



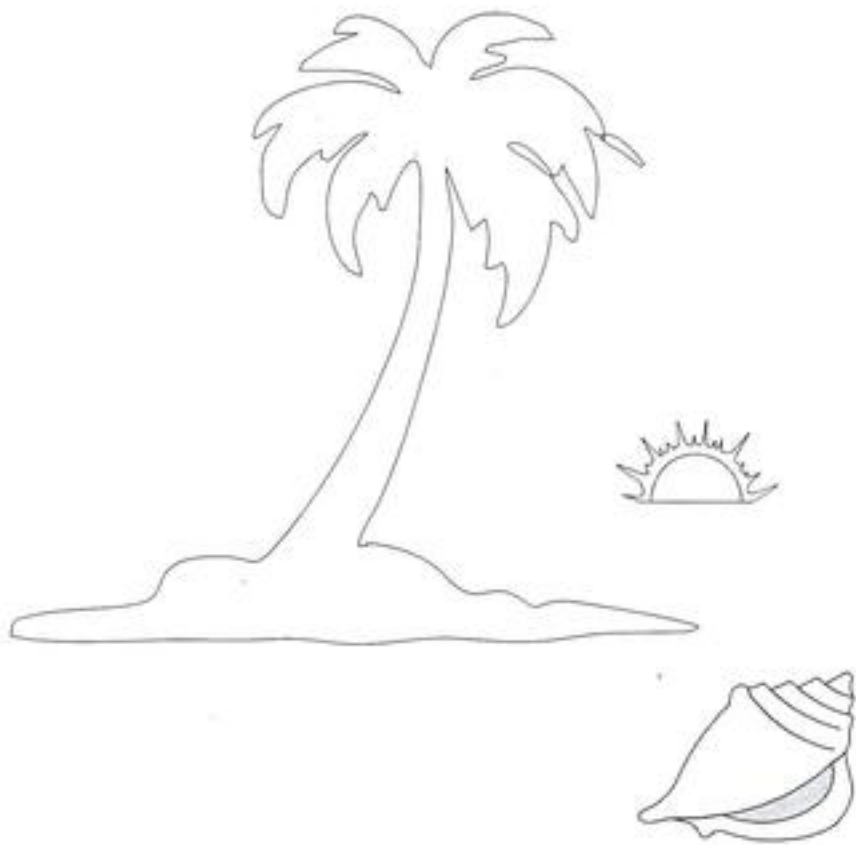
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Dedication

This story is dedicated to the youth of the world who have been drawn down a bad road and are stuck in a negative mindset. We also dedicate this story to those B-Boys who have managed to find the positive in life and are on the road to becoming successful people.





About the Author

Victor Morales is currently an inmate at N.C.C.I in Gardner, Massachusetts. Victor is passionate about pursuing creative outlets and wrote this book to give back to a community that has suffered because of his impulsive behavior. He thanks all of you for taking the time to read this story.

THANKS COQUINO!
YOU ARE WHAT A TRUE
FRIEND IS ALL ABOUT !!!



B-Boy finally admits that Coquino is really the smart one and the "cool" one. Even B-Boy's own brother is in prison because of bad decisions, and he vows to start making positive changes and to stay in school. Coquino just looks up with a smile and a heart filled with pride for his friend.



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To all the crime victims of our world; if all of us had adopted a positive mindset, none of you would have had to suffer the way you have. In particular to the Hill family - I cannot emphasize enough how awful I feel for the pain I have caused you. I am sorry!



