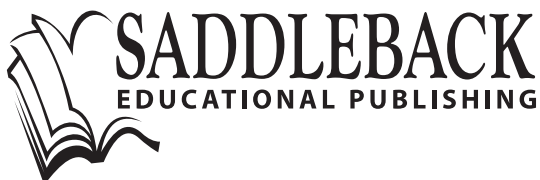
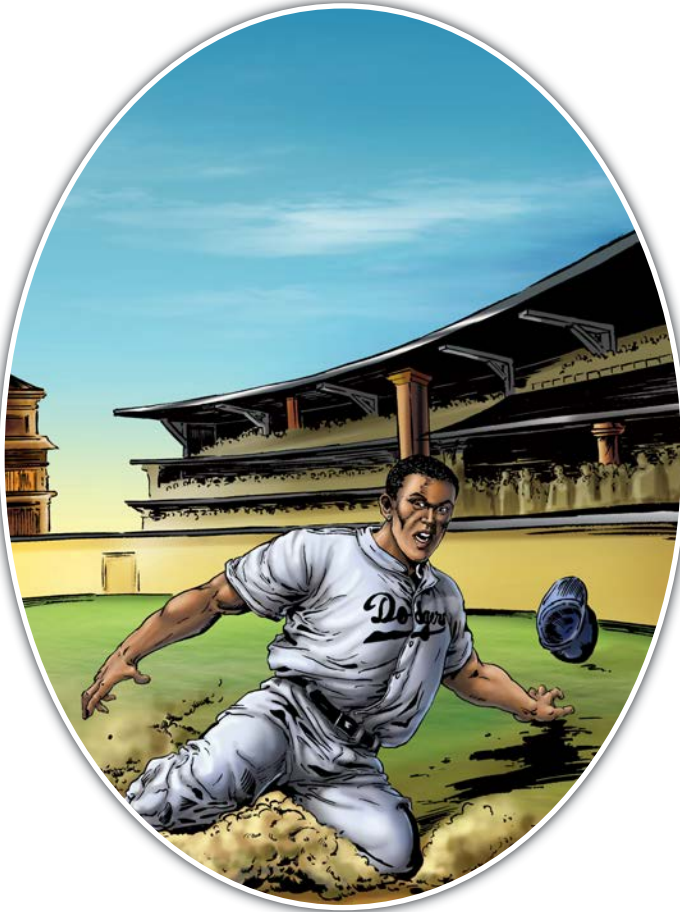


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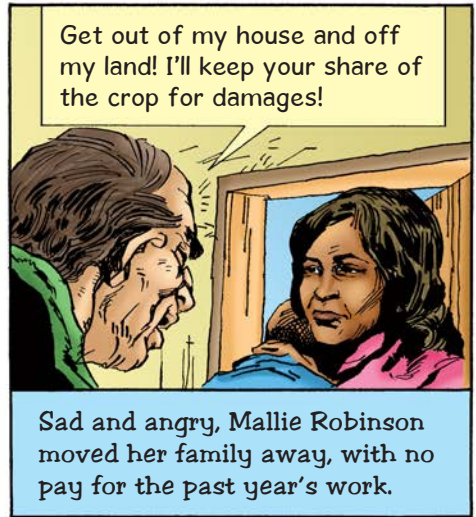
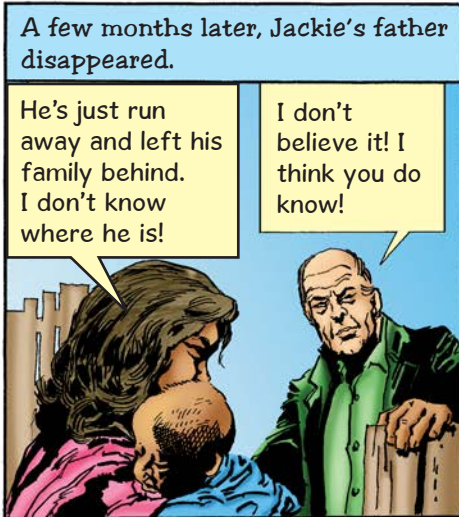
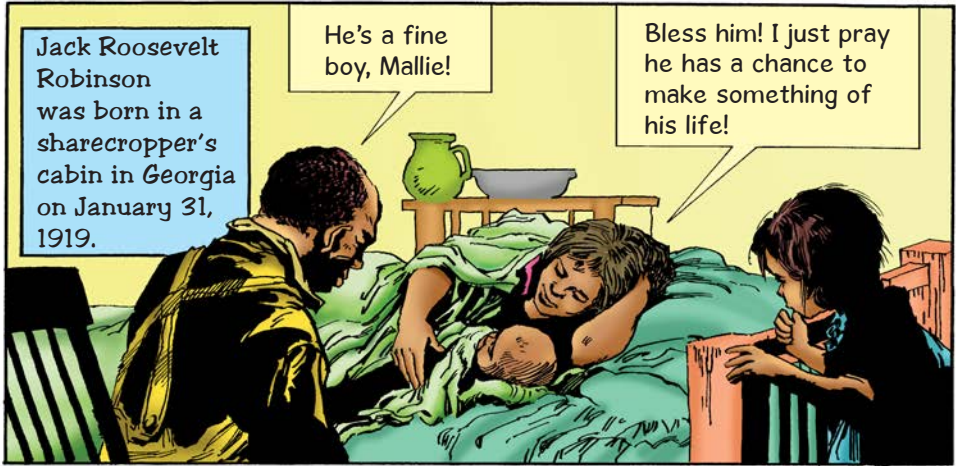


