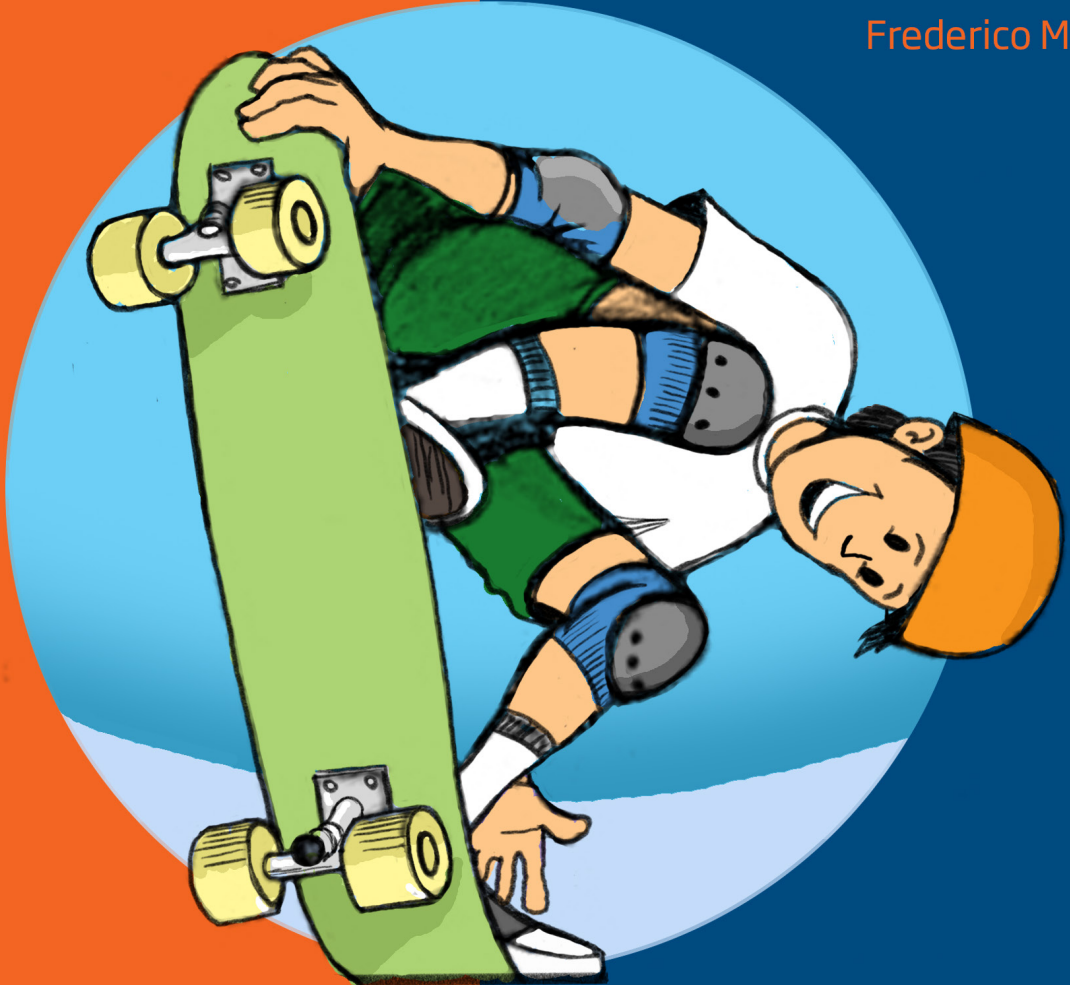


Tatan Skater Life

Frederico Manica





This book is suitable for children between 7 and 13 years old and presents in a fun and instructive way the story of a hearing impaired boy, who has made the dream of being a professional skateboarder become a great stimulus to overcome his personal difficulties.

In addition to being hearing impaired, Tatan was born aboard a ship in international waters and grew up traveling around the world.

He learned how to surf in Hawaii, went to the Antarctic continent, kitesurfed in Ceará, Brazil, and even skated in China. He naturally understood that making friends and cultivating friendships is the best way to communicate with the world, without caring about nationality, race, age, the language spoken or if the person has physical limitations, and especially without caring about financial or social condition, helping people to find a way to overcome their limitations and be successful. In consequence, building their own happiness and sharing a world without political, social or ideological boundaries.

"The radical adventures of Florinda and Florisbela's friends" collection is composed of children and audio books that can be purchased at bookstores. Also available for download on the website www.florindaeflorisbela.com.br on "Stories to tell" tab ("Estórias para contar", in Portuguese) are the narratives of the characters' adventures, including additions to the themes covered in the books which main goal is to help parents, educators, and all interested people to tell educational, exciting and funny stories.



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HEY GUYS!
I'M TATAN. THIS BOOK WILL TELL
YOU A BIT ABOUT MY SKATER LIFE.

