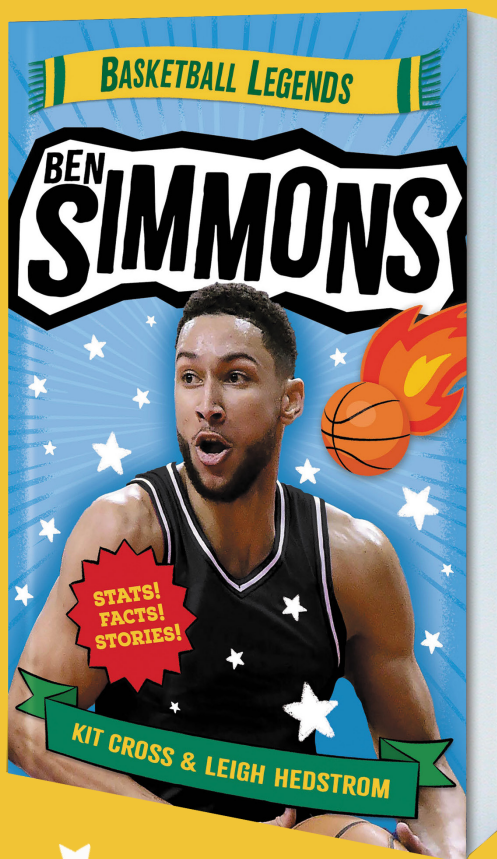
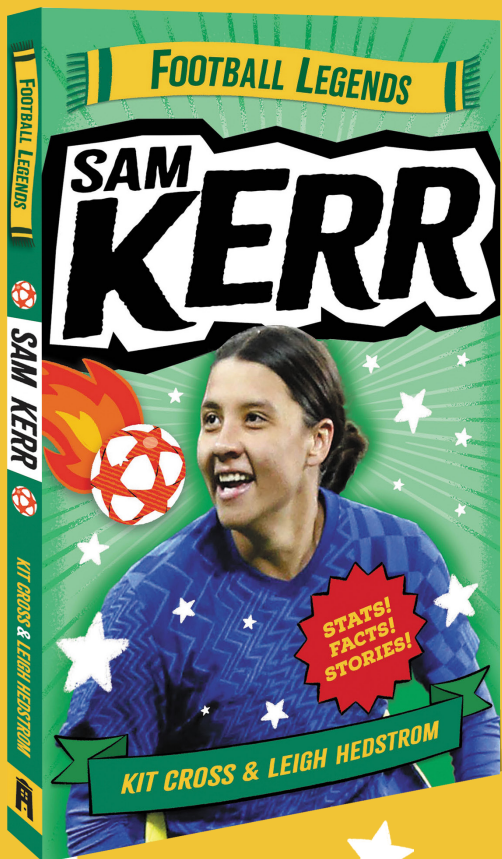


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**FOOTBALL LEGENDS**

# **SAM KERR**



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CHAPTER THREE



SAM  
THE  
KNIGHT

When she was **11 years old**,  
Sam joined the **Western  
Knights Soccer Club**.



It was called the Phoenix  
Knights back then.

She had grown up playing **AFL**,  
and looking up to AFL players such  
as her brother, and **she didn't  
know much about soccer**.

She was learning as she went.

'I didn't know the rules,  
I didn't know offside.'

**SAM KERR**



She mightn't have known a **SCISSOR KICK** from a **NUTMEG**, but right from the start, **Sam Kerr** had the makings of a

**LEGEND**



Lots of people who knew her when she was a kid said **she always stood out on the field** because of her

