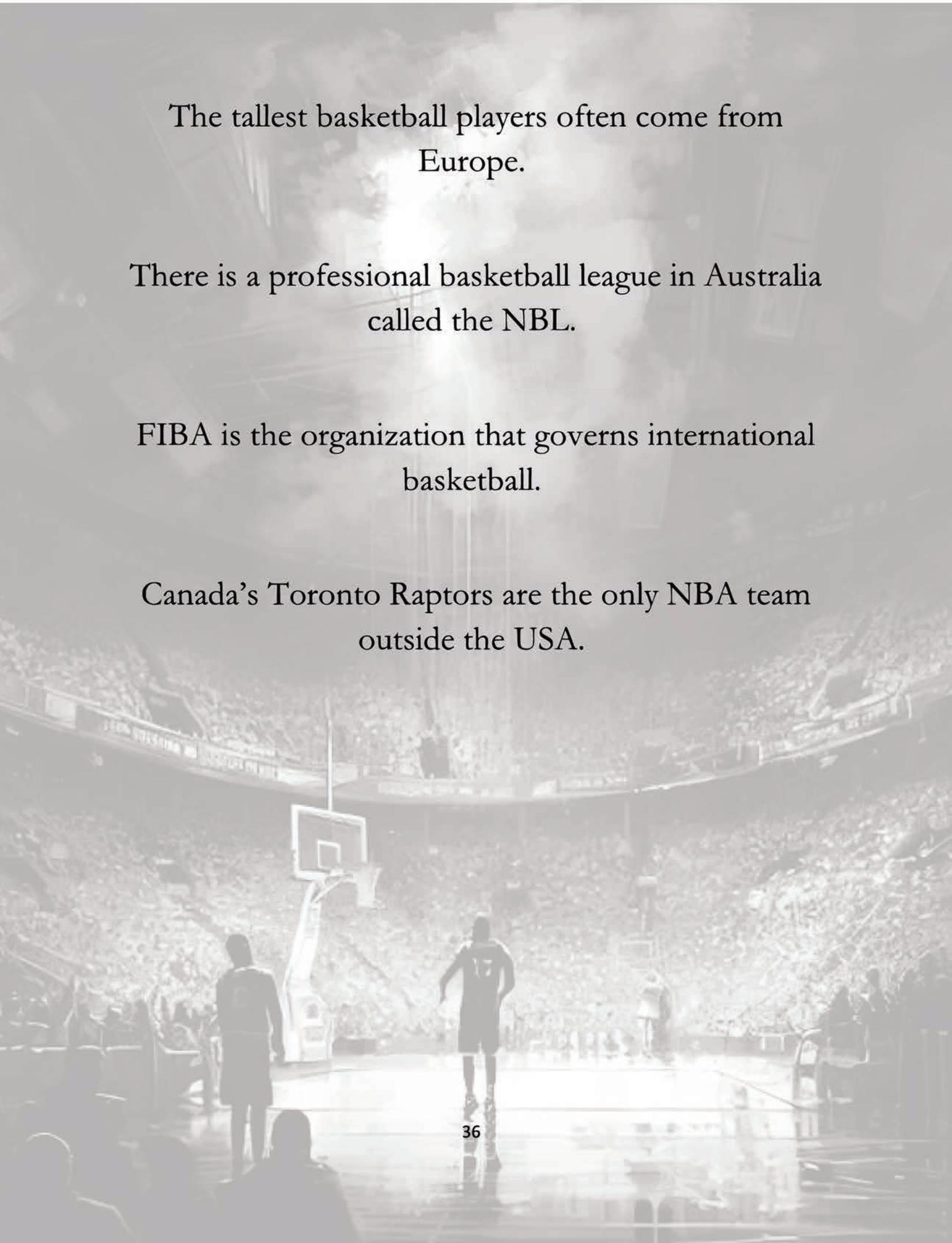
The sport is an Olympic event since 1936.

The USA has won the most Olympic gold medals in basketball.

The Harlem Globetrotters have played in over 120 countries.

China has one of the largest basketball fan bases in the world.

The Philippines considers basketball its most popular sport.



The tallest basketball players often come from
Europe.

There is a professional basketball league in Australia
called the NBL.

FIBA is the organization that governs international
basketball.

Canada's Toronto Raptors are the only NBA team
outside the USA.

NBA Facts

The Boston Celtics have the most NBA championships (17, tied with the Lakers).

