



Smart Tactics

Mora is always late for practice because she has to clean up the messes created by her young twin siblings. When Mora comes up with a plan that will enable her to leave on time, will the twins cooperate?



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Mora kept glancing at the clock on the wall. It was getting late! She had

to finish all her chores and leave for practice at once. She couldn't be late again!



Hooray, finished at last! Washing the dishes was Mora's last chore of

the day. It was time to go to the field! However...



“What happened here?” Mora wondered, annoyed. She saw tanks,

helicopters, and toy soldiers scattered on the floor.



Her younger twin siblings, Togi and Roma, had made a mess in their

room. Dirty clothes were hanging from the basket. Mora stomped her feet.



Mora quickly picked up their mess. She gathered everything into a

basket. She would have to clean it up after practice.



She looked at the time. It was almost half past three! Mora said

goodbye to Mom. She had to run to get to practice on time.



Crash... ouch!The slippery road caused Mora to fall. Her knee was in

terrible pain. Even so, she had to get back up.



Just as Mora worried, she arrived late again. Her friends had finished

warming up. Even when dribbling the ball, Mora couldn't concentrate. The ball slipped away from her over and over.



This couldn't happen again! How could she get the twins to clean up

after themselves? All they thought about was playing soldiers. Wait, soldiers!



"There's got to be a way to get the two little soldiers to clean," thought

Mora. "Togi, Roma. Do you guys want to play soldiers?" Mora asked, beginning to execute her plan. The twins immediately exclaimed, "Yes we do!"



“Attention!” Mora ordered. The twins immediately stood up. “Troops!

Your first mission is independence. Wake up, fold your blankets, and make your beds by yourselves. Dismissed!”



The twins moved while shouting, "Spread the blanket. One step

forward. One, two, fold!” Mora tried to hide her laughter.



“The next mission is agility! Clean up your toys within 10 minutes.”

Ready? On your mark, get set, go!" Mora instructed.



The twins were back in action. The toys were cleaned up in time.

Mission accomplished!



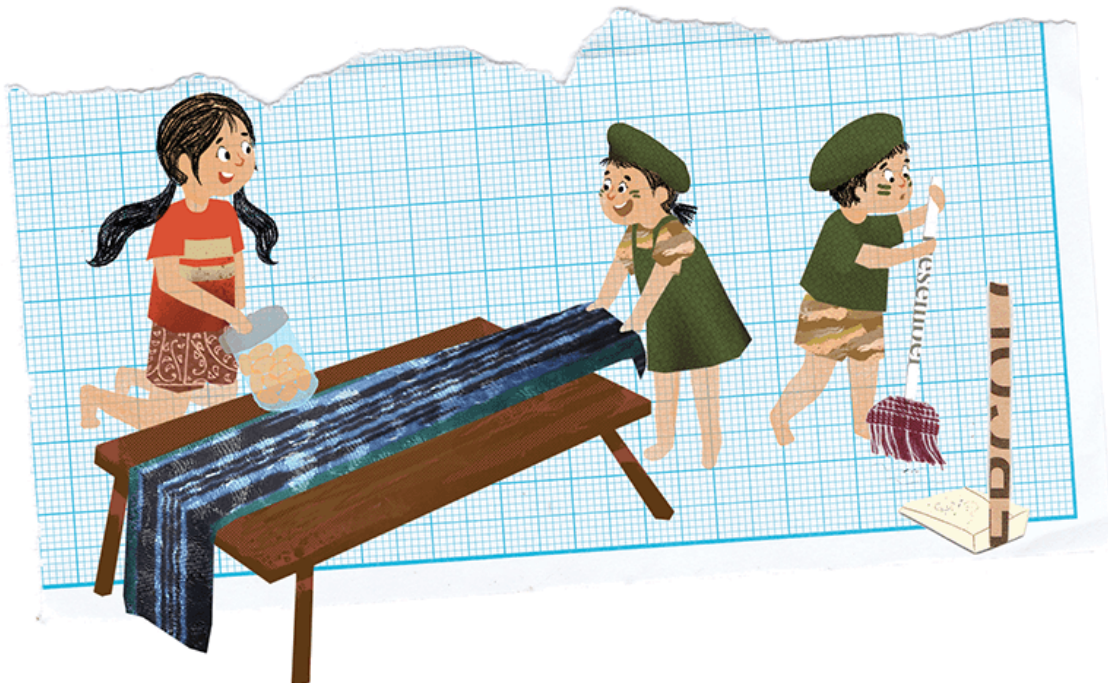
“Hey, there are some cakes in the basket!” Roma and Togi

exclaimed. "Surprise! It's a reward for your agility, soldiers," said Mora. "Thank you, Mora!"



