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DARE TO DREAM

The Superkicks gang returns.
It's holiday training time at Superkicks School
and Lee Jin is thrilled to be back in action.

Dr Khan announces that the Superkicks
Special Achievement Award is up for grabs,
and football superstar Toshi Ronaldo
will personally coach the winner!
It's all Lee Jin has ever dreamt of,
but so has all his teammates!
Who will ultimately win the award?

Join Lee Jin
and his friends
in their
Superkicks
adventures!



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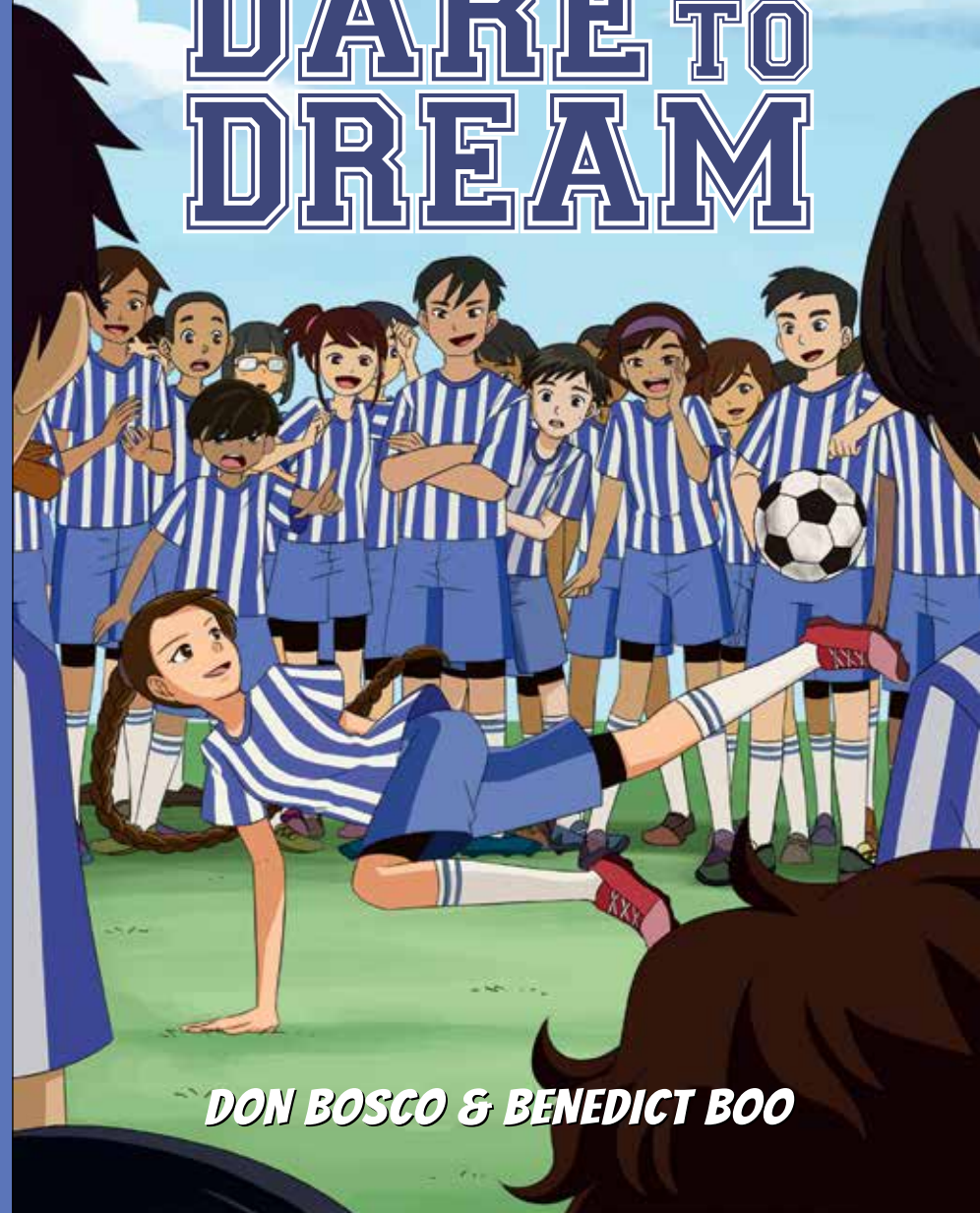
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To all young champions.
May your dreams bring you great joy.