**INSTINCTS**

and her

**SPEED**

and her

**TALENT**

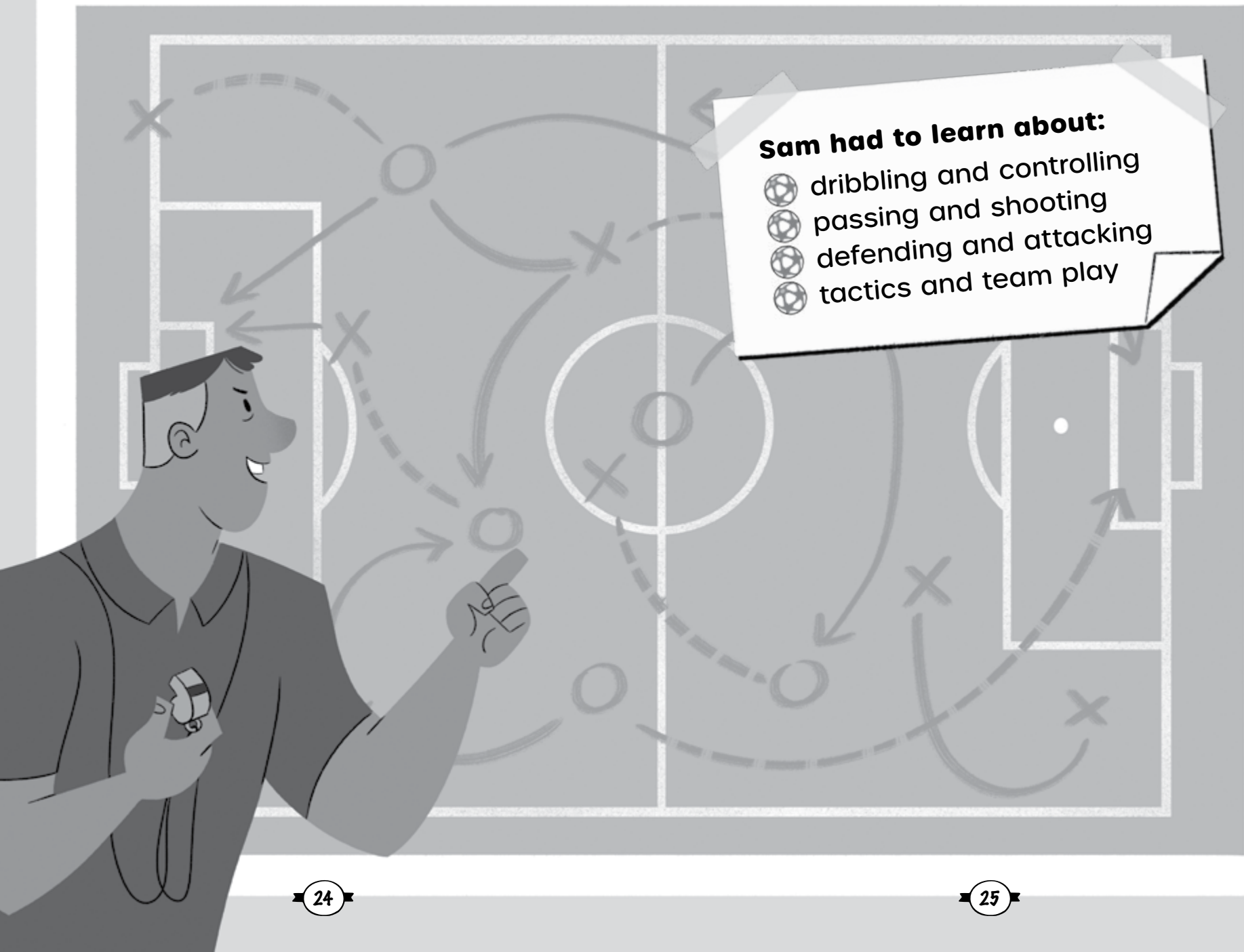
She was better than everyone - **girls and boys.**

‘Opposition parents would be clapping her goals because she was that outstanding. It wasn’t just a kid running to goal, it was a **CHEETAH** with a ball.’

**MANO PSANOUDAKIS,**  
one of Sam’s first coaches

Sam played with the **Knights for three years**. She was naturally good, but she had to **learn and practise** lots of new skills.





