

HEY, SPEEDY, DON'T THINK YOU CAN RUN FASTER THAN ME. AFTER SCHOOL TOMORROW, I'M COMING FOR YOU, AND YOU WON'T GET AWAY. BETTER TELL THE COACH YOU'LL BE MISSING TRACK PRACTICE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE THE TRACK TEAM. YOU MUST BE REALLY FAST.

I TRIED OUT LAST YEAR BUT DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT. I REALLY DIDN'T WANNA BE ON IT ANYWAY, THOUGH.



Later that day, after school at Ben's house ...

OKAY, SO YOU'RE FAST, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT JAMES TOMORROW?

WELL, MAYBE IF I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TRACK TEAM, I'LL BE TOUGH ENOUGH TO TAKE ON JAMES.

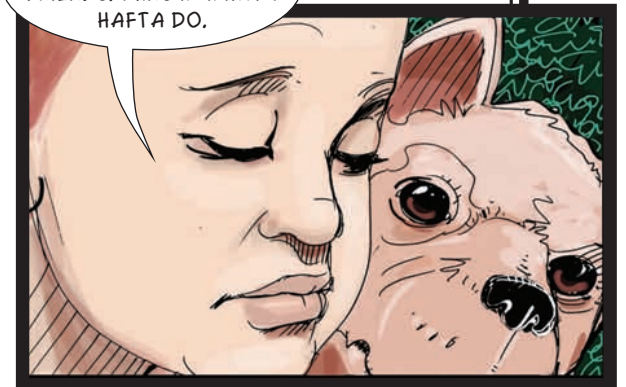
WHAT ARE YOU, NUTS? FAST IS GREAT, BUT FIGHTING IS NOT THE SAME AS RUNNING. GO TO THE COUNSELOR TOMORROW.

NAH, TELL YOUR BROTHER AND HAVE HIM COME AFTER SCHOOL TO TEACH JAMES A LESSON.



KICK HIS BUTT YOURSELF, BEN. IF YOU CAN RUN TRACK, YOU MUST BE IN BETTER SHAPE THAN YOU THINK.

THANKS GUYS. YOU'RE GOOD FRIENDS. I KNOW WHAT I HAFTA DO.



Bully Blasters explores how a student named Ben and his friends try to stop a bully. Go to the **NIE Blogging Zone** at blogs.tampabay.com/nie to share your bully solutions. And don't miss next week's final chapter to learn how to enter our Bully Blaster contest. The top two entries will win backpacks filled with school supplies.

TIMES BULLY BLASTER ACTIVITY: Search today's *Times* for these: a picture of people getting along well; an organization encouraging people to work together; a synonym for conflict; a comic that shows a victim; and a story with a hero. Clip out these items and save for next week. The last chapter of *Bully Blasters* lets you choose your own ending, and you will need these things to help you complete the task.