## JACKIE ROBINSON

The year was 1947. In Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, one black man stood alone at first base—the first African American ever to play baseball in the major leagues.



IN HIS TEN YEARS  
WITH THE BROOKLYN DODGERS,  
JACKIE ROBINSON  
BROKE THE COLOR BARRIER  
AND CHANGED  
THE SPORTS WORLD.





They left Georgia in May 1920.

Here it comes,  
children, the  
freedom train!



But in Pasadena,  
California, things  
were not much  
better at first.

Now children, mind  
your aunt while I go  
out to find a job.



I can't find this  
address. I'll ask  
in here.



I wonder if  
you could  
help me.

That's what we  
are here for!



A little later, Mrs. Robinson returned home.

Mallie! I didn't know you in those clothes!

Welfare gave them to me—and clothes for the children, too!



Best of all they gave me a grocery order. And money to help with the rent! And I got a job!



Later, Mrs. Robinson's sister died.

Willa Mae, I have to work. There's no one to look after Jackie. You'll have to take him to school with you.



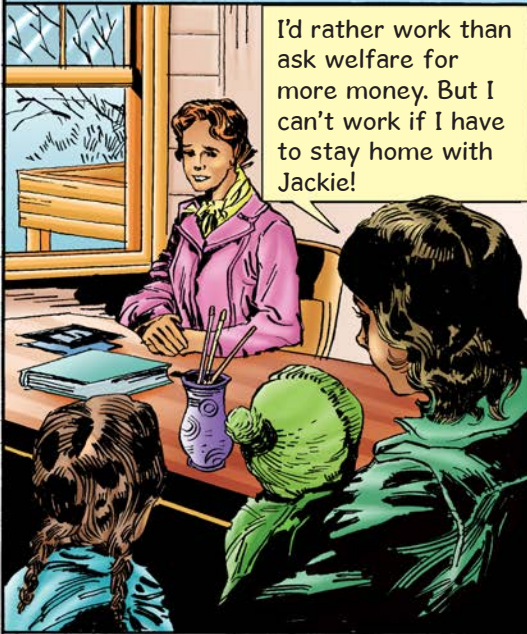
But at school ...

But Willa Mae, you can't bring your brother to school! He's too little! He can't even talk!





The next day, Mrs. Robinson went to school with the children.



I'd rather work than ask welfare for more money. But I can't work if I have to stay home with Jackie!

Could Willa Mae just leave Jackie in the sandbox everyday? He's a good boy. He won't bother anybody!



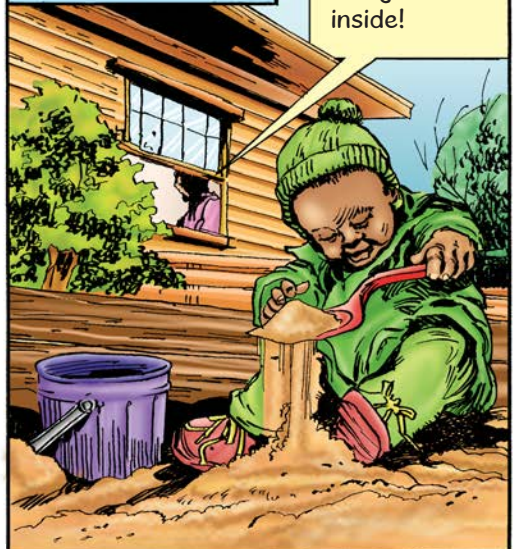
All right Mrs. Robinson, go to work and don't worry. We'll look after Jackie.

