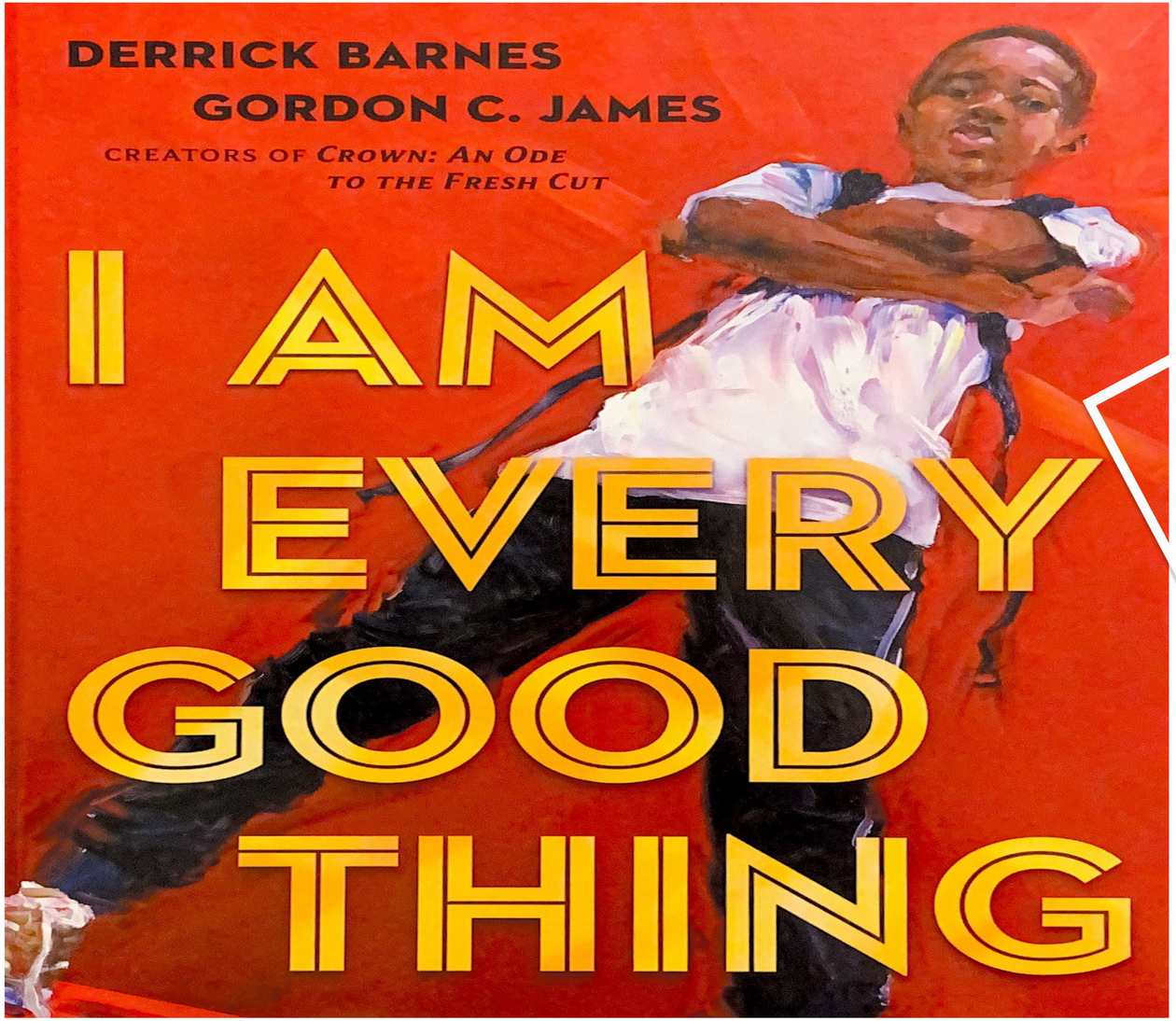
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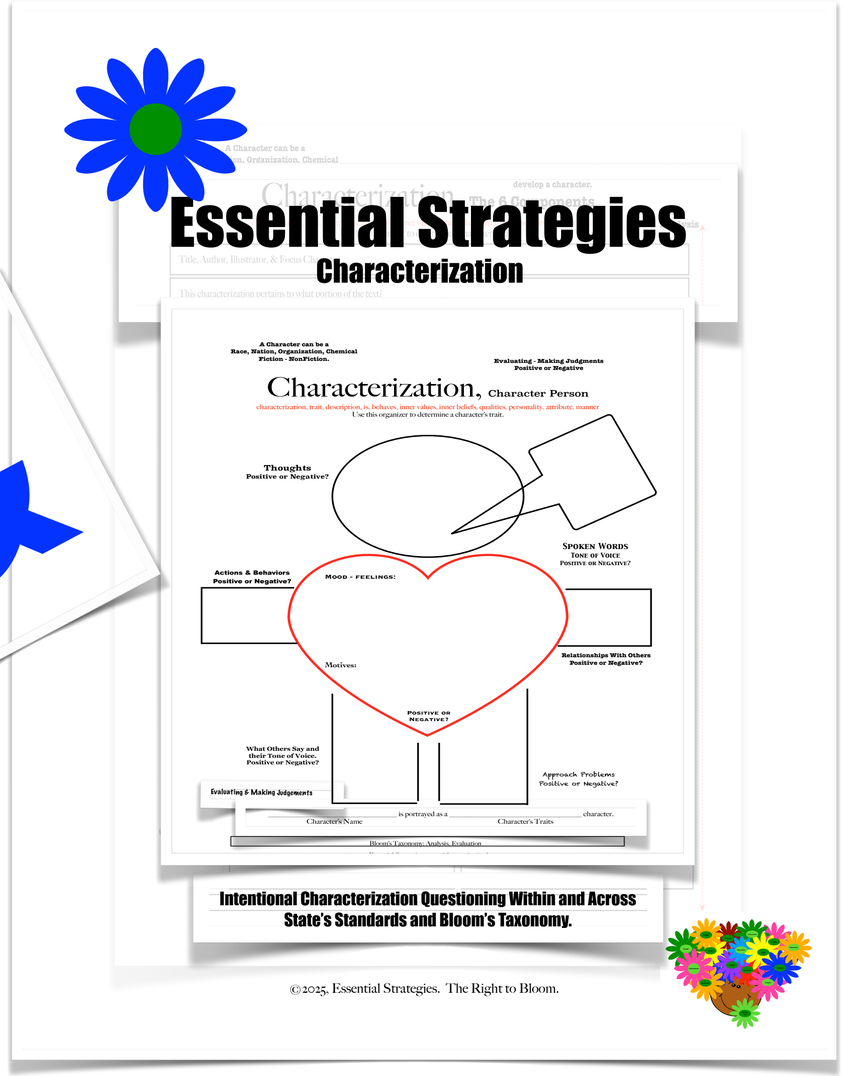
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Evaluating - Making Judgments
Positive or Negative
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Use this organizer to determine a character's trait.
Thoughts
Positive or Negative?
Spoken Words
Tone of Voice
Positive or Negative?
Actions & Behaviors
Positive or Negative?
Mood - Feelings:
Relationships With Others
Positive or Negative?
Motives:
Positive or Negative?
What Others Say and their Tone of Voice.
Positive or Negative?
Approach Problems
Positive or Negative?
Evaluating & Making Judgements
is portrayed as a
character.
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Character's Traits
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Character's Name

