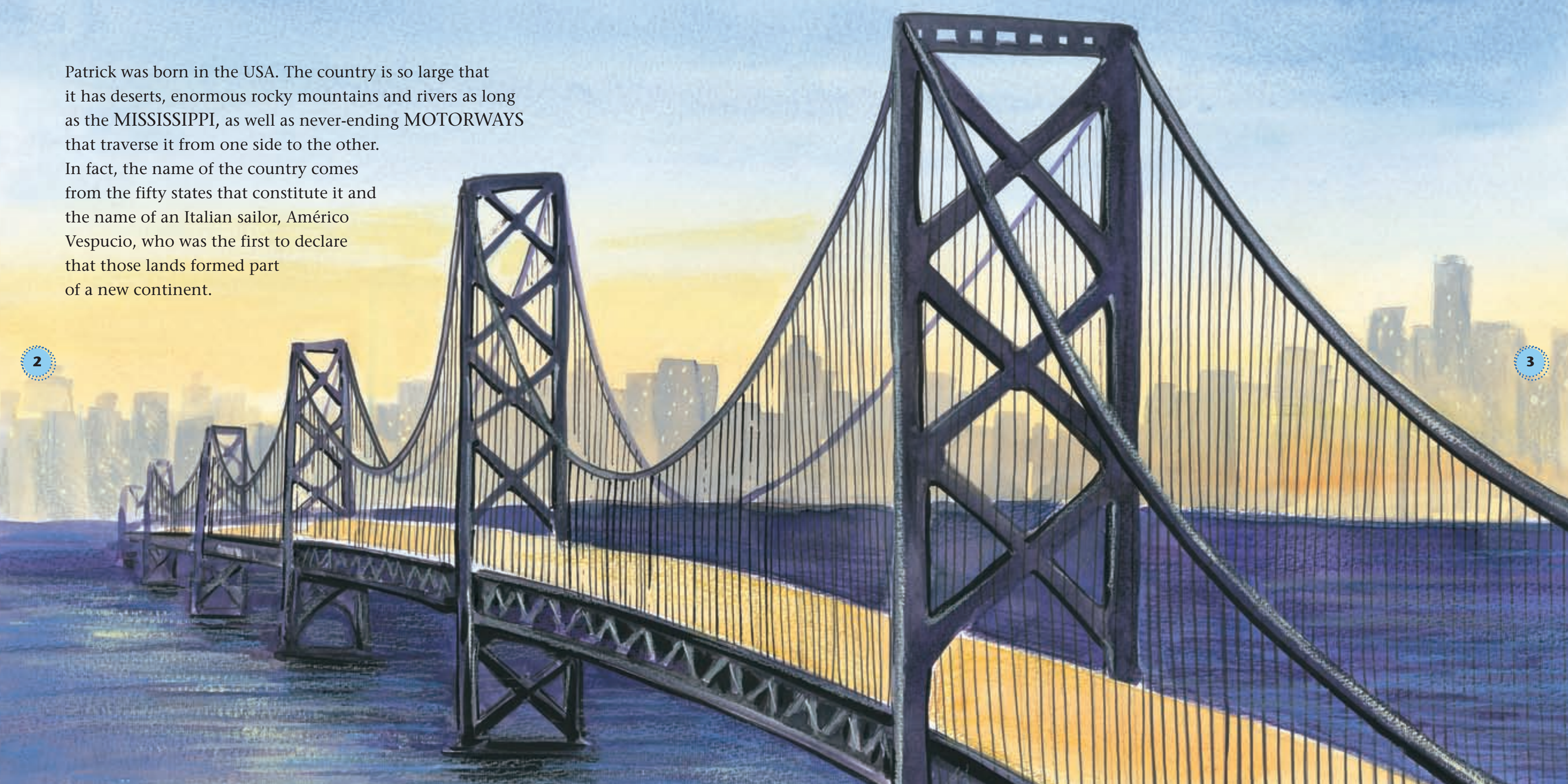


Patrick was born in the USA. The country is so large that it has deserts, enormous rocky mountains and rivers as long as the MISSISSIPPI, as well as never-ending MOTORWAYS that traverse it from one side to the other. In fact, the name of the country comes from the fifty states that constitute it and the name of an Italian sailor, Américo Vespuccio, who was the first to declare that those lands formed part of a new continent.