Thank you!

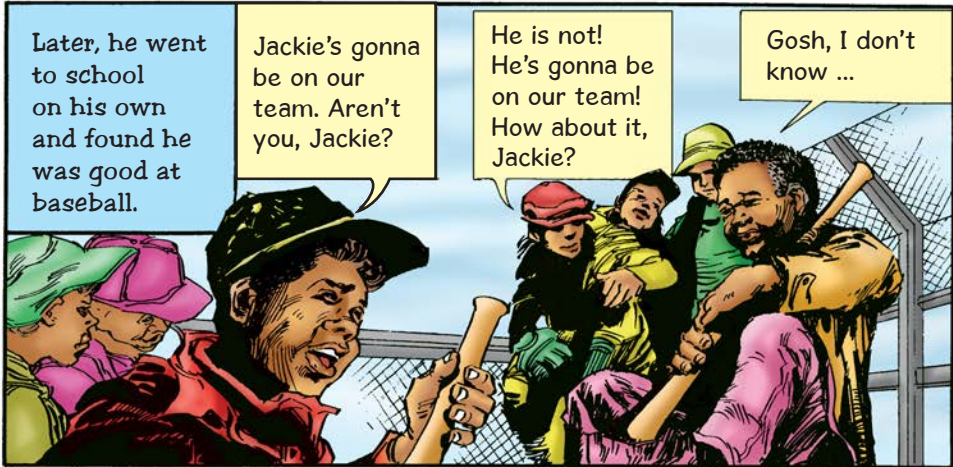


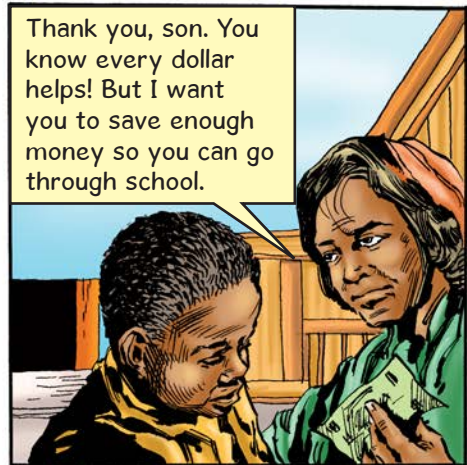
So Jackie spent his first school year in the sandbox.

Willa Mae, there's a storm coming. Bring Jackie inside!











But in high school, Jackie found a better way to spend his time.

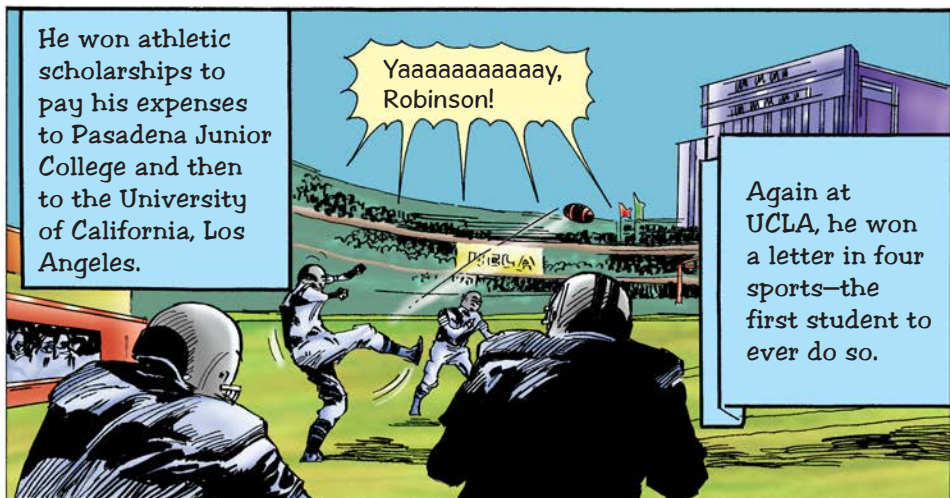


When he graduated in 1937, he had won a letter in each of four sports.