What the Focus Character Says to Self or Aloud

Text Example	Identify what the character **says**.
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **say these things to myself or aloud** I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	The focus character **says** _____ _____ things. (positive, negative) People who **say these things to themselves or aloud** are characterized (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	A person who **says these things to themselves or aloud,** feel
Motives & Intentions	A person who **says these things to themselves or aloud** do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**Saying these things to oneself or aloud** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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I am every good thing that makes the world go round.
You know—like gravity, or the glow of moonbeams
over a field of brand-new snow.

I am good to the core, like the center
of a cinnamon roll.

Yeah, that good.

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Self Connection
Analysis
Cause & Effect

Evaluate
Make Judgments
Analysis
Cause & Effect

Emotions
& Feelings

Motives
& Intentions

How it Propels
an Move the
Plot Forward

Evaluate
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Characterization Analysis 5

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Character's Name

Relationships - Treatment of Others

Text Example — Describe the character's **RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.**

Self Connection
Analysis
Cause & Effect — When **I HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS,** I am characterized (called) as

Evaluate
Make Judgments
Analysis
Cause & Effect — The focus character has _____ **RELATIONSHIPS.**
(positive, negative)
When people **HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS,** are characterized (called) as

Emotions
& Feelings — **RELATIONSHIPS** like this, create a feeling of

Motives
& Intentions — **RELATIONSHIPS** like this, are developed because

How it Propels
an Move the
Plot Forward — **RELATIONSHIPS** like this, causes

Evaluate
Make Judgments — Therefore, _____ is characterized as a
(Character's Name)
_____ person.
(Character's Trait)
This is a _____ characterization.
(positive, negative)

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Character's Name

Approach Problems

Text Example	Explain how the character **deals with difficult situations.**
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **solve problems** this way, I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	The focus character **approaches problems** _____ . (positively, negatively) When people **solve problems this way** they are characterized (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	People who **Solves problems** this way, feel
Motives & Intentions	People who **Solves problems** this way, do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**Solving problems** this way causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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Character's Name

