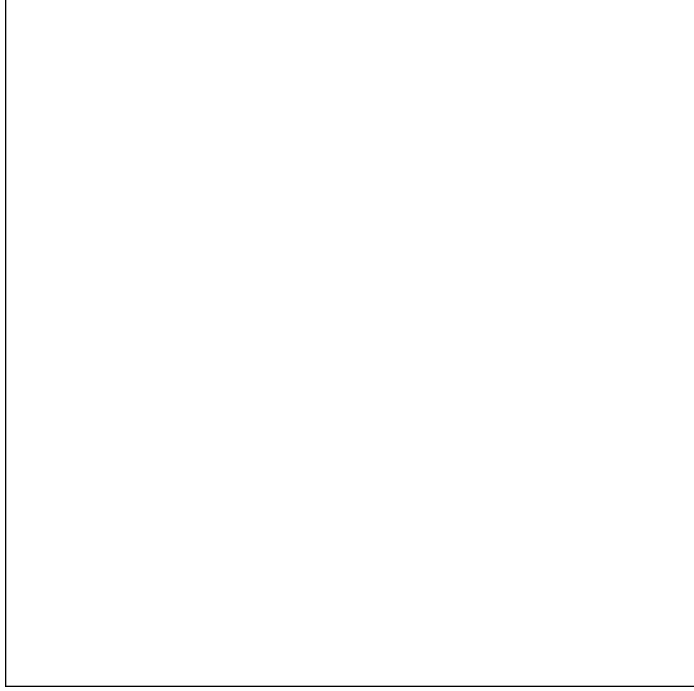






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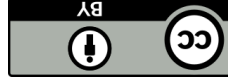
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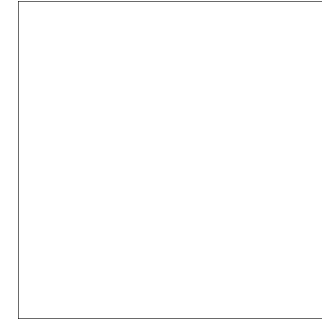
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Edson was born in Angola, just after the country became independent. He was a very tall boy. Because of his height he stood out. The people who were giving weapons to children to fight as soldiers in the civil war wanted boys like him.

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Edson ble født i Angola, rett etter at landet ble selvstendig. Han var en veldig høy gutt. På grunn av høyden hans skilte han seg ut. Folk som ga våpen til barn for å kjempe som soldater i borgerkrigen, ville ha barn som ham.

Now that he is an adult, Edson trains refugee children and others at risk of being excluded from society. Once, his height put him in danger of becoming a child soldier. Now, his height gives him strength to help others feel safe.

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Nå som han er voksen, trener Edson flyktningbarn og andre som står i fare for å bli utestengt fra samfunnet. En gang hadde høyden hans gjort at han var i fare for å bli barnesoldat. Nå har høyden hans blitt en styrke for å hjelp andre til å føle seg trygge.



His mother was afraid they would take him, so she decided to send him to live in Portugal with an aunt. She thought he would be safe there.

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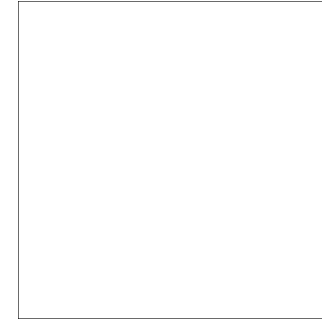
Moren hans var redd hun skulle miste ham, så hun bestemte seg for å sende ham til Portugal for å bo med en tante. Hun trodde at han ville være trygg der.



One day a teacher noticed how good he was at basketball. He joined a basketball team and was very successful. He became popular at school and made friends. He also became more confident.

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En dag la en lærer merke til hvor god han var i basketball. Han begynte på et basketballag og gjorde det veldig bra. Han ble populær på skolen og fikk mange venner. Han ble også mer selvsikker.



It was very difficult to begin with, as Edson missed the warm weather, the traditional food and, most of all, his mother's hugs and kisses.

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Det var veldig vanskelig i begynnelsen siden Edson savnet det varme været, den tradisjonelle maten, og mest av alt morens klemmer og kyss.

He did not speak Portuguese well and found it very hard to follow his classes and the conversations of his classmates. He wondered if it was a good idea to come to Portugal after all.

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Han snakket ikke portugisisk så godt, og det var veldig vanskelig å følge med i timene og samtalene til klassekameratene. Han lurte på om det egentlig var en god idé å komme til Portugal.