He won athletic scholarships to pay his expenses to Pasadena Junior College and then to the University of California, Los Angeles.

Yaaaaaaaaaaaay, Robinson!

Again at UCLA, he won a letter in four sports—the first student to ever do so.



Also, he met a young lady.

Rae, I want you to meet Jackie Robinson. Jackie, this is Rachel Isum.



Soon they were great friends.

It's funny ... I can tell you anything and you understand it, even if you disagree!

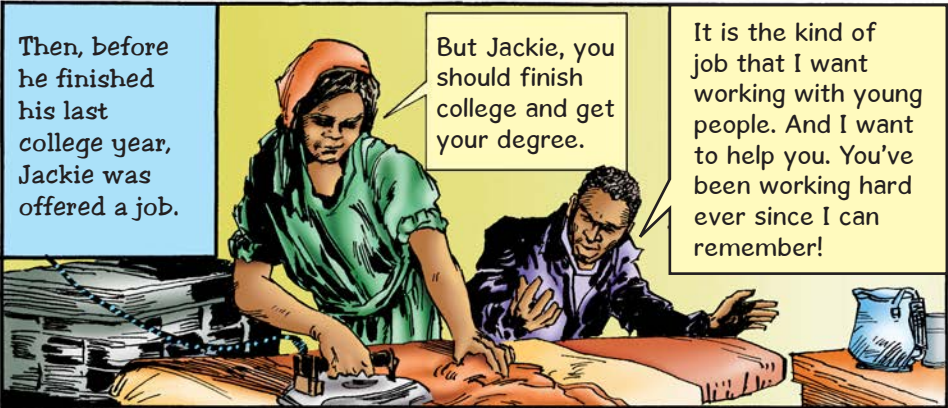
And it's funny, but before I met you, I thought you were just a stuck-up football player!



Then, before he finished his last college year, Jackie was offered a job.

But Jackie, you should finish college and get your degree.

It is the kind of job that I want working with young people. And I want to help you. You've been working hard ever since I can remember!



But in a few months, World War II broke out in Europe. Jackie's government job was cancelled.

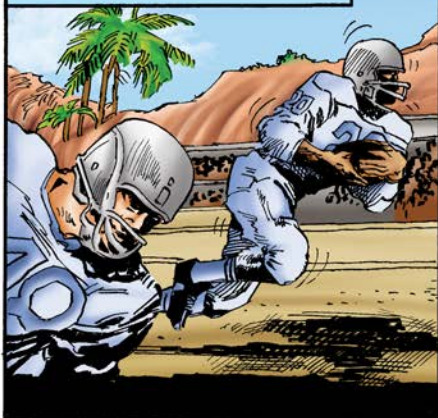
You're a great athlete. Can't you get a job as a professional?

No major football, baseball, or basketball clubs hire black players! But I have been offered a job with the Honolulu Bears.

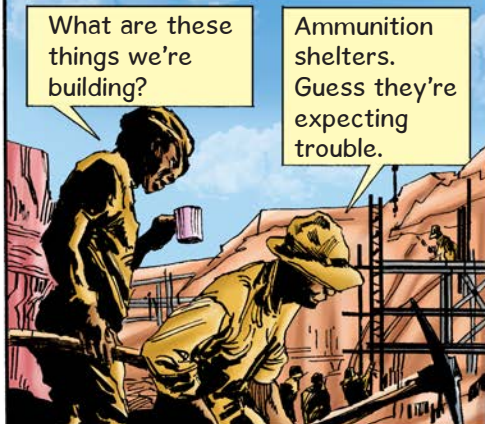




He went to Honolulu.  
On weekends he played  
football with the Bears.



During the week he worked at a  
construction job near Pearl Harbor.



What are these  
things we're  
building?

Ammunition  
shelters.  
Guess they're  
expecting  
trouble.

The football season ended. On  
December 5, 1941, Jackie sailed  
for home. Two days later ...



The Japanese have  
bombed Pearl Harbor,  
and the United States  
is at war! We hope to  
reach port safely, but  
we are passing out  
life jackets.

At home  
again, Jackie  
was soon in  
the army.  
He went  
to officer's  
training  
school and  
became a  
lieutenant.

Lieutenant Robinson,  
report to the 761st Tank  
Battalion at Fort Hood,  
Texas.

Yes, sir!