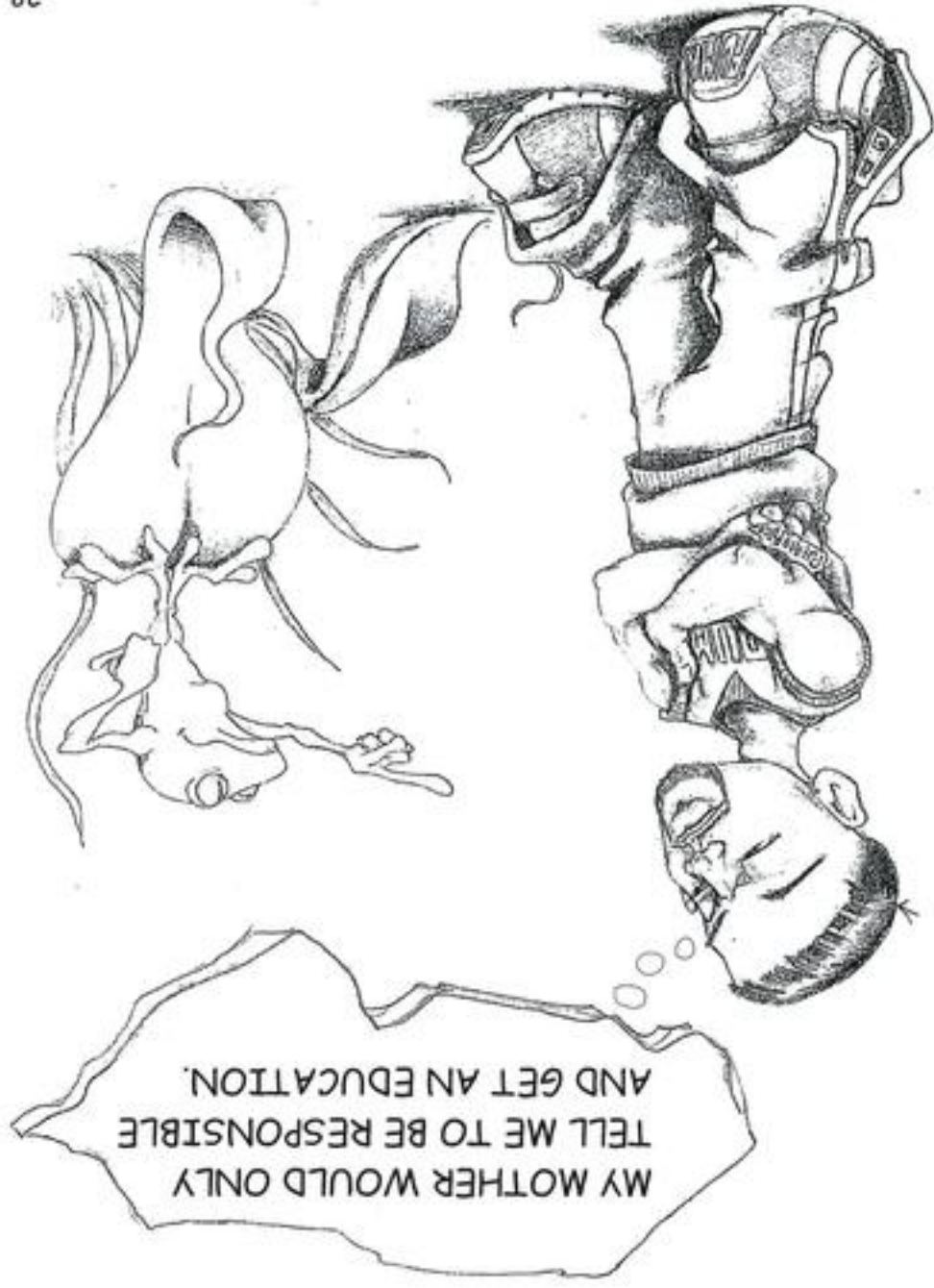
Hi, My name is Rosa... Welcome. ○ ○

The story you are about to read takes place within the multi-national world of the "B-Boy". B-Boys come in all shapes and colors, and their culture can be found in all corners of the world. The story begins with B-Boy Semi-Engaged in a conversation with his wise friend Coquino. B-Boy seems stuck in his negative thinking and Coquino is trying to steer him in a positive direction. Coquino is a Coqui Frog - A universal symbol of hope and kindness and the national symbol of Puerto Rico.



Finally, after all the talking from Coquino and the thought of his mother Cuca, B-Boy begins to realize the negative direction of his actions. Coquino puts his hand on B-Boys shoulder and reminds him he is not a grown man and needs to change his life through education. B-Boy tells Coquino of all the people from the hood that have died or are in prison from choosing a bad life.





It is a sunny Saturday afternoon and Coquino has been hopping about looking for his friend "B-Boy", and spots him standing around deciding what to do that day. Coquino wants to know if B-Boy would like to do something new today. B-Boy seems more interested in being cool and doesn't really show much excitement about being different today. B-Boy just looks down at Coquino and shrugs.



Once again, Coquino goes eye to eye with B-Boy, but this time hits him with the question of whether his mother Cuca knows where he gets his money. The mention of his mother gets B-Boy thinking of how hurt she would be if she knew the truth.