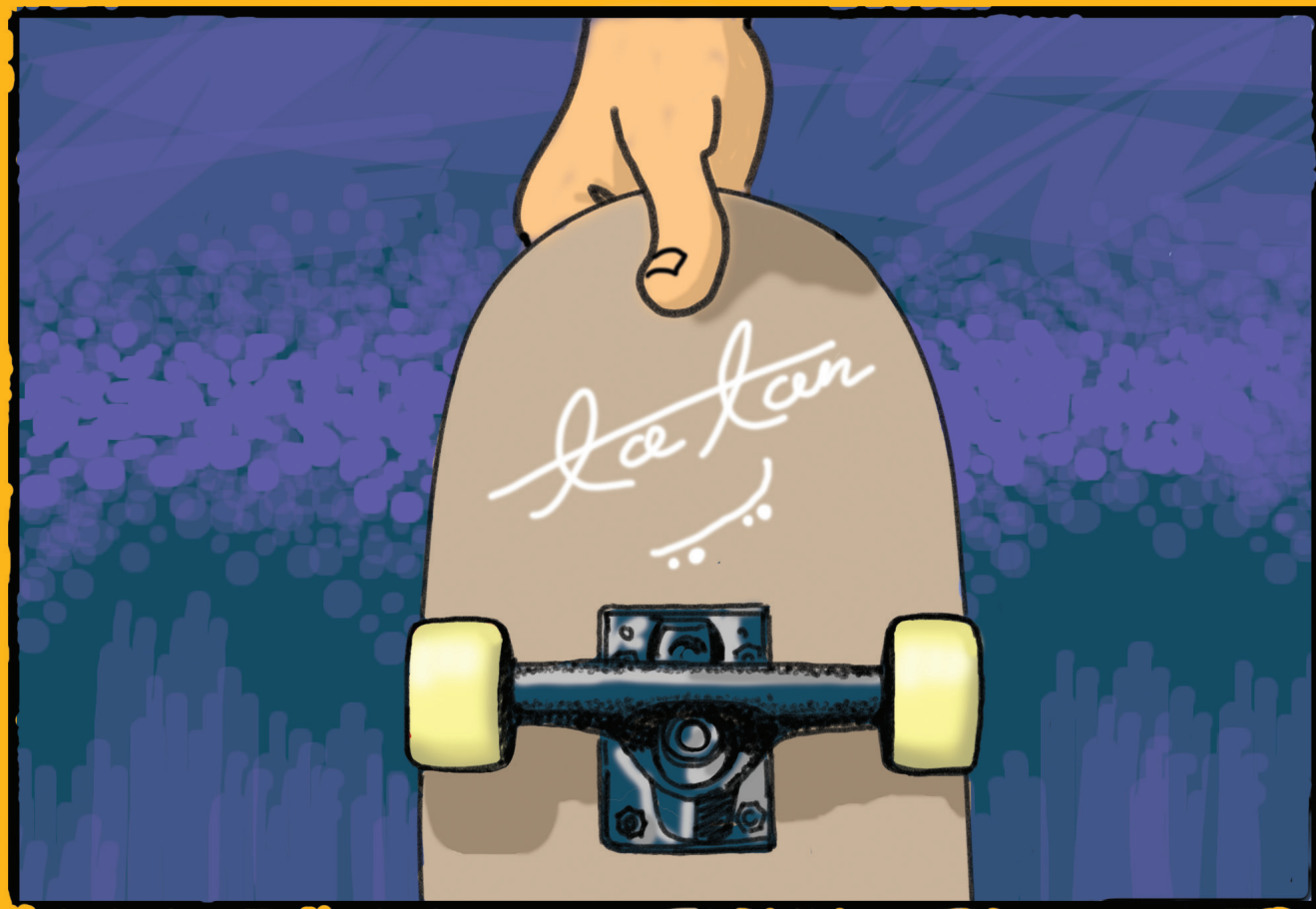
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I WAS BORN AND SOME AMAZING
PLACES THAT I HAVE BEEN
TO ALL AROUND THE WORLD.



YOU'LL KNOW, AS WELL,
WHAT I LIKE TO DO WITH
MY FRIENDS AND THE WAY I
COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE.

I dedicate this book to my sister Estephania and to every single person with special needs who instead of being discouraged to their difficulties, may prefer to become inspired through them to overcome their own limitations and thus achieve their autonomy and their intimate, familiar and social wellness.

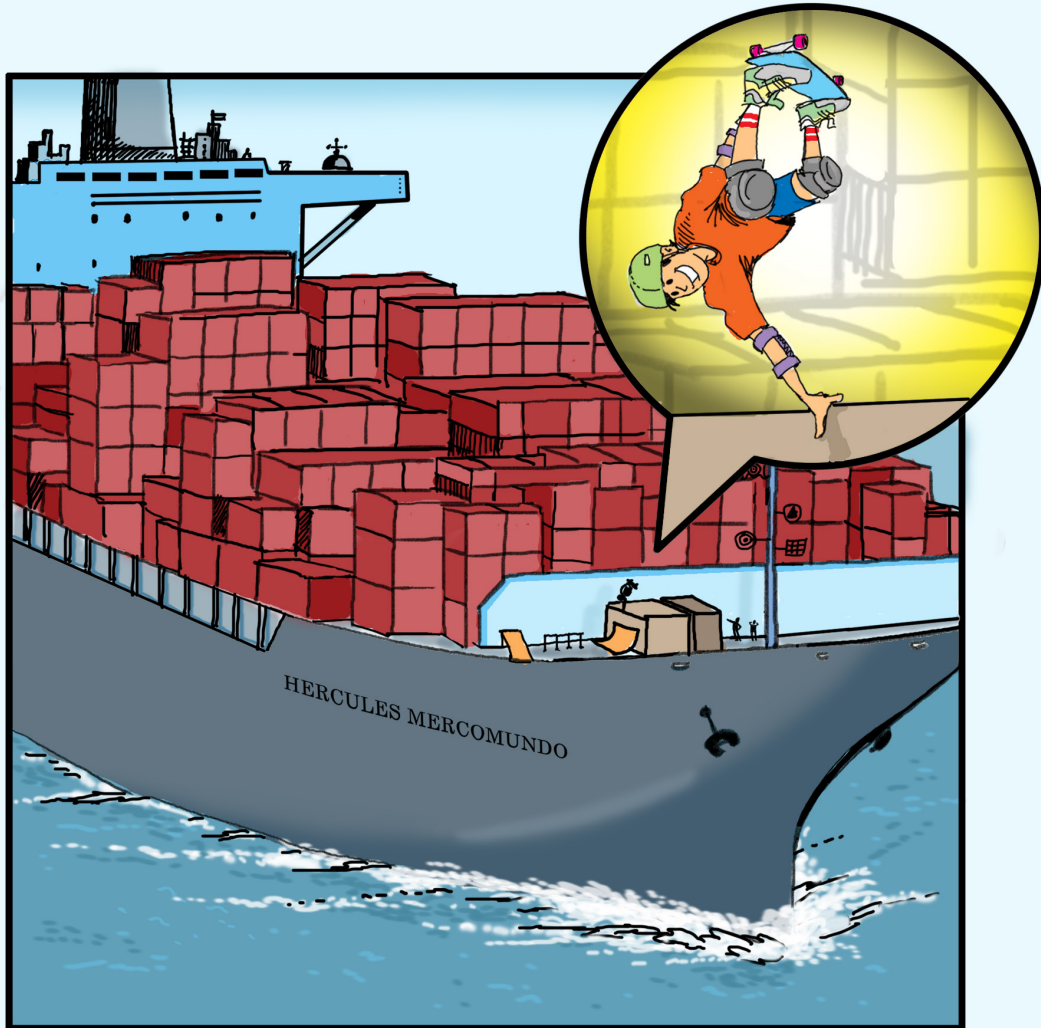
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TATAN WAS BORN INSIDE A SHIP IN DEEP SEA. HIS DAD IS NATAN, WHO IS THE BOATSWAIN OF THE SUPER CONTAINER POST-PANAMAX SHIP "HERCULES MERCOMUNDO".