Actions & Behaviors

Text Example	Identify a way the character **behaves**.
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **behave** this way, I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	This is _____ **behavior**. (positive, negative) People who **behave** this way are characterized (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	People who **behave** this way, feel
Motives & Intentions	People who **behave** this way, do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	This kind of **behavior** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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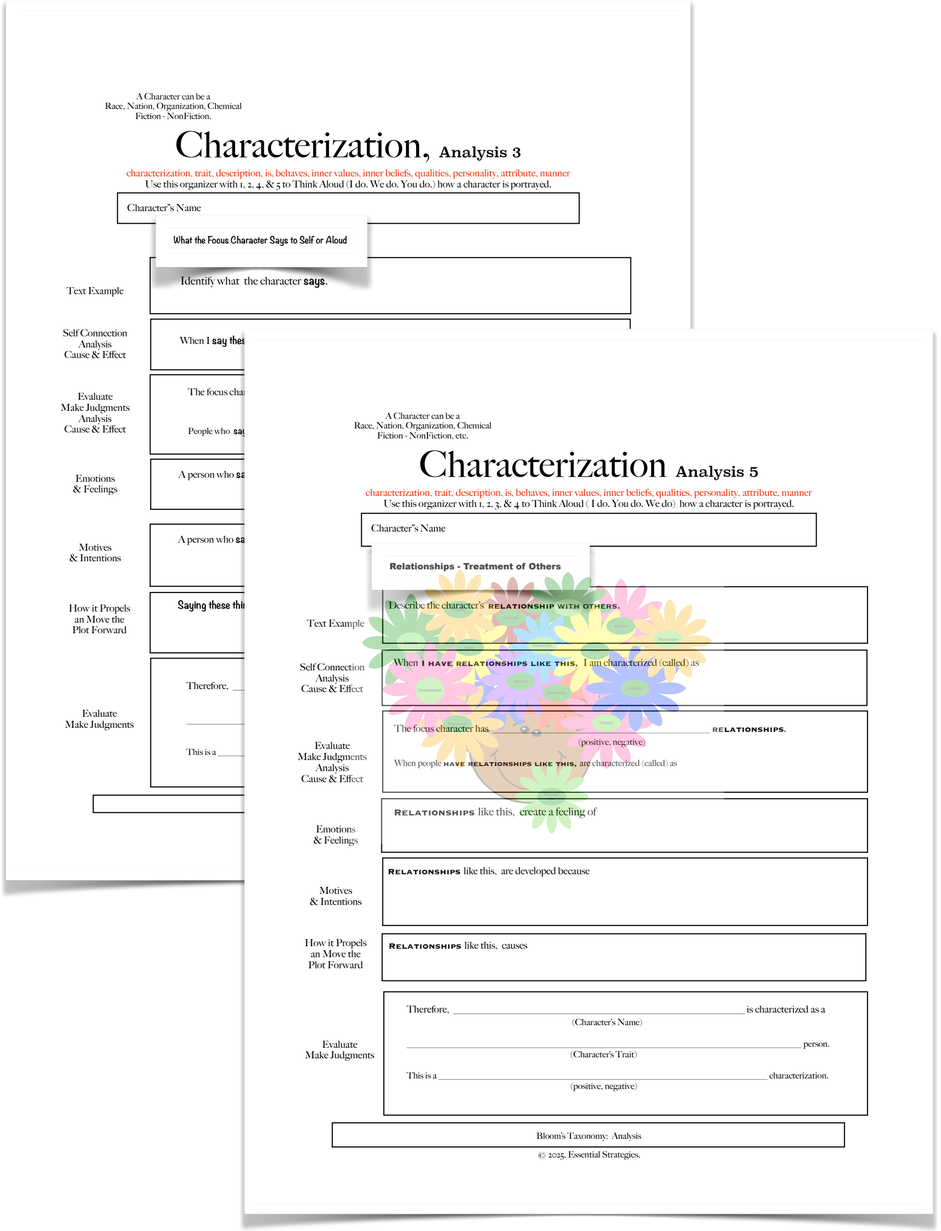

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Character's Name

What the Focus Character Says to Self or Aloud

Text Example — Identify what the character says.

Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect — When I say thes

Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect — The focus cha; People who sa

Emotions & Feelings — A person who sa

Motives & Intentions — A person who sa

How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward — Saying these thi

Evaluate Make Judgments — Therefore, ___; ___; This is a ___

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Character's Name

Relationships - Treatment of Others

Text Example — Describe the character's RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect — When I HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS, I am characterized (called) as

Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect — The focus character has ___ RELATIONSHIPS. (positive, negative)
When people HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS, are characterized (called) as

Emotions & Feelings — RELATIONSHIPS like this, create a feeling of

Motives & Intentions — RELATIONSHIPS like this, are developed because

How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward — RELATIONSHIPS like this, causes

Evaluate Make Judgments — Therefore, ___ is characterized as a (Character's Name)
___ person. (Character's Trait)
This is a ___ characterization. (positive, negative)