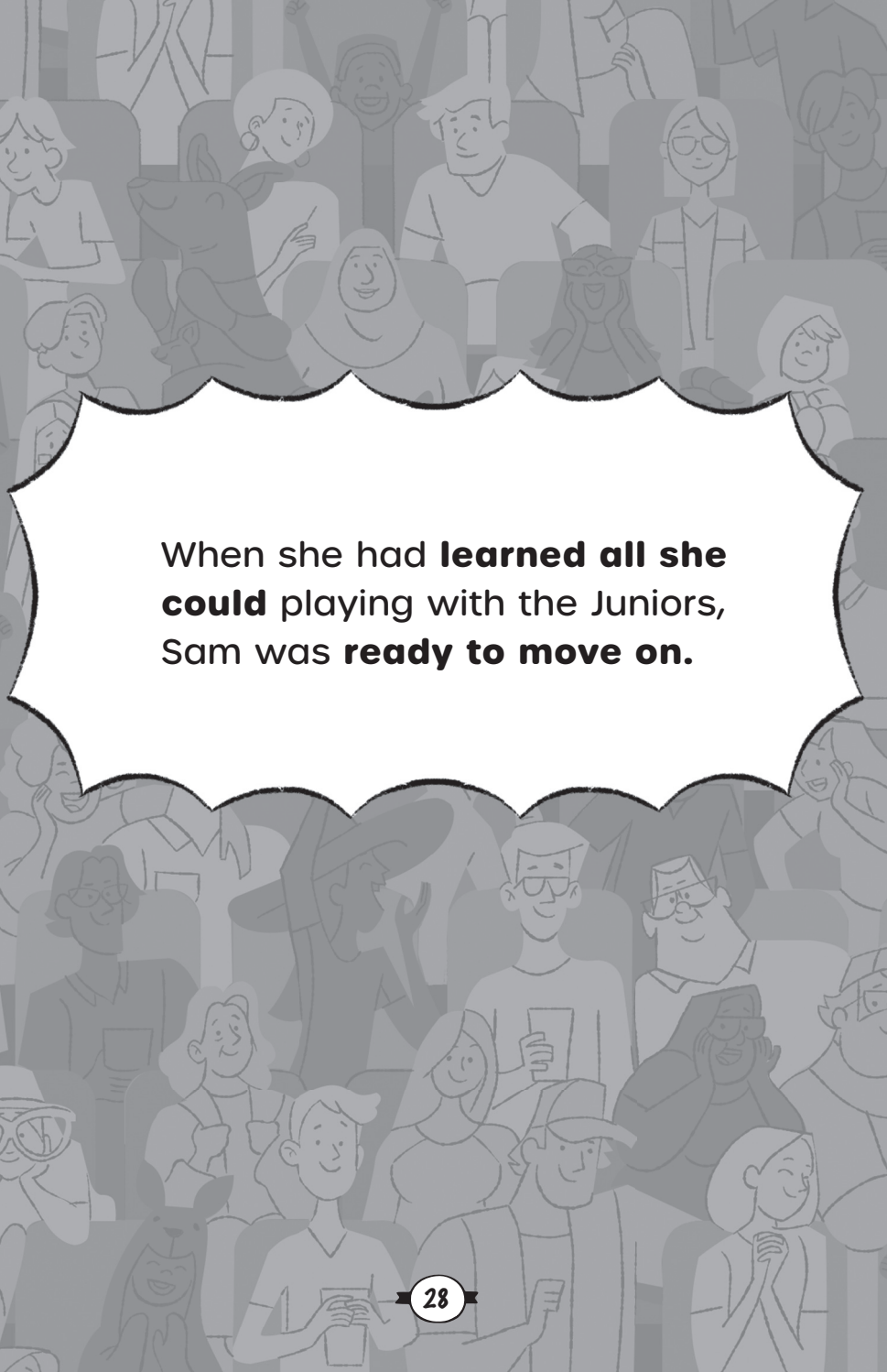
**Sam had to learn about:**

- ⦿ dribbling and controlling
- ⦿ passing and shooting
- ⦿ defending and attacking
- ⦿ tactics and team play

Her first club is **SO PROUD** of all the **LEGENDARY** things **SAM** has achieved in her football career that they **CREATED AN AWARD**

in her  
**HONOUR!**

The  
**SAM KERR**  
SHINING  
LIGHT  
Award



When she had **learned all she could** playing with the Juniors, Sam was **ready to move on**.