Boatswain – A worker who supervises and directs other workers in a ship's deck. | Container – A very large box usually made of steel used for transporting goods in trucks, trains and ships. | Post-panamax – Ships larger than the Panama Canal, which do not fit in the original canal locks.

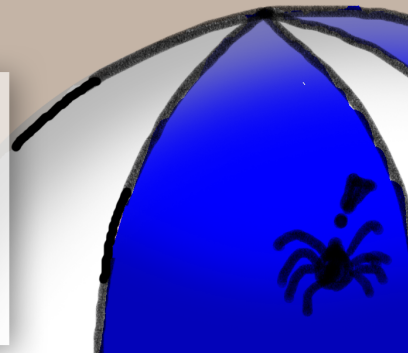
TATAN'S MOM IS TALITA. SHE'S A COOK IN THE SAME SHIP THAT TATAN'S FATHER WORKS AS A BOATSWAIN. HER DREAM IS TO BECOME A DOCTOR, SO SHE STUDIES VERY HARD WHENEVER SHE HAS A DAY OFF.



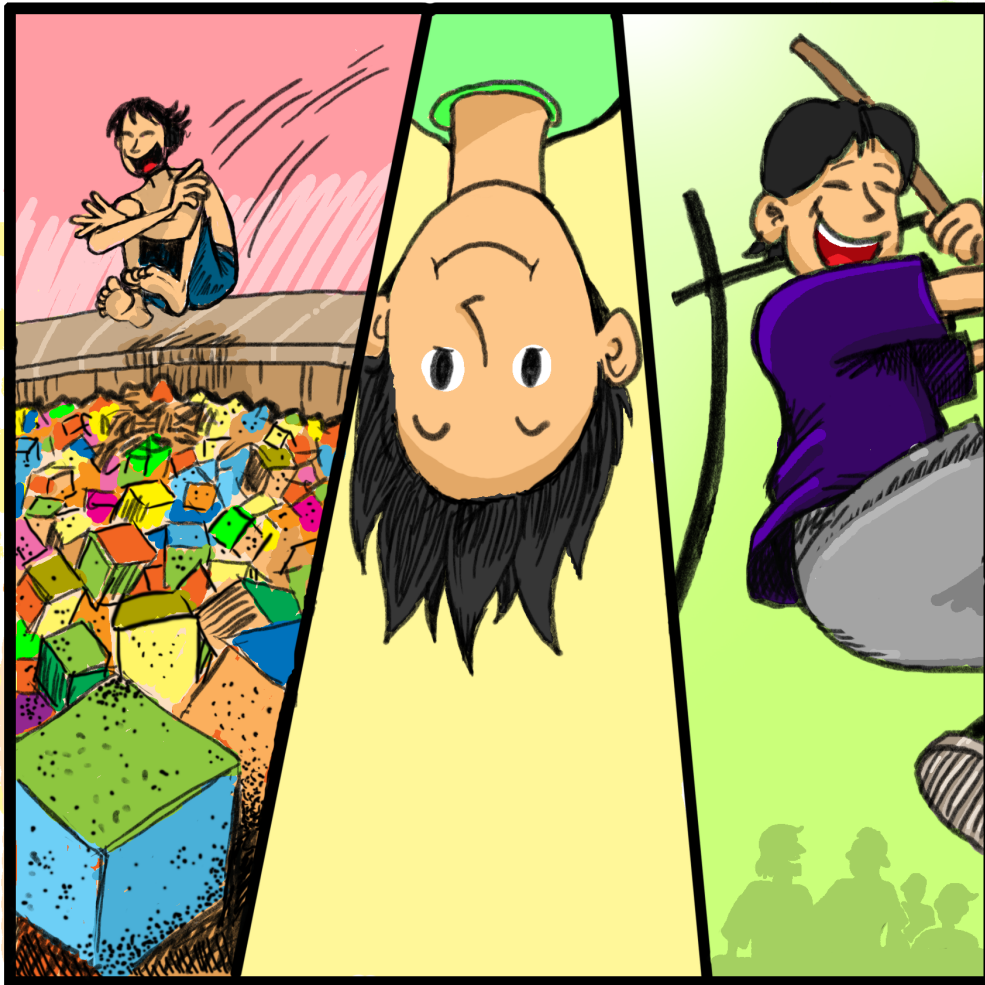
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TATAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A RESTLESS, CURIOUS, AGITATED BOY. HE WAS ABLE TO CRAWL WHEN HE WAS FIVE MONTHS OLD AND JUMPED OUT OF HIS BABY CRIB WHEN HE WAS EIGHT MONTHS OLD. BY THE TIME HE WAS ONE YEAR OLD, HE ALREADY WALKED BY HIMSELF.



TATAN'S PARENTS DECIDED TO ENROLL HIM TO A GYM SCHOOL,
SO THAT HE COULD JUMP, TWIST, HANG UPSIDE DOWN AND PLAY
IN THE FOAM POOL, LEARNING HOW TO FALL WITHOUT TAKING
ANY RISKS.