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Character"s Name

What the Focus Character Says to Self or Aloud

Text Example	Identify what the character **says**.
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **say these things to myself or aloud** I am characterized (called) as
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Motives & Intentions	A person who **says these things to themselves or aloud** do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**Saying these things to oneself or aloud** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **behave** this way, I am characterized (called) as
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Motives & Intentions	People who **behave** this way, do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	This kind of **behavior** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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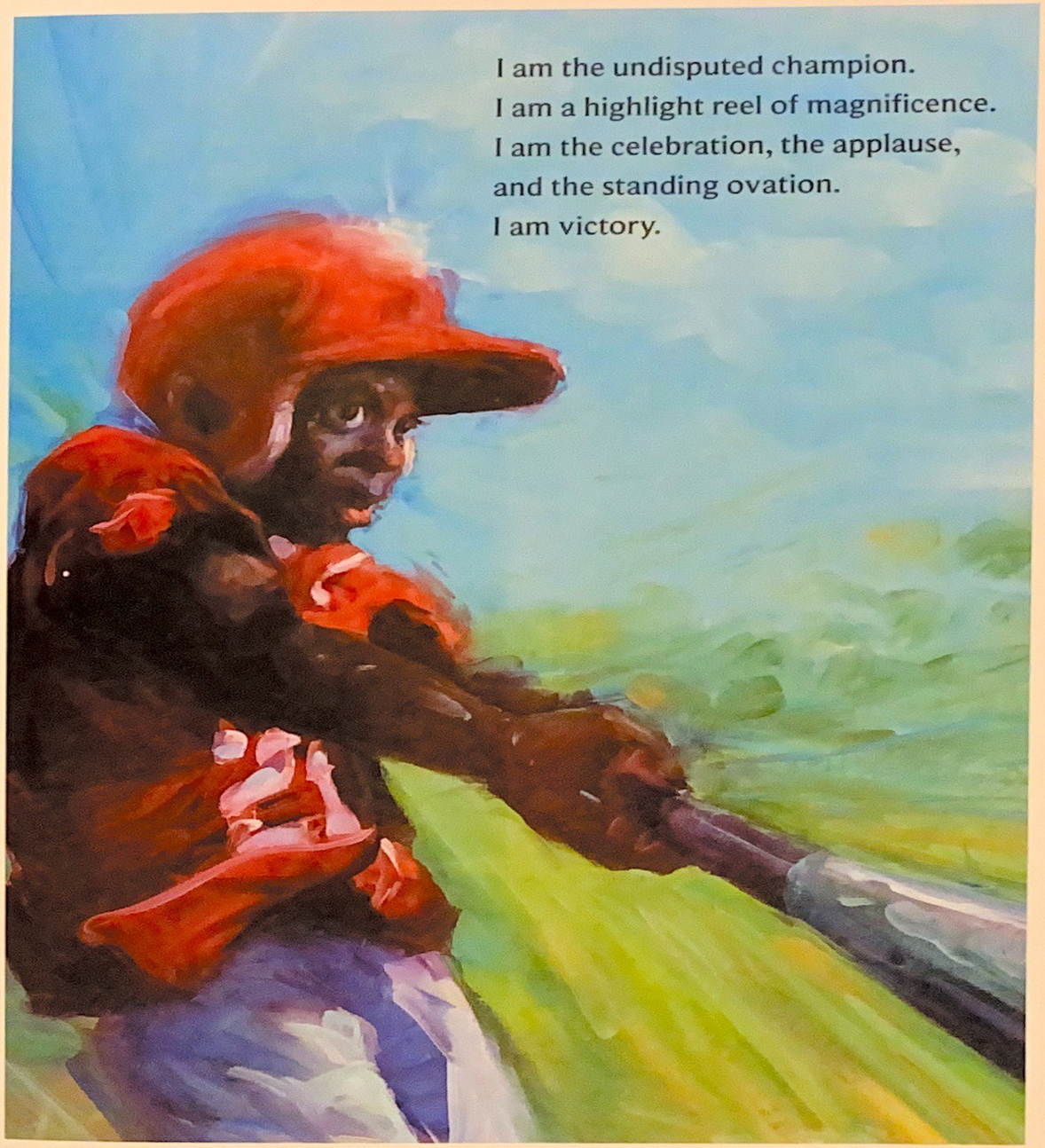
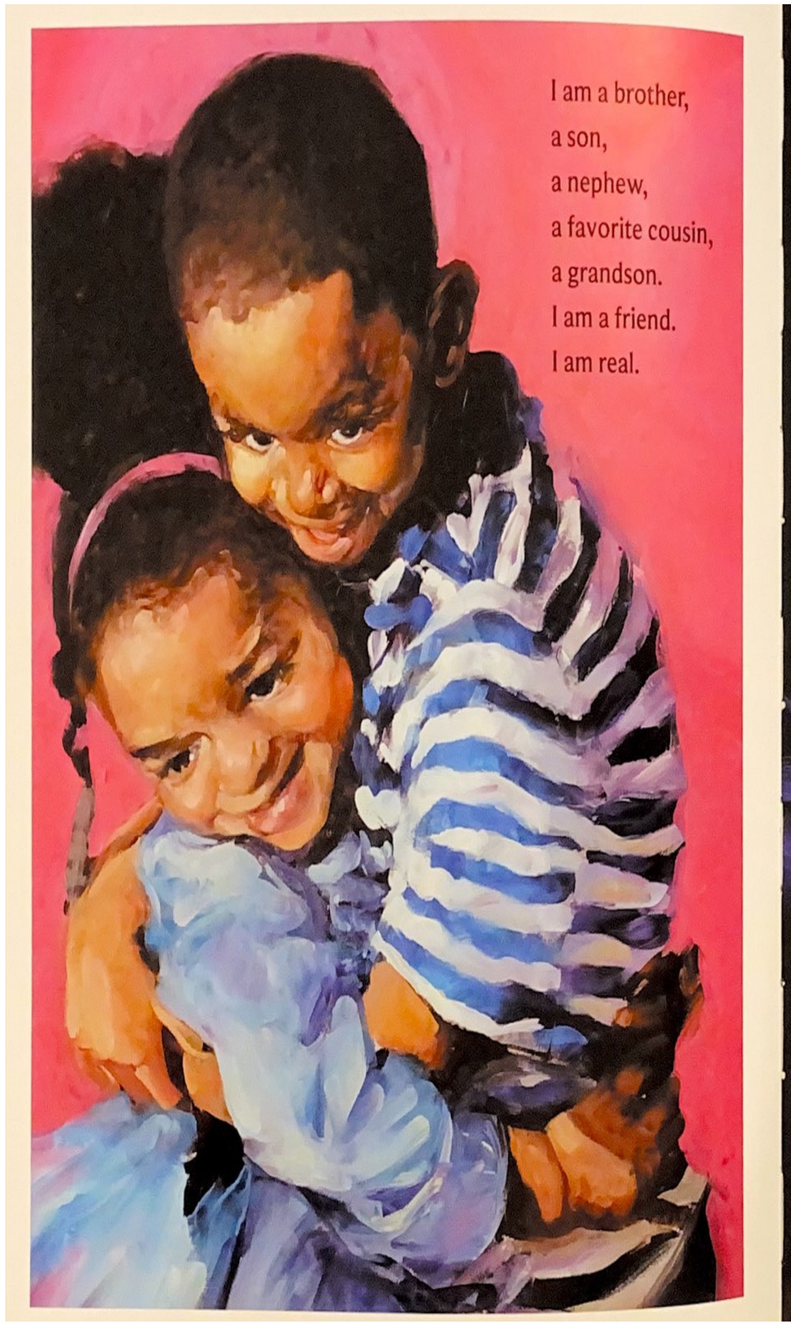
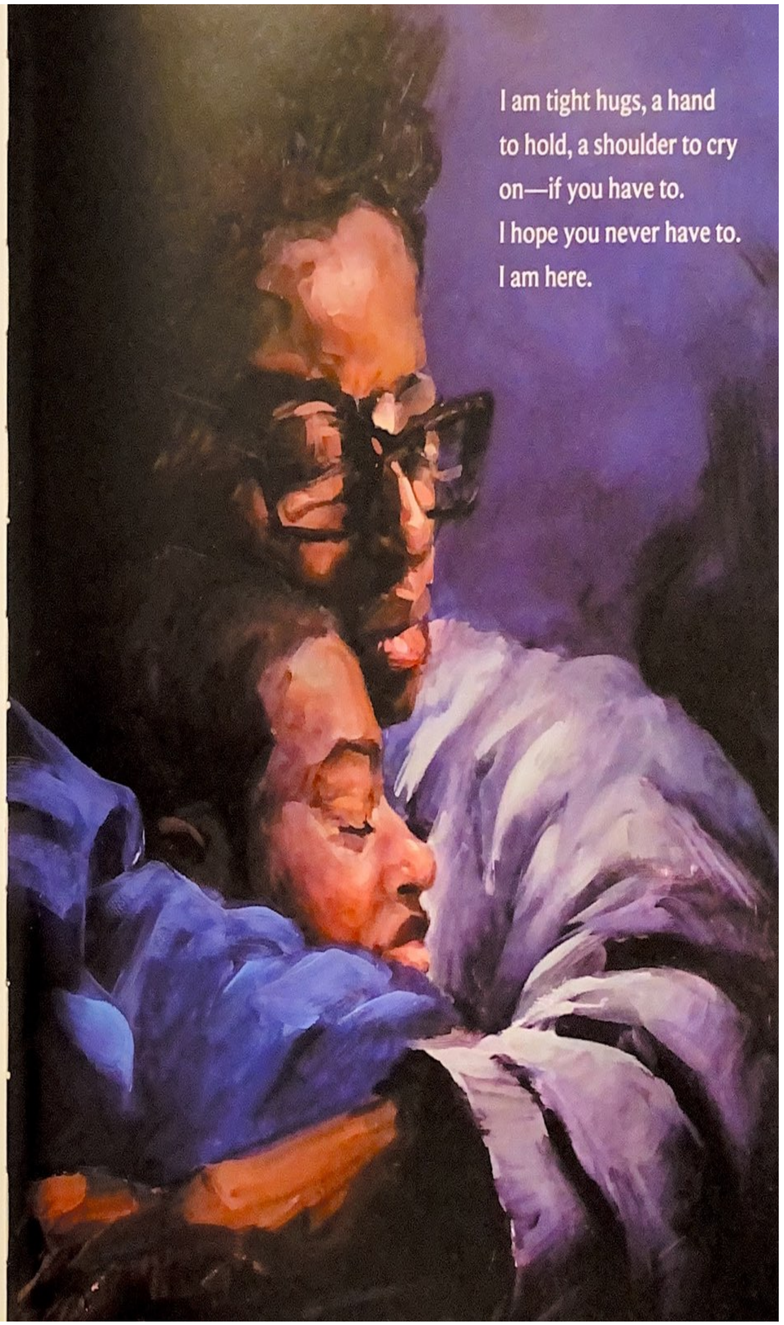
I'm the *BOOM-BAP—*
BOOM-BOOM-BAP
when the bass line thumps and the
kick drum jumps.
I'm the perfect beat, the perfect rhyme,
keeping everything on point and
always on time—
but you already knew that.