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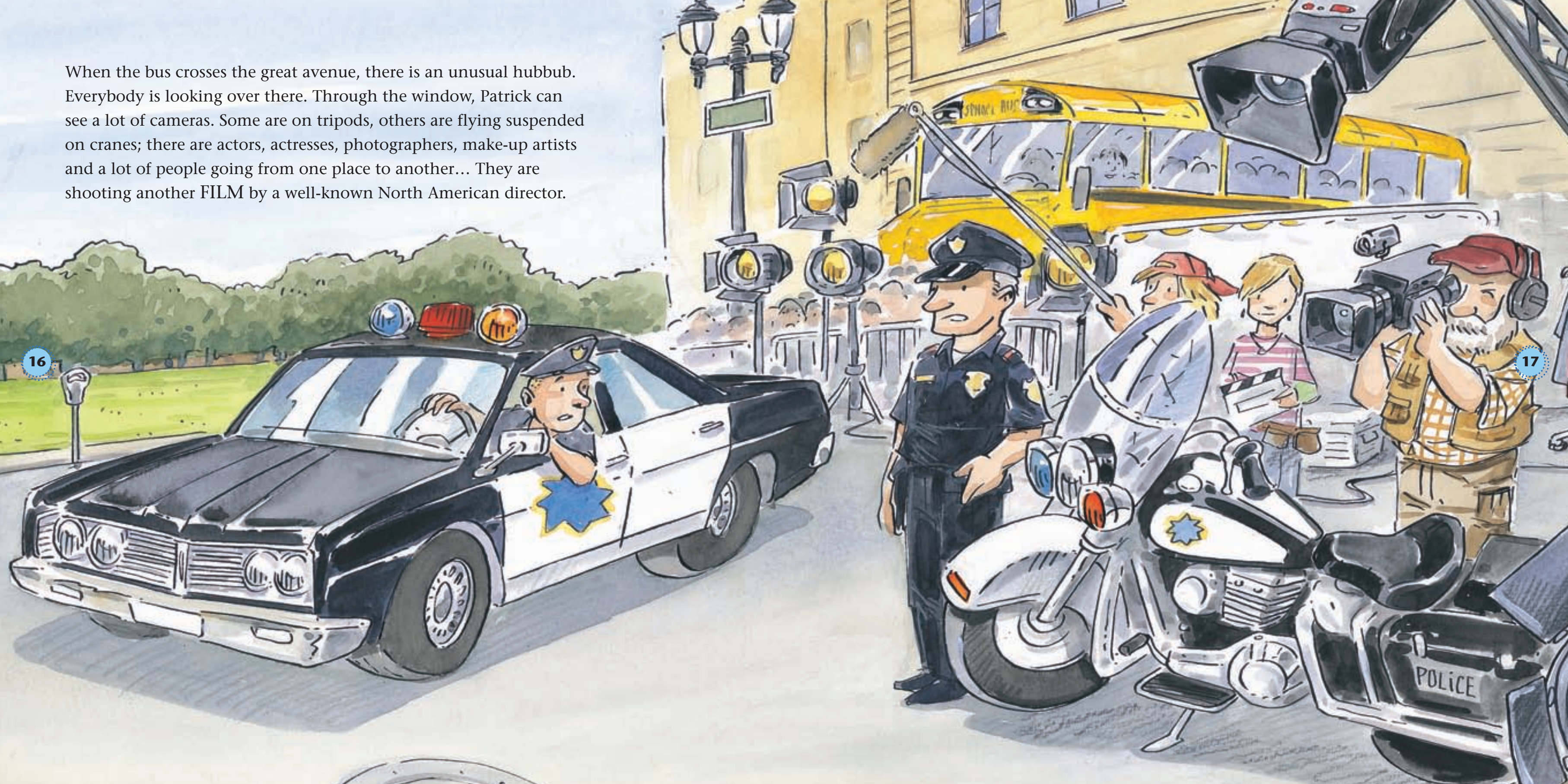
He goes so quickly that he almost crashes into a girl on her way to work wearing a dress and SNEAKERS, with a cup of coffee in her hand and HEADPHONES in her ears. Patrick has to make a sharp turn with his skateboard to dodge her. "Phew! That was close," he thinks as he waves goodbye to her.





When the bus crosses the great avenue, there is an unusual hubbub. Everybody is looking over there. Through the window, Patrick can see a lot of cameras. Some are on tripods, others are flying suspended on cranes; there are actors, actresses, photographers, make-up artists and a lot of people going from one place to another... They are shooting another FILM by a well-known North American director.

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