TATAN'S HOME WAS THE HERCULES MERCOMUNDO SHIP UNTIL HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD, WHEN HE STARTED GOING TO HIS FIRST YEAR AT SCHOOL. HE HAS BEEN TO MANY CITIES AROUND THE WORLD AND MADE MANY FRIENDS ON ALL CONTINENTES.



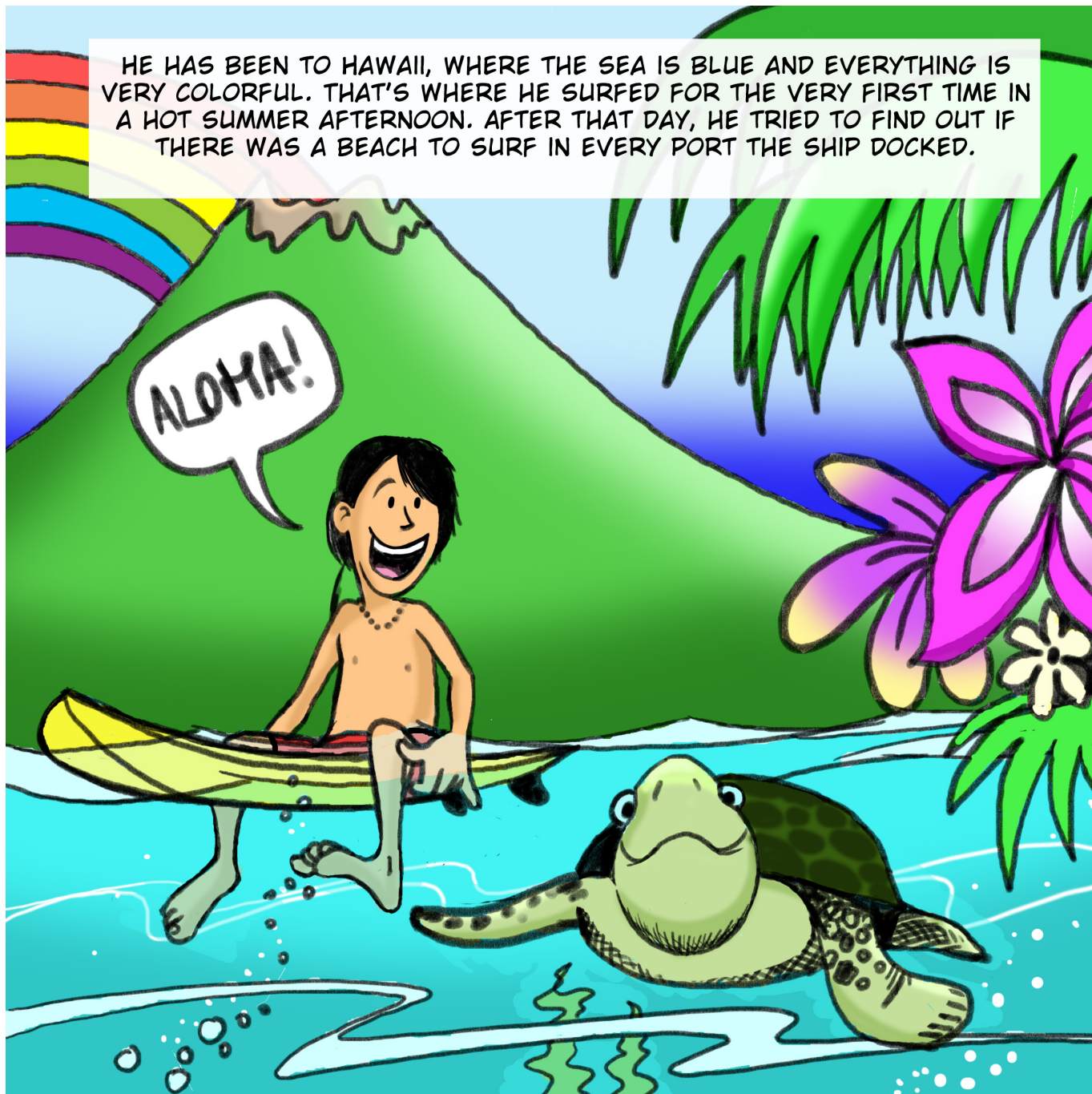
HE VISITED ANTARTICA, WHERE ALMOST EVERYTHING IS WHITE.
THERE, HE LEARNED HOW TO SLIDE AND JUMP
ON A SNOWBOARD.



HE LOVED AUSTRALIA! SINCE HE COULDN'T
SPEAK PROPERLY YET, HE CALLED THE
KANGAROOS SIMPLY AS "GAROOOS".



HE HAS BEEN TO HAWAII, WHERE THE SEA IS BLUE AND EVERYTHING IS VERY COLORFUL. THAT'S WHERE HE SURFED FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IN A HOT SUMMER AFTERNOON. AFTER THAT DAY, HE TRIED TO FIND OUT IF THERE WAS A BEACH TO SURF IN EVERY PORT THE SHIP DOCKED.



WHEN HE WAS IN CHINA UP ON THE GREAT WALL, HE WONDERED IF HE
COULD GO ALL THE WAY DOWN ON HIS SKATEBOARD... HE WOULD HAVE
ENOUGH SPEED TO OLLIE TO THE MOON!



IN BRAZIL, WHEN HE ARRIVED TO PECÊM PORT IN THE STATE OF CEARÁ, TATAN DISCOVERED ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO LEARN HOW TO KITESURF: CUMBUÇO BEACH. HIS FRIENDS ALEMÃO AND PULGUINHA TOOK TATAN ON A BUGGY TO SAIL ON THE CAUÍPE LAGOON.



Kitesurf – A water sport using a kite as a sail and a board strapped under the feet to slide on the water.

EVEN TRAVELING FOR SO MANY COUNTRIES, TATAN'S FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS BRAZIL. IT'S WHERE HE LIVES WHEN HE ISN'T ON THE SHIP. HE STARTED SKATEBOARDING IN PELOTAS, LOCATED IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. HE PRACTICES ON THE P.P.S. (PELOTAS PUBLIC SKATEPARK) WHILE HIS MOTHER STUDIES.