I am a grand slam,
bases fully loaded.
I'm a nasty two-handed dunk,
holding on to the rim,
just to remind you that
I'm still the man.
Believe that.



I am the undisputed champion.
I am a highlight reel of magnificence.
I am the celebration, the applause,
and the standing ovation.
I am victory.





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Character's Name

Relationships - Treatment of Others

Text Example	Describe the character's **RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.**
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When **I HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS,** I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	The focus character has _____ **RELATIONSHIPS.** (positive, negative) When people **HAVE RELATIONSHIPS LIKE THIS,** are characterized (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	**RELATIONSHIPS** like this, create a feeling of
Motives & Intentions	**RELATIONSHIPS** like this, are developed because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**RELATIONSHIPS** like this, causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ (Character's Name) is characterized as a _____ (Character's Trait) person. This is a _____ (positive, negative) characterization.

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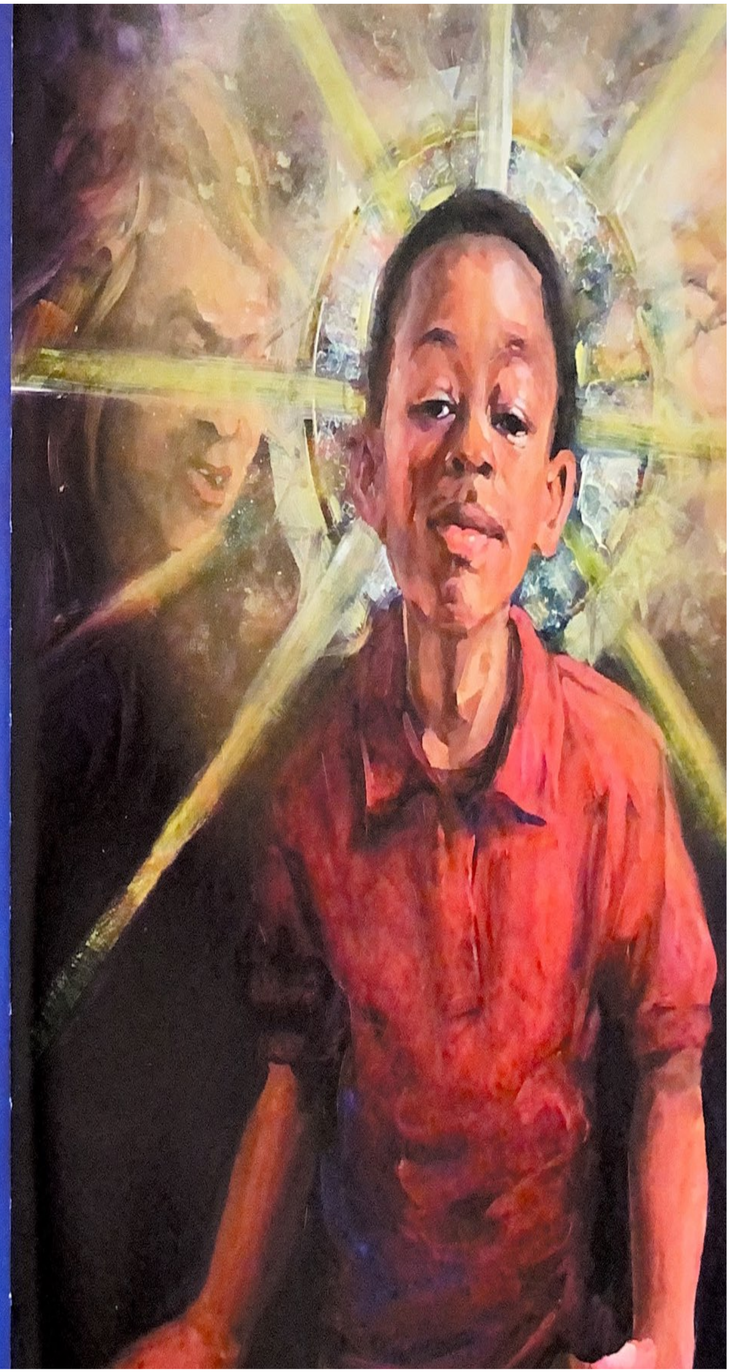
Although I am something like a superhero,
every now and then,
I am afraid.