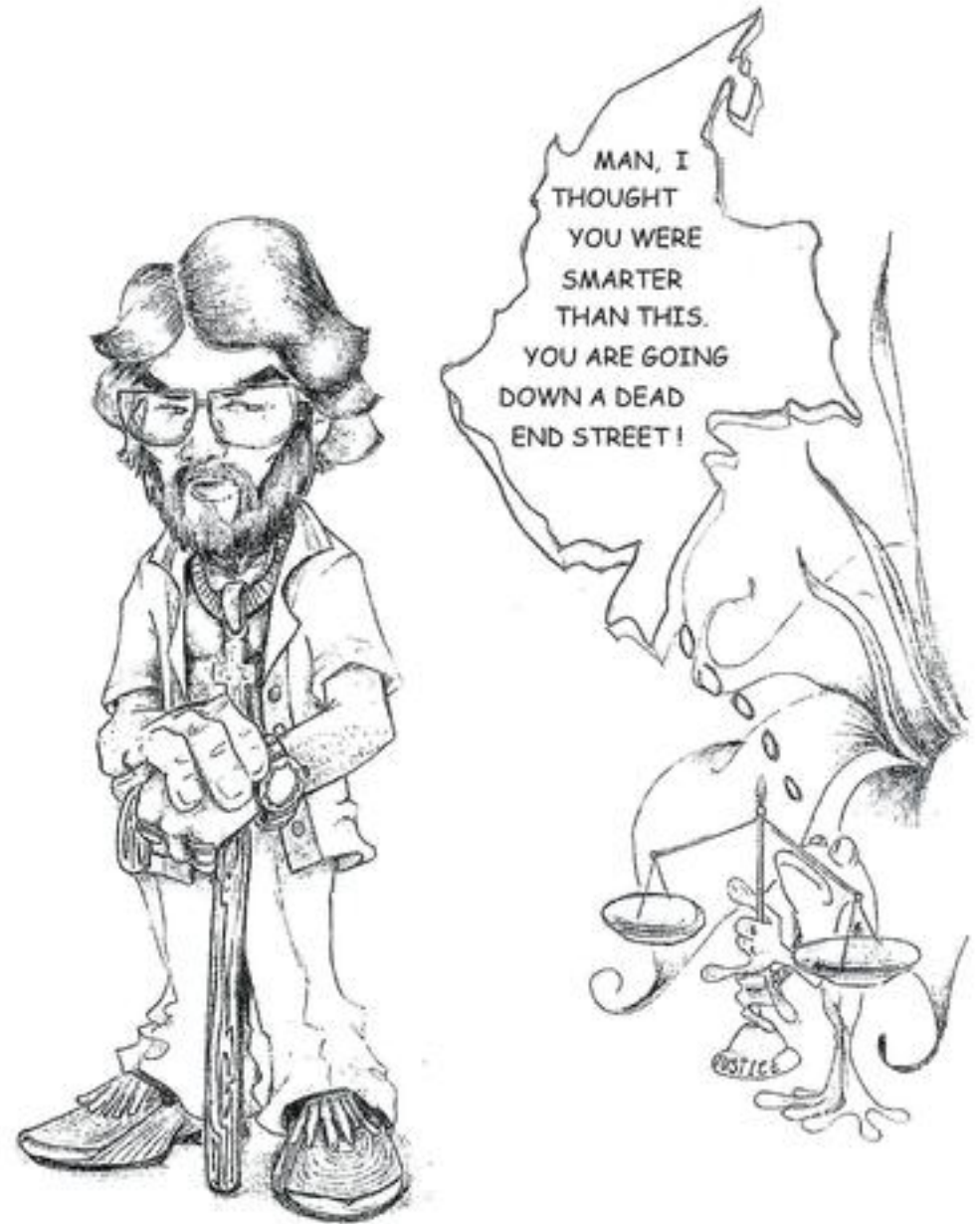
Coquino takes the hint and begins to hop away. Feeling badly now, B-Boy stops Coquino and asks if he might be interested in going to the Villa Victoria Housing Projects to hang out with some of his boys. B-Boy explains about starting at the "abandoned building" and making a move after that.