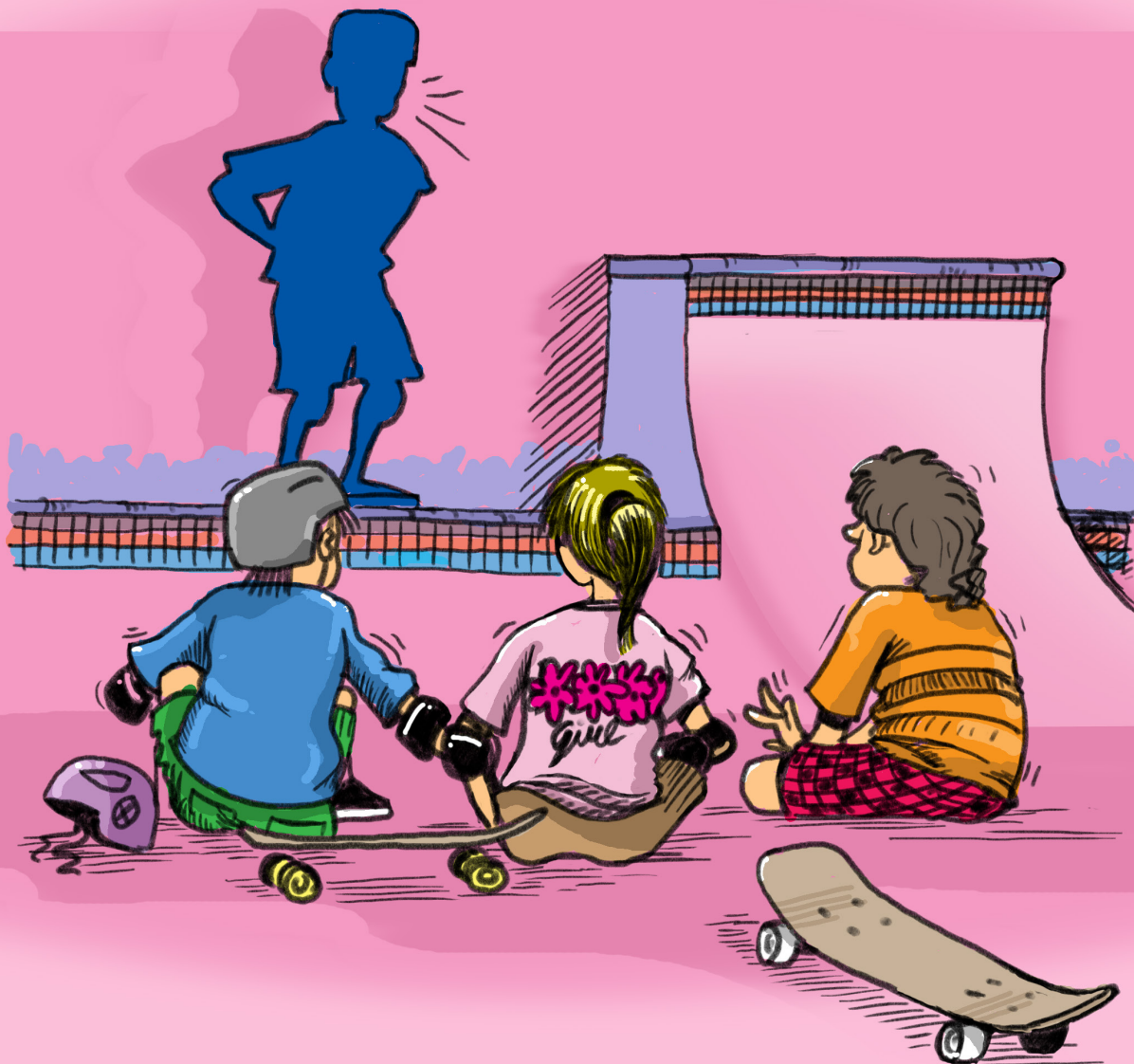
TATAN'S PARENTS HAVE A BEACH HOUSE AT CASSINO BEACH. IT'S IN THE SAME CONDO WHERE HIS BEST FRIENDS LIVE, FLORINDA AND FLORISBELA. THEY PRACTICE MANY SPORTS THERE, MAKE UP JOKES, ACCOMPLISH AUNT CANDIDA'S MISSIONS, AND WELCOME THEIR FRIENDS ON WEEKENDS AND VACATIONS.



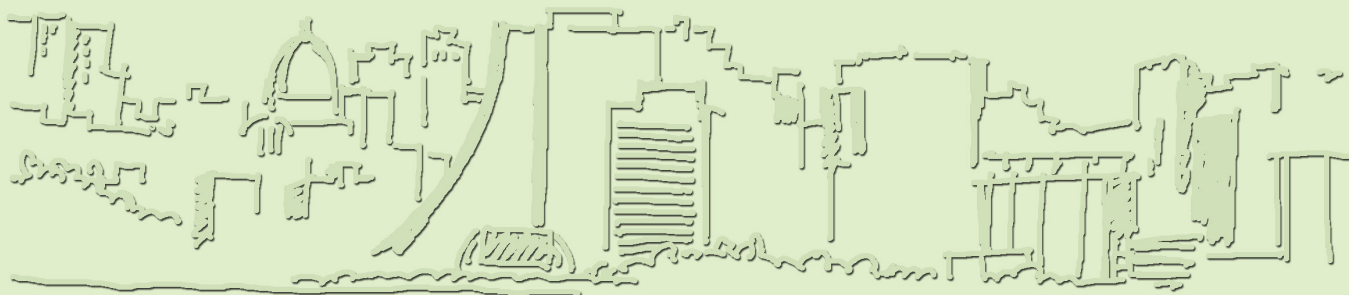
TATAN HAS MANY FRIENDS IN PELOTAS. IT WAS AT THE PPS THAT HE GOT TO MEET PAULINHO, A HOMELESS CHILD WHO LEARNED HOW TO SKATE WITH TATAN'S HELP. LATER ON, HE BECAME A SKATEBOARDING INSTRUCTOR AND HAD TO MOVE TO PORTO ALEGRE TO TEACH THERE. PORTO ALEGRE IS THE CAPITAL OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL STATE, IN THE SOUTH OF BRAZIL.