I am not what they might call me,
and I will not answer to any name
that is not my own.
I am what I say I am.



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Characterization, Analysis 2

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Character's Name

What Other Characters Say (Reputation)

Text Example	Identify what **other characters say** about the character.
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When these things are **said about me,** I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	The **other characters speak** _____ of _____. (positively, negatively) (Character's Name) People who are **called these things** are characterized, (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	People who **say these things**, feel
Motives & Intentions	People who **say these things**, do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**Saying these things about someone** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	As a result, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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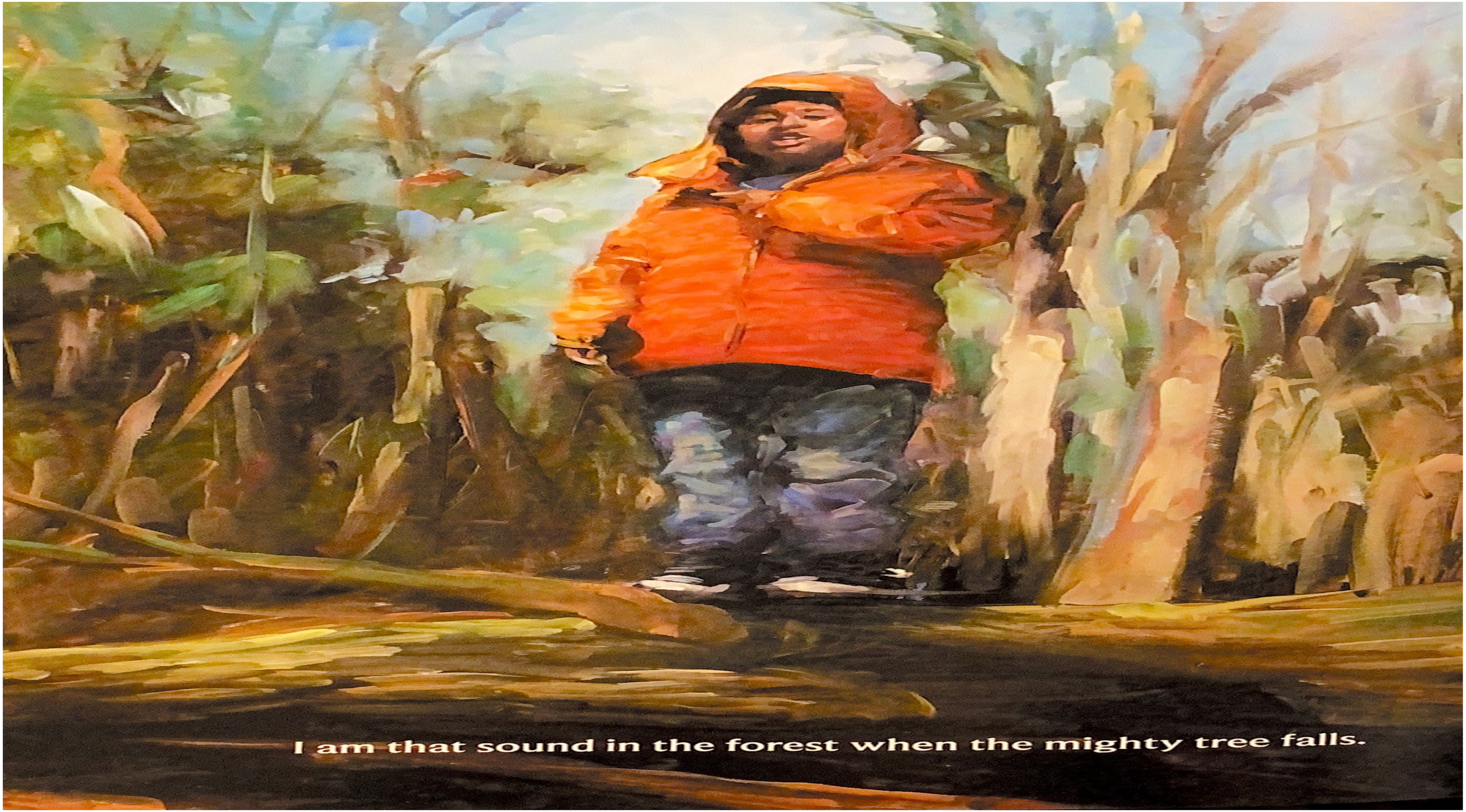
I am that sound in the forest when the mighty tree falls.