**BASKETBALL LEGENDS**

# **BEN SIMMONS**

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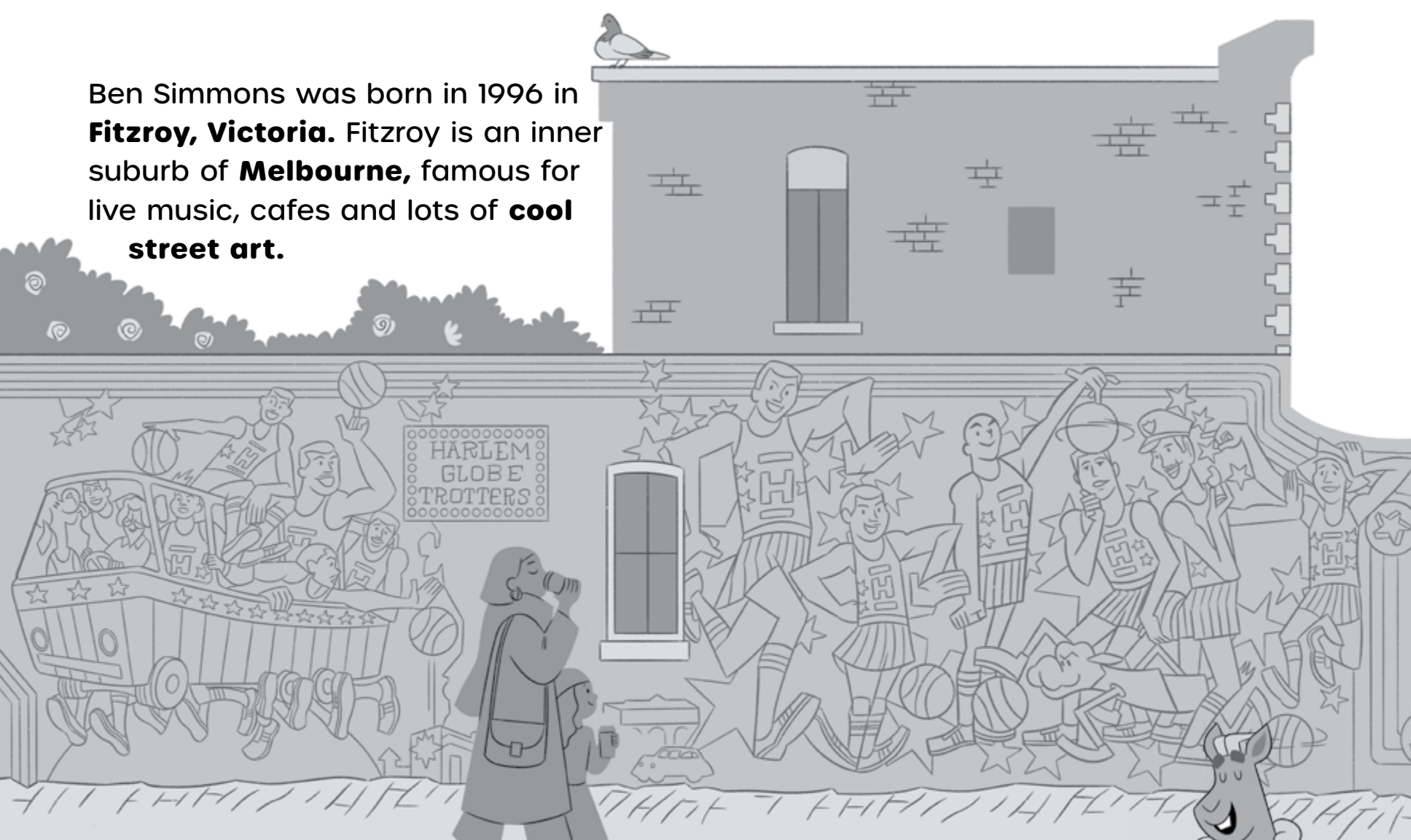
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CHAPTER TWO