AS A SKATEBOARDING INSTRUCTOR, PAULINHO HELPS BEGINNER CHILDREN WITH THEIR FIRST MOVES, TEACHES THEM HOW TO FALL WITHOUT GETTING HURT, AND ADVISES THEM TO USE THE SAFETY GEAR. HE ALSO TEACHES THE MOST ADVANCED TRICKS AT SWELL SKATEBOARD SCHOOL.



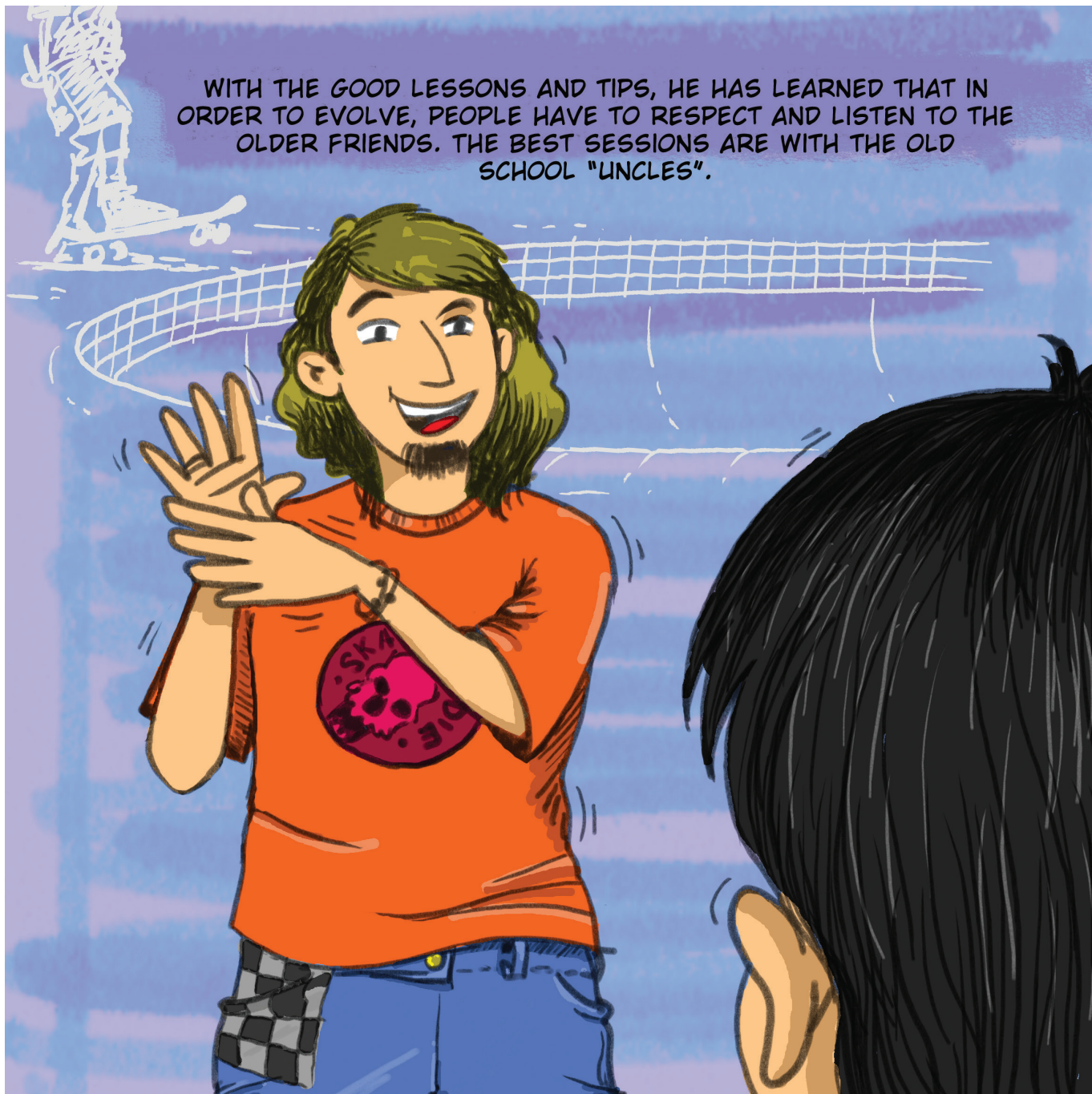
WHENEVER TATAN GOES TO PORTO ALEGRE, HE STAYS AT AUNT NECA'S HOUSE IN IAPI NEIGHBORHOOD, NEAR THE SKATEPARK. HIS COUSIN CABELO IS A GREAT FRIEND AND IS HE BRAZILIAN BMX CHAMPION.



IN SKATEBOARDING, TATAN HAS LEARNED THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS THE BEST, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO RIDE A SKATEBOARD WITH JOY, TO EVOLVE AND TO HELP HIS FELLOW SKATERS. A BIG FUN IS RIDING THE MARINHA SKATEPARK WITH THE SNAKE CREW.



WITH THE GOOD LESSONS AND TIPS, HE HAS LEARNED THAT IN ORDER TO EVOLVE, PEOPLE HAVE TO RESPECT AND LISTEN TO THE OLDER FRIENDS. THE BEST SESSIONS ARE WITH THE OLD SCHOOL "UNCLES".



IN SKATEBOARDING, THE BEST BRANDS ARE THOSE THAT SUPPORT THE RIDERS, HELPING TO KEEP THE SKATEPARKS IN GOOD CONDITIONS, AND ORGANIZING EVENTS IN ALL CITIES, NOT ONLY IN THE MAJOR TOWNS.