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Characterization, Analysis 3

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Character"s Name

What the Focus Character Says to Self or Aloud

Text Example	Identify what the character **says**.
Self Connection Analysis Cause & Effect	When I **say these things to myself or aloud** I am characterized (called) as
Evaluate Make Judgments Analysis Cause & Effect	The focus character **says** _____ things. (positive, negative) People who **say these things to themselves or aloud** are characterized (called) as
Emotions & Feelings	A person who **says these things to themselves or aloud**, feel
Motives & Intentions	A person who **says these things to themselves or aloud** do so because
How it Propels an Move the Plot Forward	**Saying these things to oneself or aloud** causes
Evaluate Make Judgments	Therefore, _____ is characterized as a (Character's Name) _____ person. (Character's Trait) This is a _____ characterization. (positive, negative)

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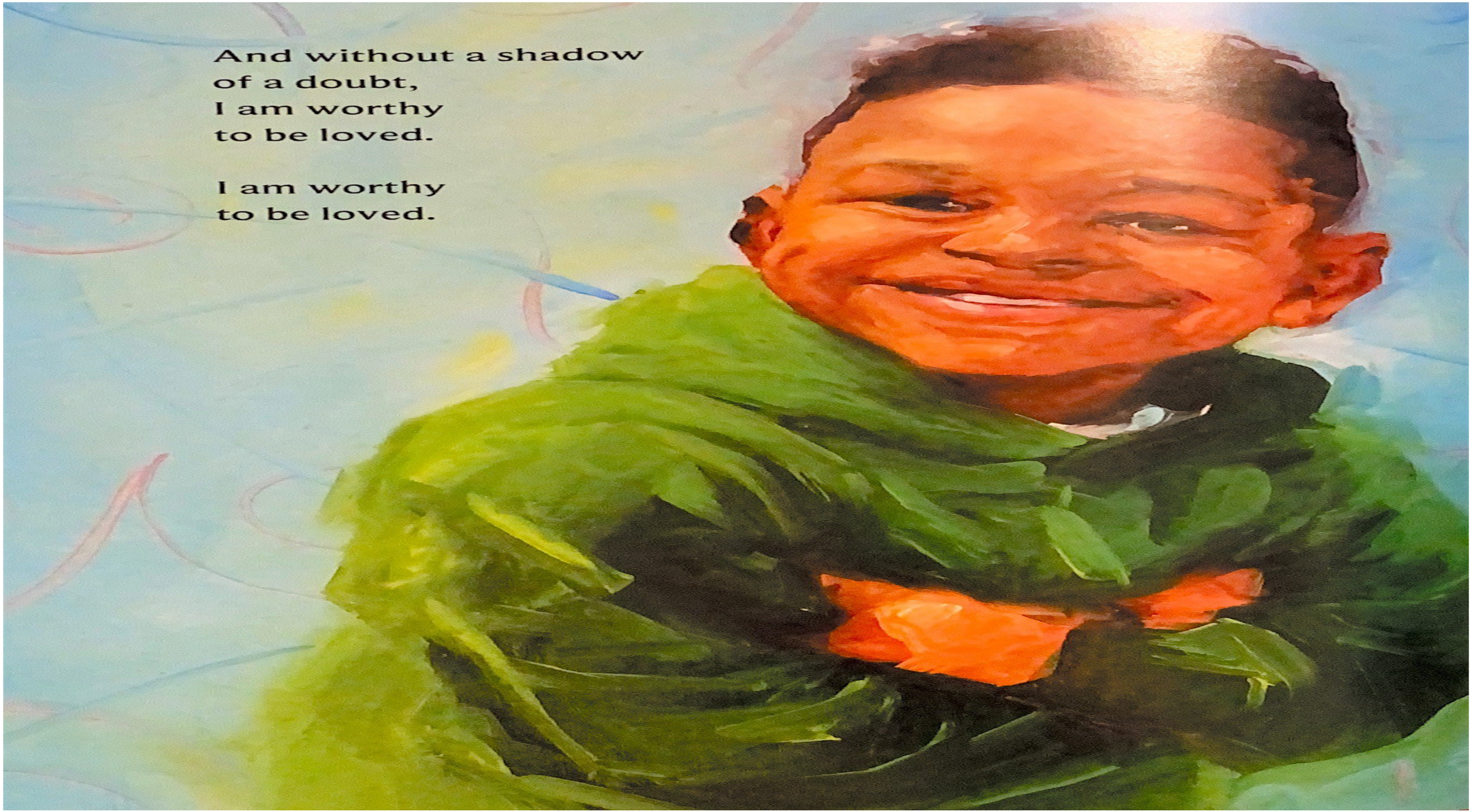

And without a shadow
of a doubt,
I am worthy
to be loved.

I am worthy
to be loved.

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