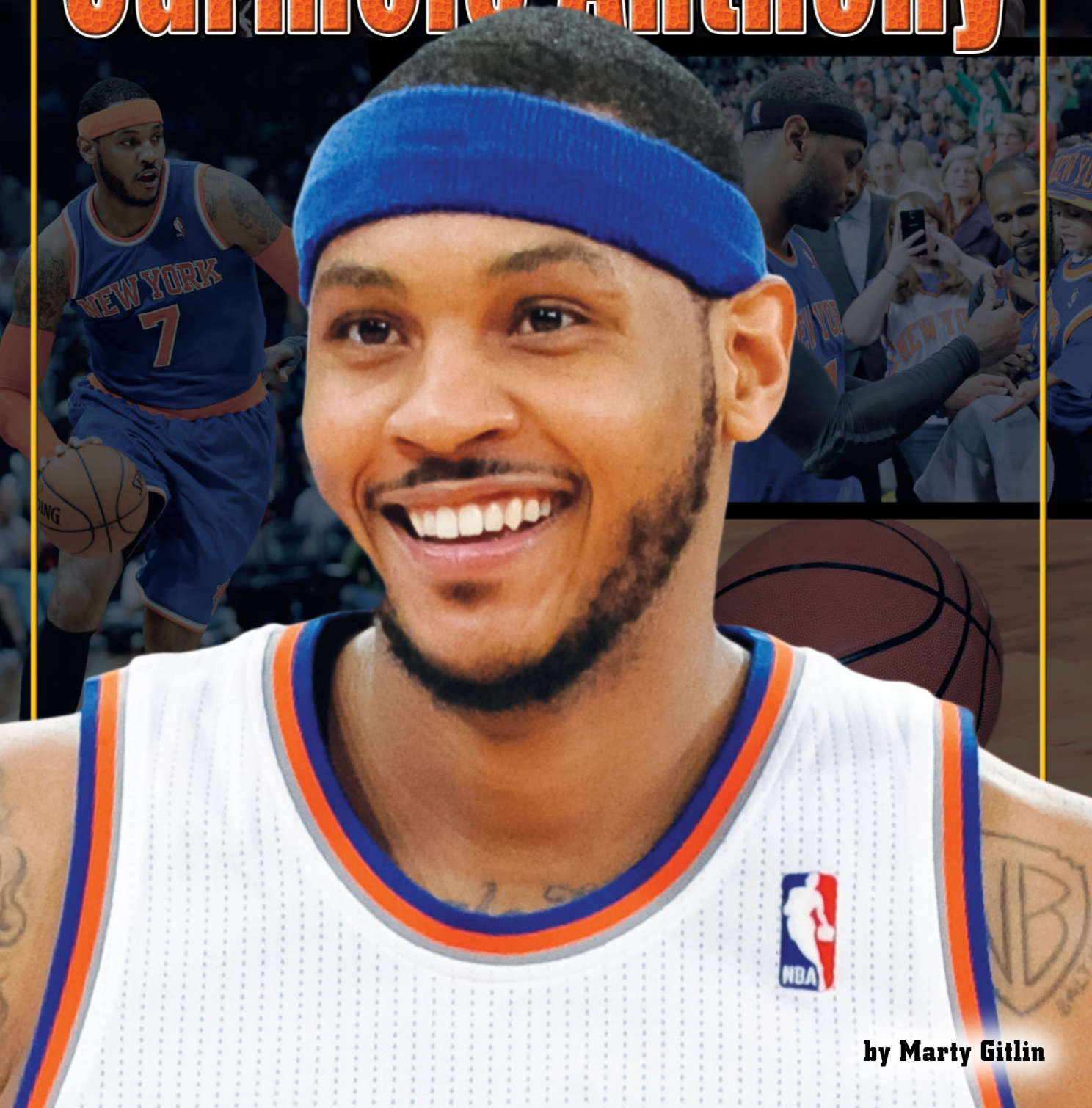




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# Hero on the Court

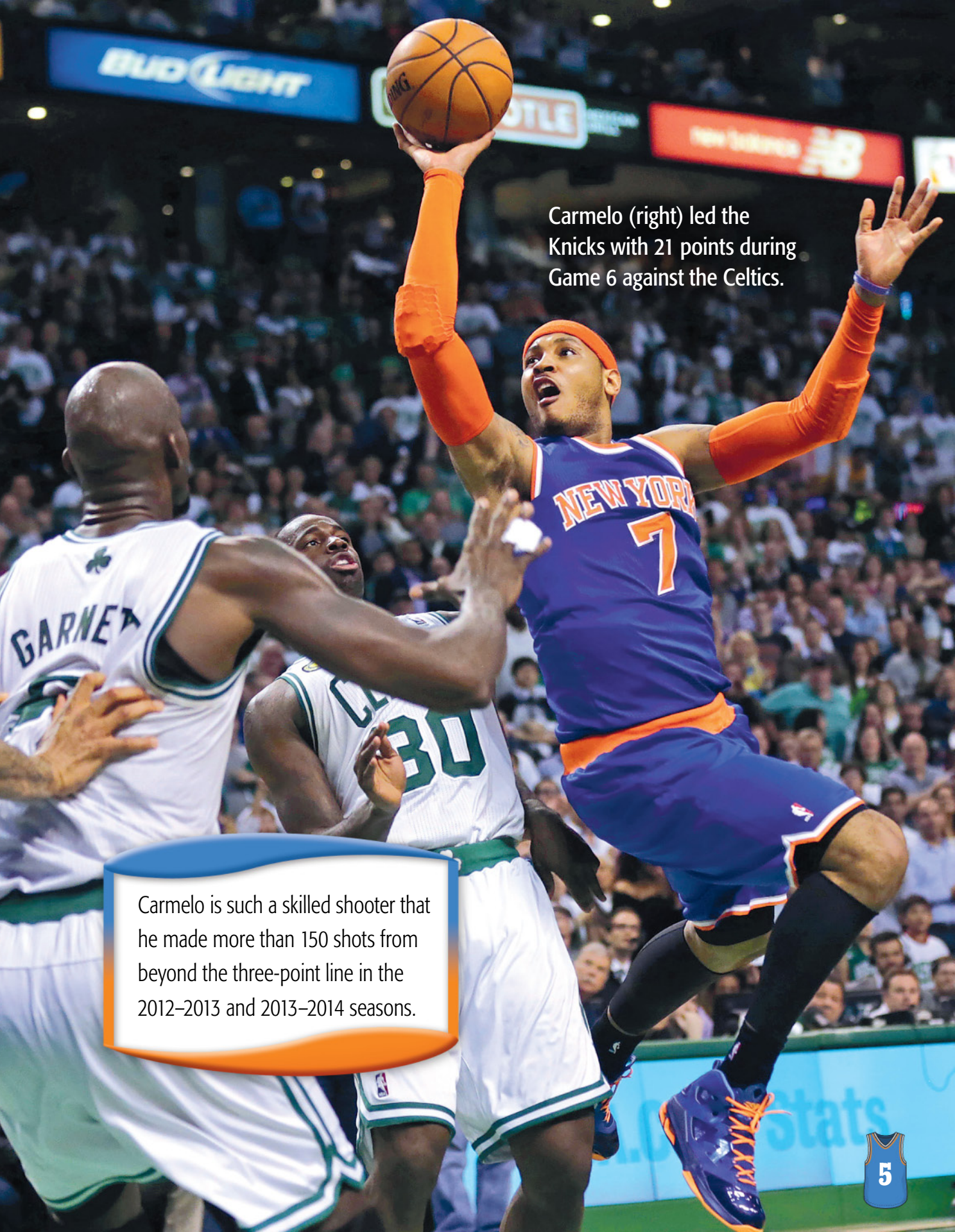
It was Game 6 of the first round of the 2013 **NBA playoffs**, and the New York Knicks were in big trouble. Earlier in the game, the Knicks held a 24-point lead over the Boston Celtics. However, with less than five minutes left in the game, that lead had shrunk to just four points. It was time for the Knicks' superstar player, Carmelo Anthony, to step up.

Carmelo leaped into the air and made a **jumper**. A minute later, he fired a **three-pointer**. *Swish!* It sunk into the basket. New York went on to win 88–80. Carmelo had helped the Knicks win a playoff series for the first time since the year 2000!

Carmelo (left) rises above a Celtics defender to shoot.







Carmelo (right) led the Knicks with 21 points during Game 6 against the Celtics.

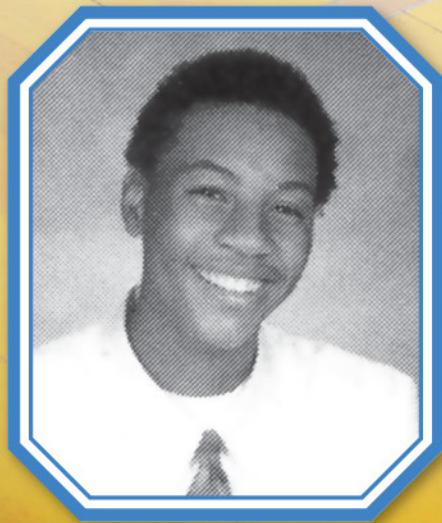
Carmelo is such a skilled shooter that he made more than 150 shots from beyond the three-point line in the 2012–2013 and 2013–2014 seasons.



# A Challenging Start

Carmelo's path to NBA stardom had a rough start. Carmelo Kyam Anthony was born on May 29, 1984, in Brooklyn, New York. When Carmelo turned eight, his family moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Life in Baltimore wasn't easy. Not far from Carmelo's new home, people sold drugs and fights broke out. Luckily, playing basketball helped keep Carmelo out of trouble.

By high school, Carmelo's dunking and shooting skills had made him well known in the city. Soon, he became one of the best high school players in the country. However, his ball playing was much better than his schoolwork. To get into college, Carmelo knew he would also need to be a good student. As a result, he switched to a high school with a stronger **academic** program. His grades soon improved. Carmelo was now ready for the next step in his basketball career.



Carmelo attended Towson Catholic High School through his junior year.



Carmelo spent his senior year at Oak Hill Academy, a school known for both its basketball and academics.



Carmelo grew five inches (12.7 cm) by his sophomore year of high school. The extra height allowed him to change positions from **guard** to **forward**.



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As a rookie for the Denver Nuggets, Carmelo Anthony helped lead his team to the playoffs with his outstanding scoring skills. After he was traded to the New York Knicks, he continued to shine on the court. That's not the only reason Carmelo Anthony is a superstar, however. When he's not sinking shots, Carmelo is helping those in need through the Carmelo Anthony Foundation. The foundation sets up after-school programs for kids and provides food for the hungry. Follow Carmelo through the biggest moments of his career on and off the court to see how this basketball legend makes a difference.

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