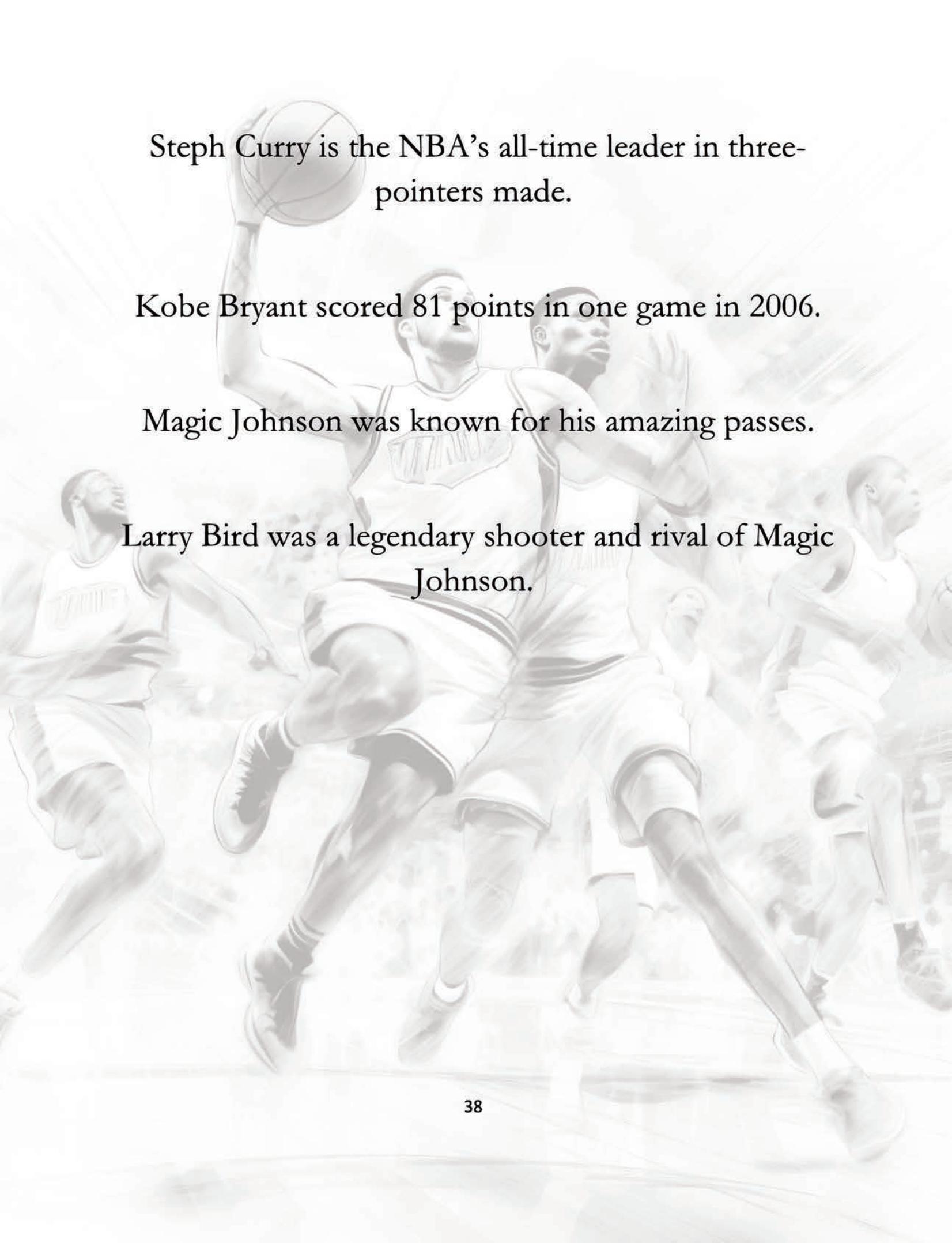
The Los Angeles Lakers have also won 17 championships.

Michael Jordan is considered by many as the greatest player ever.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored the most points in NBA history until LeBron James passed him in 2023.

Wilt Chamberlain once scored 100 points in a single game.

Shaquille O'Neal broke many backboards with his dunks.



Steph Curry is the NBA's all-time leader in three-pointers made.

Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game in 2006.

Magic Johnson was known for his amazing passes.

Larry Bird was a legendary shooter and rival of Magic Johnson.

Fun & Weird Records

The shortest NBA player ever was Muggsy Bogues at 5'3".