FLORINDA LOVES TAKING PICTURES. SHE ALWAYS GOES TO THE SKATE SESSIONS WITH TATAN. SHE'S THE ONE WHO TAKES THE BEST PHOTOS AND SENDS THEM TO THE MAGAZINES AND TO TATAN'S SPONSORS. THIS MAKES TATAN GET GOOD SKATE GEAR, TRAVEL, ENTER CONTESTS, AND RIDE ON THE BEST SKATEPARKS.





TATAN IS A SPECIAL CHILD. HE CAN BARELY HEAR, BUT THIS HAS NEVER STOPPED HIM FROM COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE, MAKING FRIENDS AND LIVING A NORMAL LIFE.

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ON THE TRIPS HE MADE AROUND THE WORLD, TATAN LEARNED HOW TO LIVE WITH DIFFERENT WAYS OF COMMUNICATING. WHEREVER HE IS, HE'S NOT AFRAID TO MAKE HIMSELF UNDERSTANDABLE. HE MIMES WHEN IT'S NECESSARY AND HE UNDERSTANDS SEVERAL LANGUAGES. HE DOES LIP READING, BUT HE PREFERS LIBRAS, THE BRAZILIAN SIGN LANGUAGE.

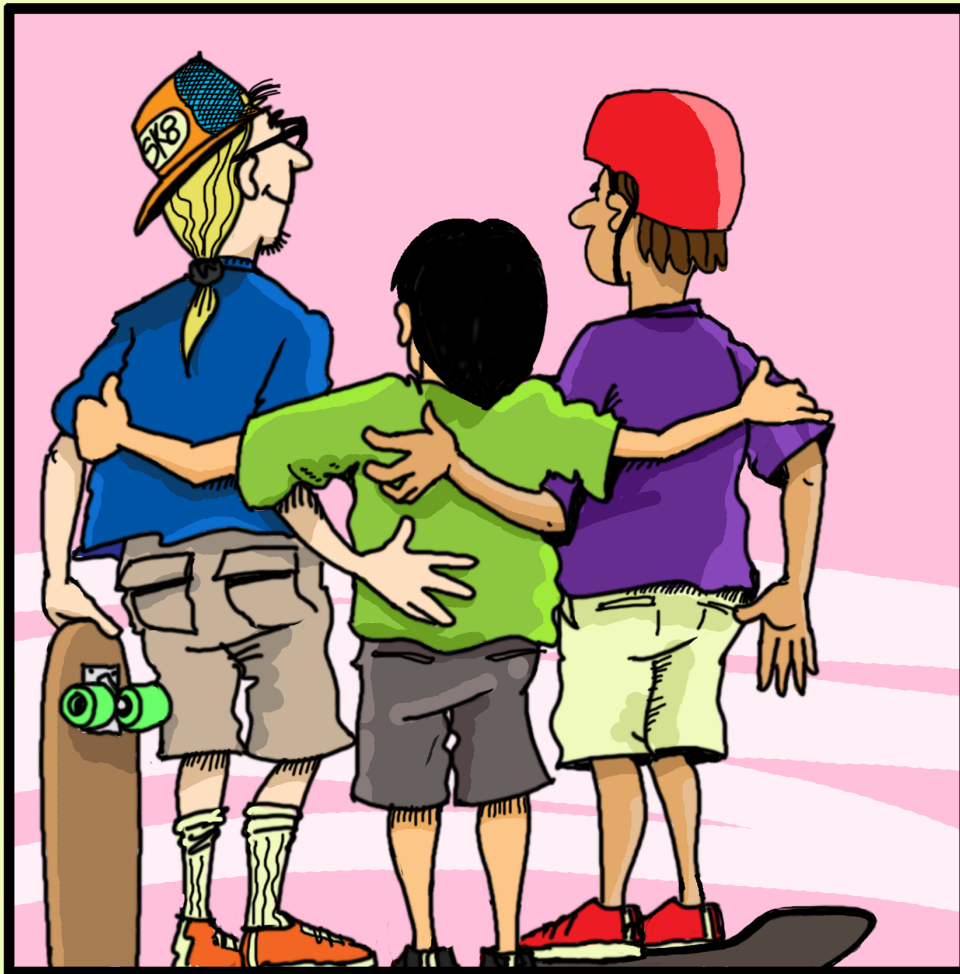


TATAN HAS LEARNED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO COMMUNICATE EFFICIENTLY IS THE WILLINGNESS BOTH OF THE SPEAKER AND THE ONE WHO'S TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

EVEN WITH A LOT OF NOISE AND CONFUSION AROUND HIM, TATAN IS ABLE TO KEEP HIS FOCUS. HE LOVES TO PLAY AND TO PRACTICE SPORTS, AND HE ALSO LOVES READING AND WRITING AS WELL. HE ALWAYS CARRIES A BOOK IN HIS BACKPACK. HE ALSO WRITES LETTERS TO HIS FRIENDS TWICE OR THREE TIMES A MONTH.



HE HELPS TO BRING NON-LISTENERS CLOSE TO LISTENERS, AND
STRIVES SO THAT PEOPLE AND CITIES ARE BETTER PREPARED
TO RECEIVE PEOPLE WITH ANY TYPE OF DISABILITY OR
SPECIAL NEEDS.



TATAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY BLOOD SIBLINGS, BUT HE BELIEVES THAT ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER. IT DOESN'T MATTER THE CLOTHES THEY WEAR, THE COLOR OF THEIR SKINS, THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE BORN OR THEIR SOCIAL BACKGROUND. HE SAYS THAT WE'RE ALL CHILDREN OF MOTHER NATURE AND FATHER UNIVERSE, AND THUS WE'RE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



TATAN COLLECTS PHOTOS OF HIS FRIENDS, TAKE A LOOK:



PORTO ALEGRE - IAPI'S SKATEPARK CREW



IMBITUBA - RIBA AND GARIBA'S CREW



VIAMÃO - RENATORE, DOC, AND UNCLE XUXU SWELL
OLDSCHOOL'S CREW



PELOTAS - UNCLE FRED AND SUB/PPS'S CREW.



