



My Brother is Different, But That's OK

There have been many times when my brother Tom has used my skateboard without asking. I really don't mind if he uses it; I just want him to put it back where he found it. When I try to talk to him, he says it shouldn't matter to me. He says he only takes it while I'm in school and he's at home, so I should quit bugging him about it.

Tom is often at home because he has a disease that causes him to get tired easily. He only comes to school for half a day. He takes a nap and then sometimes rides my skateboard around.

The trouble with Tom using my skateboard is that he is not very responsible. He gets it muddy and doesn't clean it. He leaves it places, and I have to go find it. He says this happens because he gets too tired to take care of it. I wonder sometimes if maybe he's faking how tired he is.

It's hard having a brother who's sick all the time. I'm supposed to be understanding, but sometimes I just want to yell at him. I'm writing this down now because a doctor told me to try getting rid of my frustration by writing about it. I think it's working because I don't feel like yelling anymore. Besides, I just remembered I wore Tom's hat to school and left it there. I hope my skateboard's around so I can go get his hat before he finds out I took it.