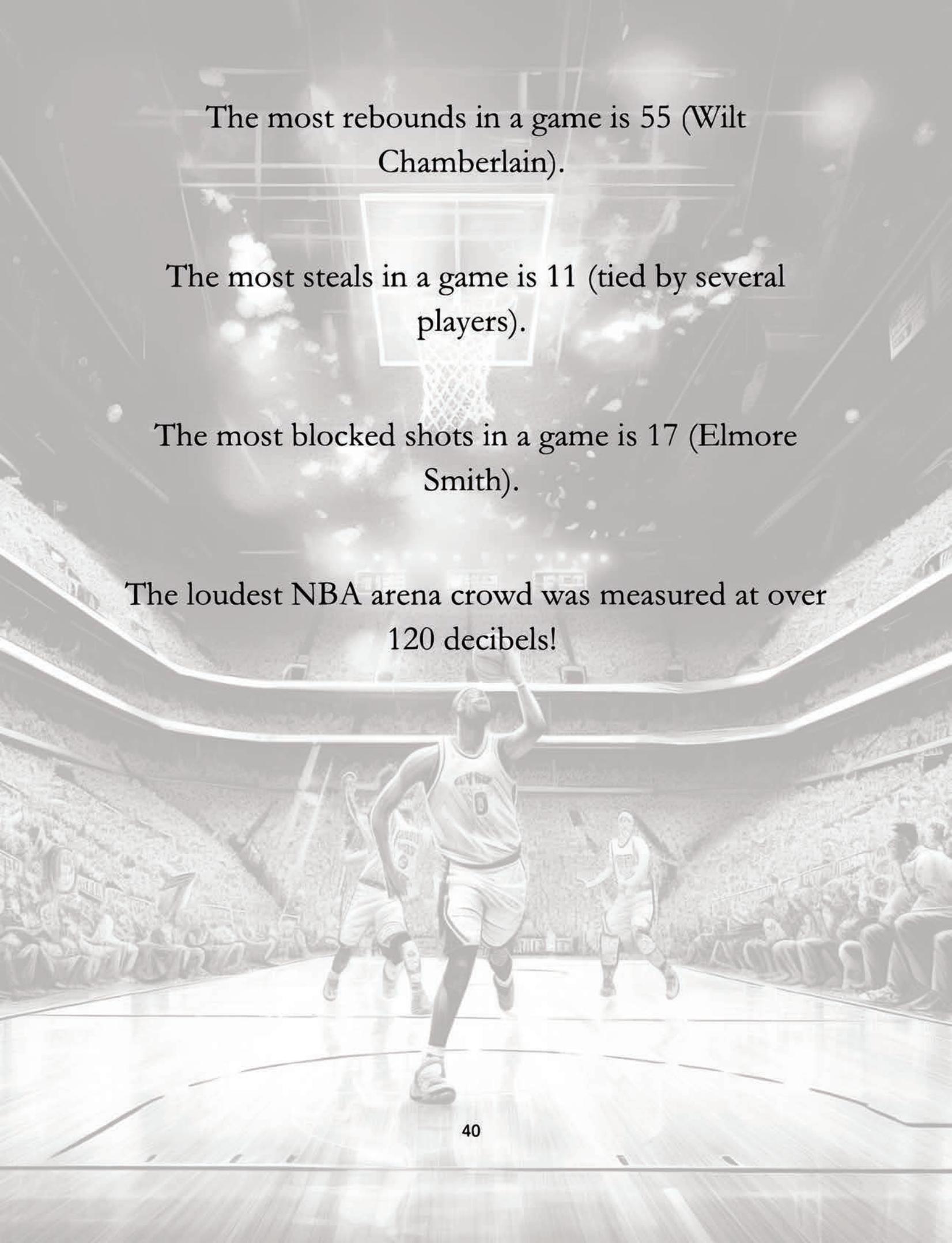
The tallest NBA player ever was Gheorghe Mureșan at 7'7".

The fastest ejection in NBA history happened in just 2 minutes.

The longest NBA game had 6 overtimes.

The record for most three-pointers in a game is 14 (Klay Thompson).

The most assists in a single game is 30 (Scott Skiles).