AUSSIE,  
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Ben Simmons was born in 1996 in **Fitzroy, Victoria**. Fitzroy is an inner suburb of **Melbourne**, famous for live music, cafes and lots of **cool street art**.

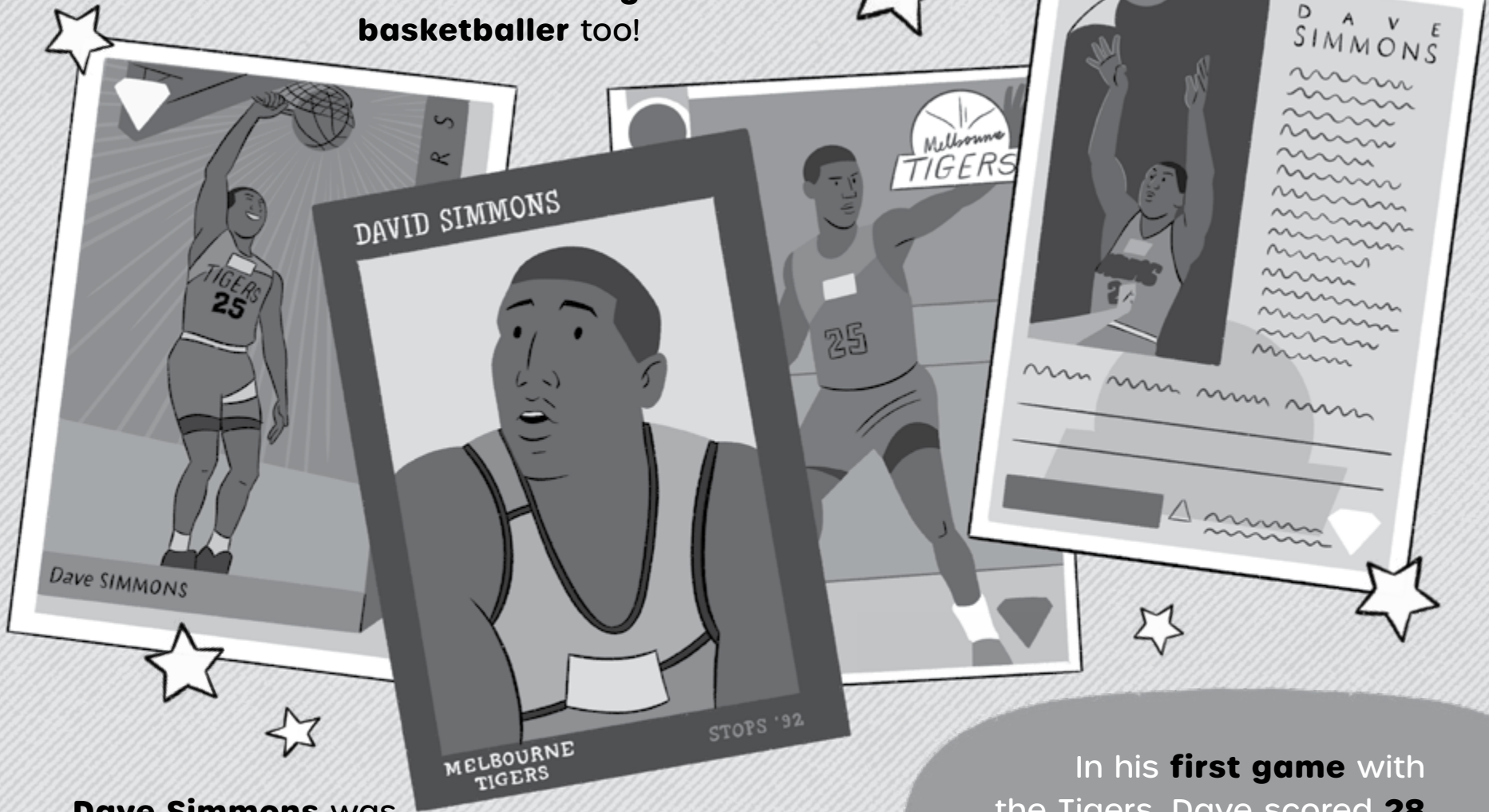


A popular piece is the huge mural of the **Harlem Globetrotters basketball team!**

Did you know there are street art murals of Ben in Melbourne as well?



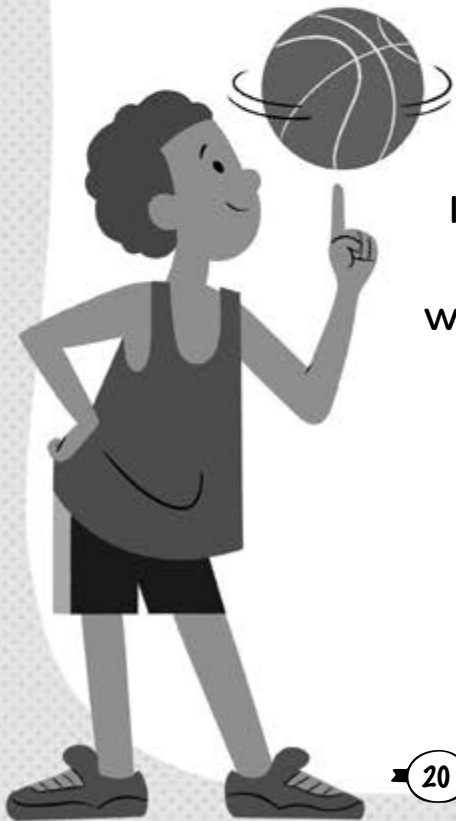
Ben comes from a **sporty** family.  
His **dad** was an **amazing**  
**basketballer** too!



**Dave Simmons** was born in America but moved to Australia in the late 1980s to play for the **Melbourne Tigers NBL team**.

In his **first game** with the Tigers, Dave scored **28 points** and became a **big favourite** with the fans!

So it's **not surprising**  
that Ben grew up  
**playing basketball.**



It was clear from  
the start that he  
was going to be a  
**REALLY GOOD**  
ballplayer.

