**Not-a-Mindboggler**

**Living the Dream**

In the pursuit of dreams, there are always difficult decisions to make, real struggles to overcome and fortuitous moments to cherish. Below are some flashbacks to the early days of people who have made their dreams come true. Figure out the missing words and fill in the appropriate squares of the puzzle below.

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1. After Walt Disney lost the right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1928, he created Mickey Mouse as a replacement, which has become one of the most beloved cartoon characters of all time.

2. Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen would not have made the serendipitous discovery of X-rays without an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mind.

5. Despite having just a hundred dollars in the bank, Sylvester Stallone sold the script of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at a low price on the condition that he could play the titular role in the film.

7. During his sophomore year, Michael Jordan tried out for the basketball varsity team but was rejected because of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Stephen King got the inspiration for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horror novel, *Carrie*, while working as a high school janitor.

**ACROSS**

3. During a chance encounter in 2008, 13-year-old Joseph Schooling took a photo with Michael Phelps, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whom he beat in the 100-metre butterfly final at the Olympics eight years later.

4. Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll, worked as a truck \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after finishing high school.

6. Before his acting career took off, Harrison Ford worked as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. J.K. Rowling was living on government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when she wrote the first Harry Potter book.

10. Bill Gates dropped out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one of the most prestigious Ivy League colleges, to establish Microsoft.

11. From a governess to a Nobel Prize winner, Marie Curie overcame enormous obstacles in the relentless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for scientific discoveries.

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