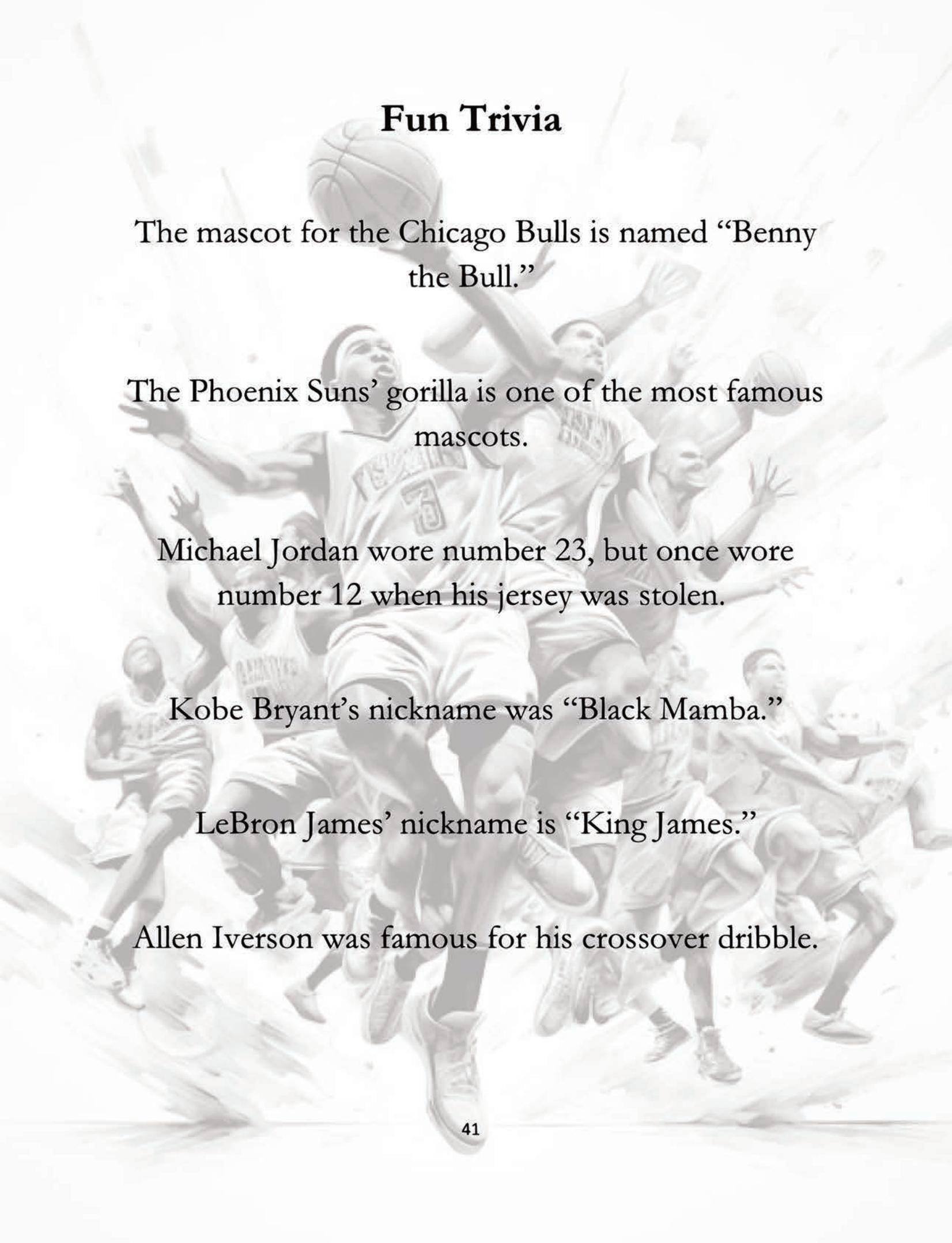


The most rebounds in a game is 55 (Wilt Chamberlain).

The most steals in a game is 11 (tied by several players).

The most blocked shots in a game is 17 (Elmore Smith).

The loudest NBA arena crowd was measured at over 120 decibels!



Fun Trivia

The mascot for the Chicago Bulls is named “Benny the Bull.”

The Phoenix Suns’ gorilla is one of the most famous mascots.

Michael Jordan wore number 23, but once wore number 12 when his jersey was stolen.

Kobe Bryant’s nickname was “Black Mamba.”

LeBron James’ nickname is “King James.”

Allen Iverson was famous for his crossover dribble.

Dennis Rodman once dyed his hair in all kinds of crazy colors.

Some NBA players wear double socks for comfort.

Many players have unique handshake rituals before games.

Shaq wore size 22 shoes!

Gear & Style

Sneakers are the most important gear for players.

The first basketball shoes were Converse Chuck Taylors.

Michael Jordan's Air Jordans became the most famous sneakers.

Many players collect and design their own shoe lines.

NBA players must tuck in their jerseys during games.

