The Boat Road Trip (B1 · English B1)

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Last spring my brother Tom asked me to help him with a strange job. A company needed someone to sail two old boats and bring them home. The boats were waiting in a small port far away in the north. Tom had a map, a bag of tools and a lot of energy. I had two free weeks and no better plan, so I said yes.

We started early on a Monday morning. The first part of our journey was easy, because the road was quiet and the weather was warm. We drove along the highway for four hours and listened to old songs. Then, near a small town, we heard a loud bang. One tire had burst, and the car pulled to the right. Tom stayed calm and stopped on the side of the road. We changed the wheel together, but our hands were black with dirt afterwards.

A friendly farmer told us about a garage in the next village. The mechanic there checked the other wheels and gave us coffee. He also warned us about the road near the border, because police often check cars there. We thanked him and drove on. In the late afternoon we finally reached the coast. Our destination was a grey harbour town with tall cranes and hundreds of birds. The air smelled of salt and fish.

We could not locate the boats at first, because the harbour was much bigger than we expected. Tom phoned the owner, who sent us the exact location by message. The boats were in the northern district of the harbour, behind a red building. An old sailor was sitting on a box next to them, smoking a pipe. He laughed at our dirty clothes and told us funny stories about storms. In the end we did not sail anywhere. The boats needed serious repairs, so a truck came the next morning. We watched the men transport them onto the truck, and then we drove home. It was a bad job, but a very good holiday.

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