After a quick break, their next mission was cautiousness! "Clean the

room of dust and dirt! Don't leave one speck behind," Mora ordered. "Understood!" the twins replied.



Wow, their room and the living room were spotless now.



The twins' military-like training took place every day. They memorized

the sequence of tasks by the code independence, agility, and cautiousness. The twins were happy to be soldiers. Mora was relieved some weight was taken off her shoulders.



Wow, now Mora could come to practice on time. She wouldn't be late

again.



Wait, but why were Togi and Roma waiting in front of Mora's

room? “Where are you two going?” Mora asked. “We want to come with you to practice. We want to learn strength!” they said excitedly.



Wait a minute. The troop commander had to perform an inspection first.

Great! How neat!



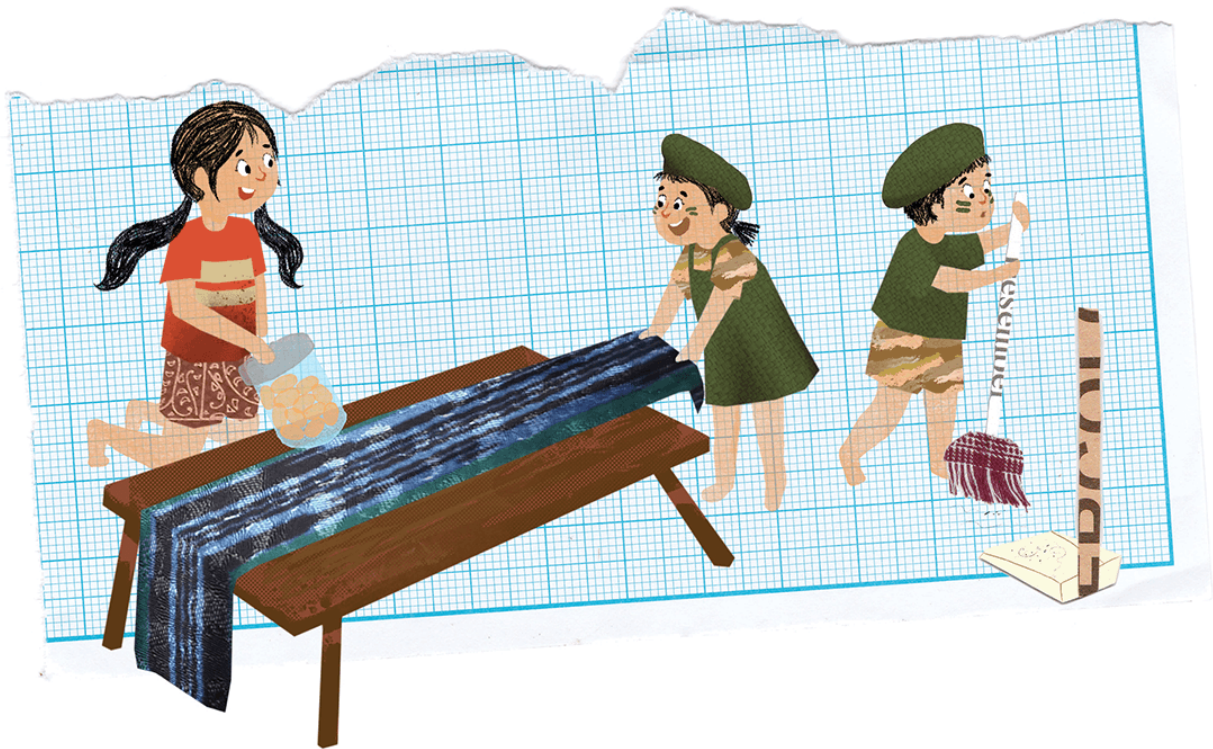
"Thank you, troops. Remember to say goodbye to Mom before you

leave. Dismissed!" Mora directed. "Copy that!" the twins replied.



At practice, Mora dribbled the ball with ease. She smiled when she saw

her twin siblings cheering on the sidelines.



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