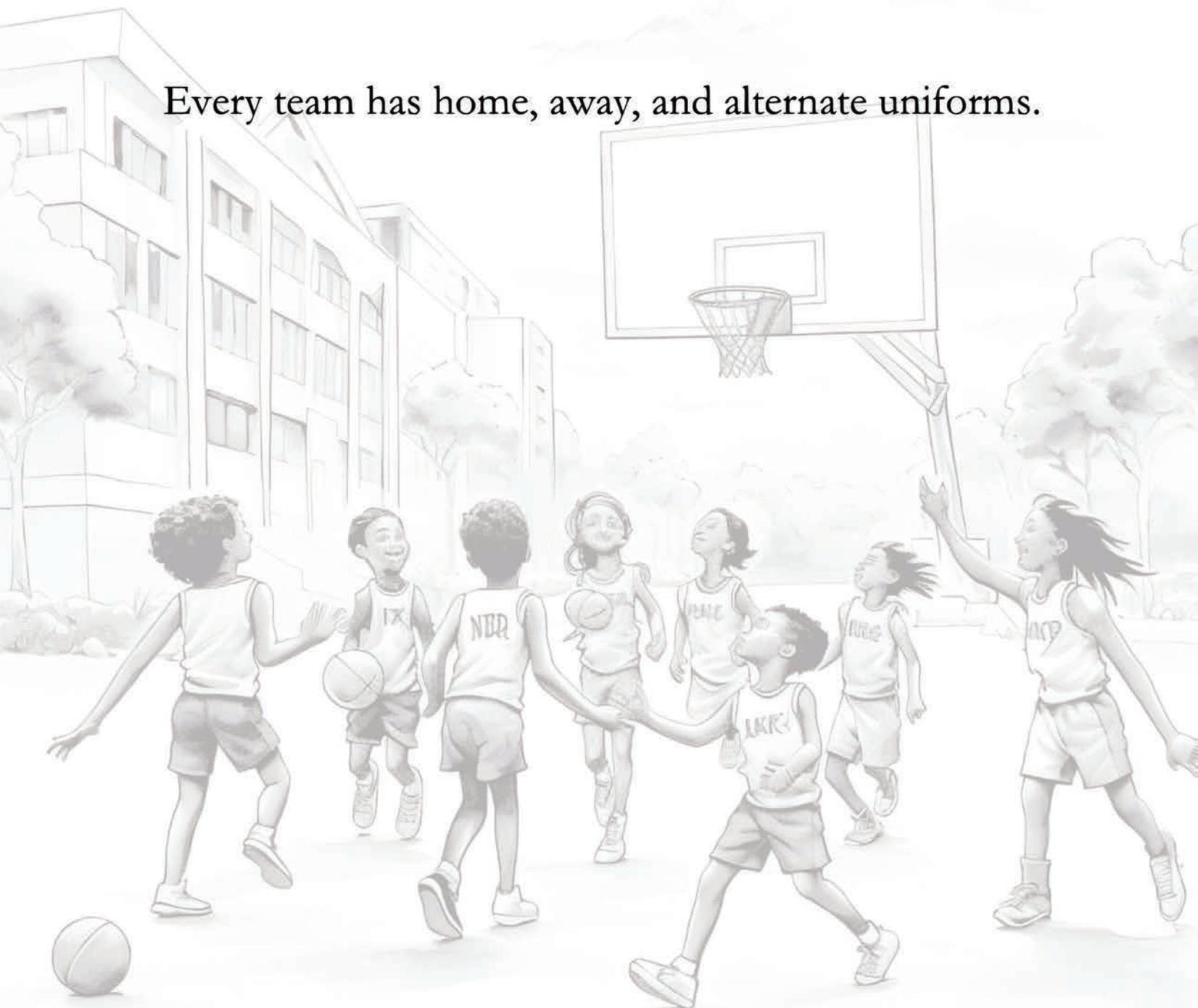
Wristbands and headbands are common accessories.