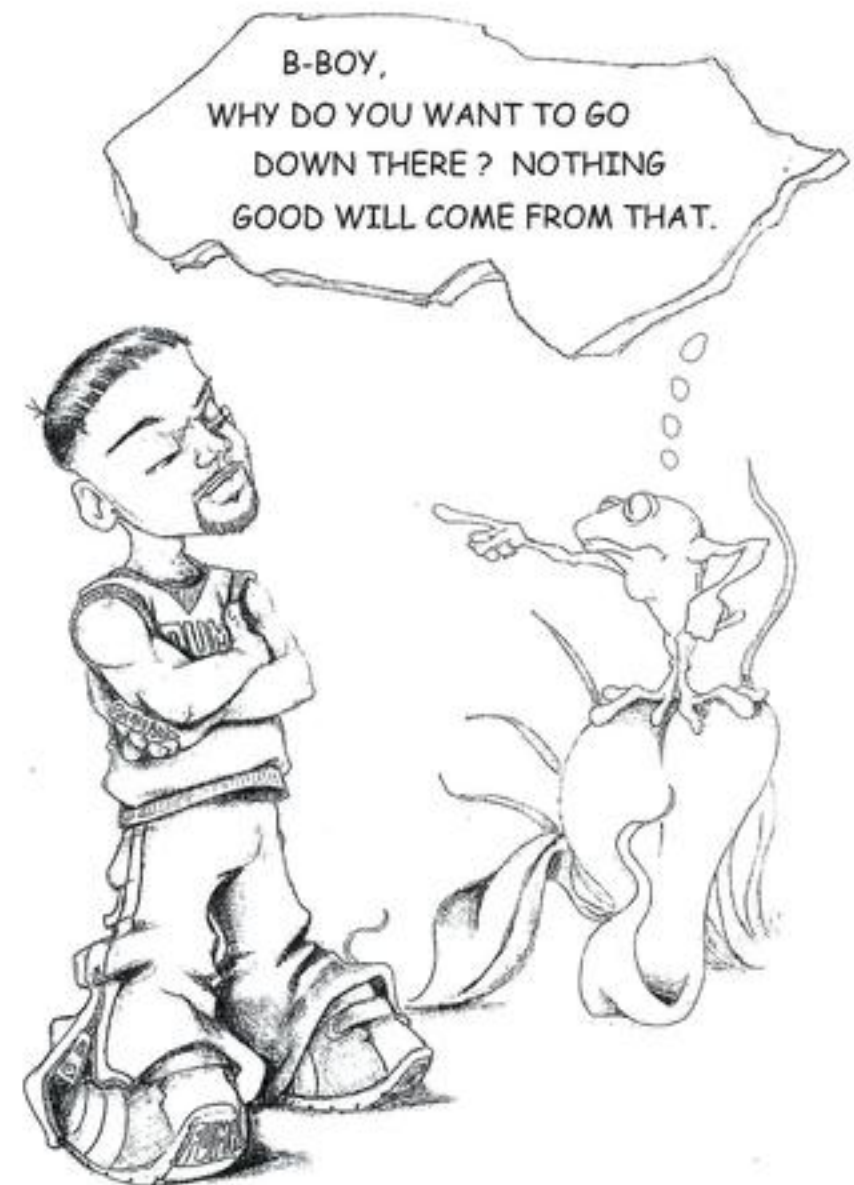
Trying to show that he is really the smart one, B-Boy talks of how much fun he is having with all the money he is making. He reminds Coquino that none of this fun will happen if he stays in school.



Coquino, who is annoyed with his friend B-Boy for following the bad crowd, finally takes a stand. The abandoned building is a known drug hangout and is gang infected. It is a place for trouble and Coquino scolds B-Boy for joining in instead of being his own person.



Trying to get B-Boy to see the bigger picture, Coquino tells him, straight out, that selling drugs and hanging on the street corners are bad decisions that could end up with him in prison, or shot or even worse. Coquino continues by telling B-Boy it's not all about him, and that his siblings and friends are looking up to him to make something positive out of his life.



B-Boy looks down at Coquino and trying to be slick, asks if he is too afraid to go into a dark spooky building.

They have been friends since 4th grade summer camp and Coquino has always tried to tell B-Boy to do the right thing.



B-Boy is still caught up in the idea of cool being money, cars, jewelry, etc; and getting those things the easy way.

B-Boy feels if he can hang with the cool crowd, make some "free" money, and go with the girls to the clubs every night he will have everything he needs.



Coquino answers by telling B-Boy he is not afraid, but that he is just trying to think ahead and avoid some trouble.

Coquino then tells B-Boy he wants to go to the Uptown Park Pond where the scene is nice, there is music, dancing and all the girls want to hang out with them.



Coquino continues to gently push his point on B-Boy. In his mind that is what a real friend will do. He asks B-Boy what kind of life he can expect to have down the road, and where he sees himself in 10 years. He explains that choices are limited without an education.



B-Boy, trying to show his "cool", tells Coquino he doesn't want to go up there because it's too clean and none of his people ever go to that part of town. He is more comfortable in his own neighborhood.



B-Boy tells Coquino that the life he has
is fine and all the people have his back.
This is how he grew up, all he knows;
and that is the cycle of life in the hood.



Coquino explains that the hood has some very bad influences and can lead to a dangerous life. Coquino again suggest that they try something new and positive!