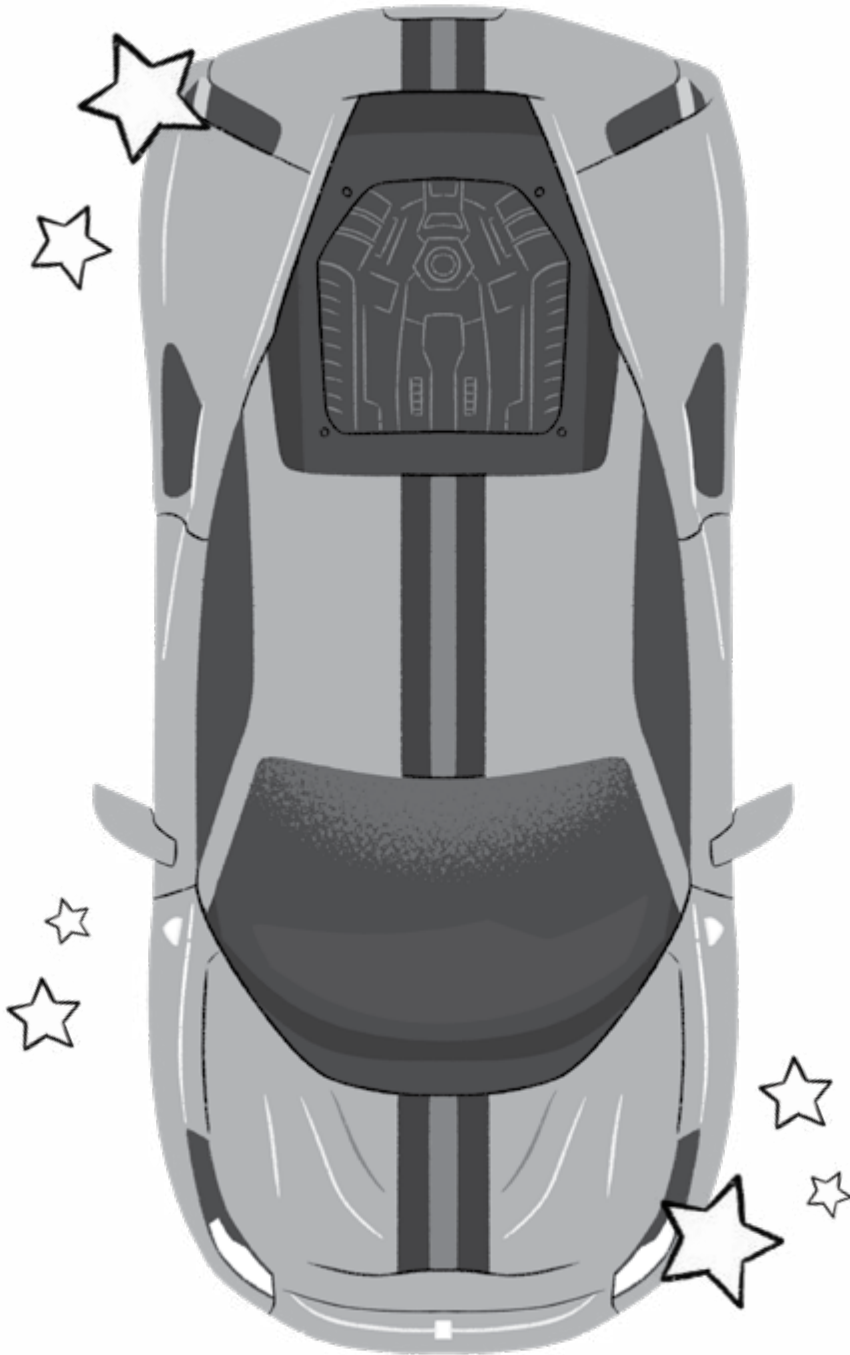


But as a kid he  
played a lot of  
**other sports** -  
he loved **rugby**  
and **AFL**, too.

'He was an **absolute freak**.  
He could **jump**. He could **run**.  
He honestly would have been a  
**top-five draft pick**  
if he had stuck with football.'