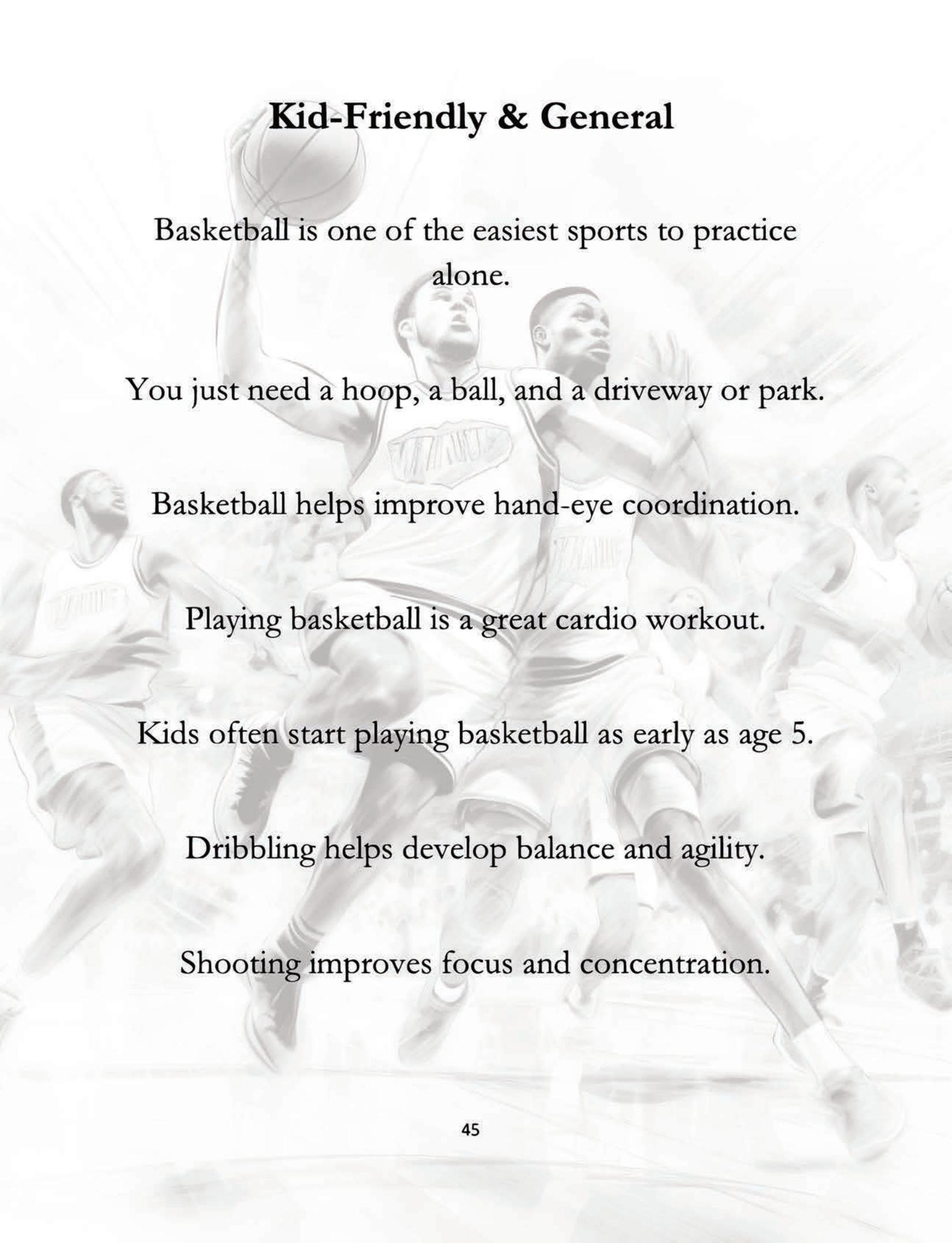
Some players wear shooting sleeves for support.

The NBA banned short shorts in the 1990s—now they're much longer.

Jerseys must have numbers on the front and back.

Every team has home, away, and alternate uniforms.





Kid-Friendly & General

Basketball is one of the easiest sports to practice alone.

You just need a hoop, a ball, and a driveway or park.

Basketball helps improve hand-eye coordination.

Playing basketball is a great cardio workout.

Kids often start playing basketball as early as age 5.

Dribbling helps develop balance and agility.

Shooting improves focus and concentration.

Team basketball builds teamwork and communication.

Many schools have basketball programs for kids.

Basketball is one of the most popular sports for boys and girls.



Extra Cool Facts

NBA teams play 82 games in the regular season.

The WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) started in 1996.

Lisa Leslie was the first woman to dunk in a WNBA game.

Sue Bird won 4 WNBA championships.

The NCAA March Madness tournament is one of the most-watched events in the U.S.

The slam dunk contest is held every NBA All-Star Weekend.

Vince Carter is famous for one of the greatest dunks
in dunk contest history.

The three-point contest is also part of All-Star
Weekend.

The NBA logo is modeled after Jerry West.

Dr. James Naismith lived to see basketball become an
Olympic sport.

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