CHAPTER 1

“This annoying machine!” Mariana screeched.

“It’s eaten up our project! We’re dead!”

It was the last day of school before the long break. Lee Jin was in the computer room with Mariana, the head of the student council at Astra Public School. There was an inter-school research competition going on. Right after the exams, Mrs Sally Hogworth, their English teacher, had chosen Lee Jin and Mariana to represent their school.

“Your submission can be in any form,” Mrs Hogworth said back then. “An essay,



video clip, slide show, anything. Just work together and be creative. Have fun.”

Lee Jin suggested that they make a video. His best friend Sanjeev had all the equipment they needed. He could also help them with the editing.

But no, Mariana insisted that they submit an essay instead. “This will showcase our ability to use language in a formal and persuasive manner,” she asserted.

When Mrs Hogworth heard this, she nodded enthusiastically. “Yes, Mariana, a thousand times, yes!”

And so that was that.

Lee Jin and Mariana had meant to print their completed essay the day before, but Mariana had to attend an emergency meeting with the student councillors to discuss their Christmas party plans.

And the day before that, they had also talked about printing it, but Lee Jin had to help Sanjeev collect jerseys from the players in the school football team.

Lee Jin used to be the school captain, but Sanjeev had recently taken over the position.

And so here they were, Lee Jin and Mariana, trying to get this printed at the very last minute.

They had just opened their document on the computer when they heard a sudden “BZZZZZZ!” and the screen went blank.

It was The Law of Last Minute Work at work. If you haven’t heard about The Law of Last Minute Work, here it is:

Anything that can go wrong when you’re rushing to finish your work at the last minute, probably will.

“This computer won’t turn back on,” Mariana cried frantically. She was so desperate, she tried pressing every button there was. “I wonder if the electricity’s gone. Then the printer won’t work either. If we can’t print our work, Mrs Hogworth will think we didn’t do it at all. She’ll complain to the principal!”

Lee Jin shook his head at Mariana’s outburst. She acted like this in class every day, whenever anything went wrong, no matter how small or inconsequential it was.

Lee Jin quickly checked the power switches for the whole row of computers. He turned them all off, and then on again.

“Try starting up our computer once more,” he said to Mariana.

Lee Jin didn’t mention this, but he was actually in a hurry to get out of school. He had important plans.

Football!

And this was holding him up.

INTRODUCING COACH BEN

Coach Ben helped write this book. He's very passionate about football. He believes that through this sport, we can develop many of the skills that we need to do well in life. That's why he always tries to encourage young players and help them improve.

If you're studying in a school in Singapore, Coach Ben can visit your school, give a talk or organise a Superkicks event! Get your teacher to contact Coach Ben at studio@supercoolbooks.com

A NOTE FROM COACH BEN

In this story, we learn a very valuable lesson — celebrating the success of others. Lee Jin sees and appreciates his good friend Deena's improvement and decides to support her. This is not an easy thing to do, as we are usually more focused on our own progress and results. But when Lee Jin does that, he finds a joy that he otherwise would not have experienced. In the end, Deena reciprocates and is happy for Lee Jin as he wins the big prize. That is what an act of selflessness does. One good act begets another. Try it today. Look out for a friend's potential success. Support it, and celebrate with your friend.

Do you know why many of us do not achieve the things that we want? Sometimes, it's because we don't ask for it or because we don't want it enough. Due to past experiences, the huge obstacles we see, or what people around us say, we tend to think that our dreams are unattainable. Here's a suggestion for you — dare to dream. Then put your heart and mind into achieving it. Even if you are not able to achieve it in the end, I can assure you that the process of trying your best, is worth the effort. Because when you focus and pour your efforts into a worthy goal, you improve yourself; the biggest reward is a changed you.

What is one of the best qualities we can develop? Resilience — the ability to recover

from adversity. The road to success is usually not a smooth and pretty one. It is when we overcome problems and difficulties that success will follow. So be happy when you encounter tests or trials in your bid to succeed. Again, remember this – even if you do not ultimately achieve what you set out to, take a good, long look in the mirror; you'd probably have changed and improved yourself. Give yourself a pat on the back for persevering.

So get out there, dare to dream, and celebrate your friends' successes as well. When you have accomplished these, I am quite confident I'll be meeting a new and improved you.

Coach Ben

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