**CHRISTIAN PETRACCA,**  
AFL player

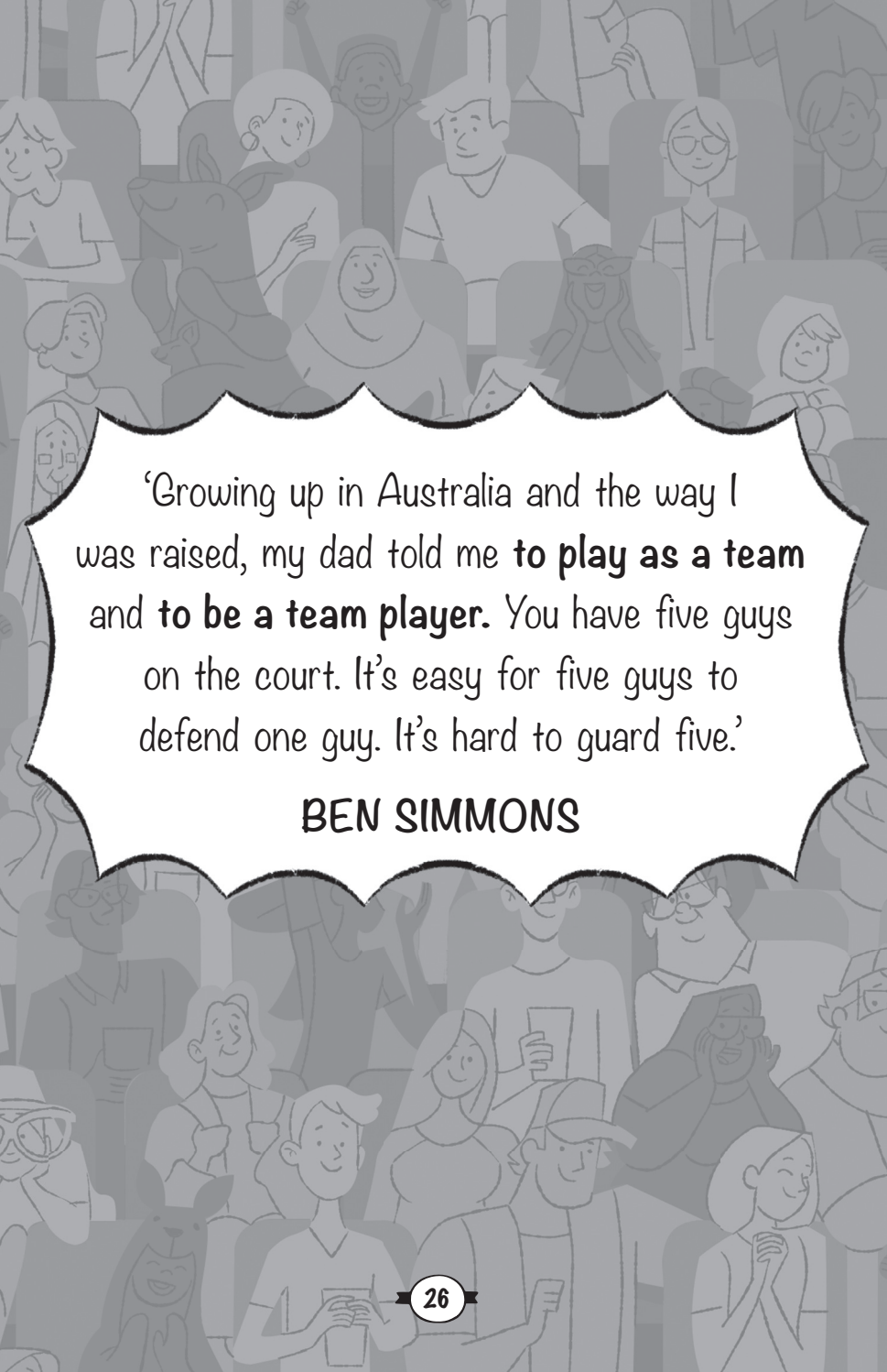
**Ben and Christian**  
**(who plays for the**  
**MELBOURNE**  
**DEMONS** and is a bit  
**of a legend himself!) were**  
**CO-CAPTAINS** of the  
**Victorian Primary Schools**  
**basketball team, and**  
**they played junior**  
**footy together.**



Ben lives in the USA now, but he must be a **Melbourne boy** at heart because he had a **Ferrari** custom built for him in **red, black and grey** – the colours of his favourite AFL club, the **Essendon Bombers**.



Bombers fans  
definitely think this is  
**LEGENDARY**  
behaviour!



‘Growing up in Australia and the way I was raised, my dad told me **to play as a team** and **to be a team player**. You have five guys on the court. It’s easy for five guys to defend one guy. It’s hard to guard five.’

**BEN SIMMONS**