RIO GRANDE - CASSINO BEACH - FLORINDA AND FLORISBELA'S CREW

THIS IS SPOOKY MELAMBULA - THE WALKING MELON CHILD HATER.

MELAMBULA HATES ALL CHILDREN, BUT ESPECIALLY TATAN. SHE SAYS "ONLY VERY RUUUUUUUUUUDE PEOPLE SKATE". SHE ALSO SAYS THAT SKATEBOARDING IS BORING, USELESS, AND ROWDY. SHE BELIEVES THAT CHILDREN WHO SKATE JUST WANT TO BOTHER OTHER PEOPLE. FOR THIS REASON, SHE TRIES TO KNOCK THE KIDS OFF THEIR SKATEBOARDS BY THROWING WATERMELONS AT THEM.

GO TO WWW.FLORINDAEFLORISBELA.COM.BR WEBSITE, CLICK ON THE MENU AND ON STORIES. YOU CAN READ THE FULL STORY ABOUT THE WALKING MELON, YOU WILL FIND OUT HOW SHE BECAME A WATERMELON WOMAN AND WHY SHE HATES KIDS AND TATAN SO MUCH!



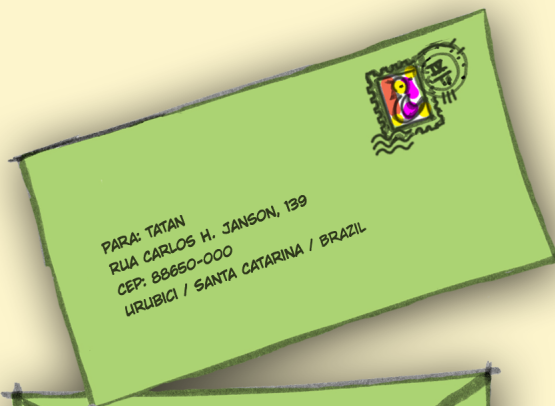


HI MY FRIENDS! IF YOU WRITE ME A LETTER, I WILL PERSONALLY WRITE BACK TO YOU! YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT THE THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO, WHERE YOU STUDY, HOW YOUR LOCAL SKATEPARK LOOKS LIKE OR ANY OTHER COOL THINGS YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH ME!

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE:

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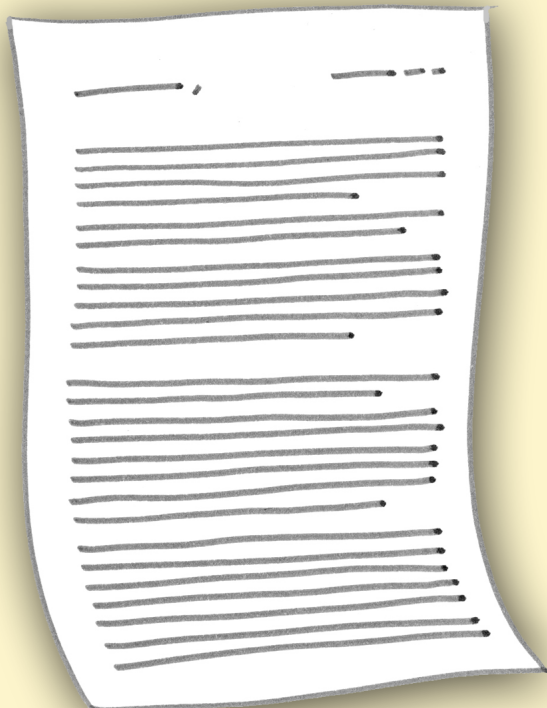
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TATAN'S MINI GOLF

LEARN TO DO AT HOME, WITH THE HELP OF AN ADULT, TATAN'S MINI GOLF TO PLAY ON THE BEACH OR IN SOME GRASS FIELD NEAR YOUR HOUSE:

MATERIAL:

USED FLOOR SQUEEGEE, PVC PIPE APPROX. 70 CM, ANY PIECE OF FABRIC APPROX. 20CM X 20 CM OR A FLANNEL, RUBBER BALL (TO PLAY BEACH TENNIS) AND A PLASTIC BOTTLE.

TOOLS:

A JIGSAW, A DRILL, AND A PIECE OF STRING.

HOW TO ASSEMBLE:

1 - PUTTER: SAW THE SIDES OF THE WOODEN SQUEEGEE SO THAT IT ABOUT 5CM ON EACH SIDE OF THE BASE FOR THE GOLF CLUB, AND SAW THE HANDLE AT A DISTANCE OF APPROX. 60CM FROM THE BASE. REMOVE THE RUBBER FROM THE SQUEEGEE.

2 - FLAG: DRILL TWO HOLES AT ONE END OF THE PVC PIPE, TWO HOLES ON ONE SIDE OF THE PIECE OF FABRIC, THREAD THE STRING THROUGH THE HOLES AND FABRIC AND MAKE A TIGHT KNOT. THE FLAG IS READY.

3 - BASE FOR THE BALL: SAW THE PET BOTTLE ABOUT TWO FINGERS BELOW THE NECK OF THE BOTTLE IN A SHAPE OF A CONE. YOU WILL PUT THE BALL ON IT TO GIVE YOUR STARTING SHOT.

TO PLAY IT, YOU MUST DIG A HOLE BIGGER THAN THE BALL AND PLACE THE FLAG AS A SIGNAL.

PLACE THE BASE OF THE BALL ABOUT 15 STEPS AWAY FROM THE HOLE AND PLACE THE BALL ON TOP OF THE BASE. MAKE YOUR ATTEMPT TO HIT THE HOLE ON THE FIRST SHOT, OR WITH AS FEW STROKES AS POSSIBLE. THE BASE CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE FIRST SHOT. FOR THIS GAME TO BECOME MORE EXCITING, CREATE OBSTACLES OR INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE HOLE AND THE BALL.

HAVE A GOOD TIME.



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