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You're about to
meet one of the world's
bravest mountaineers. He had his
own hopes, fears, joys and challenges
– and his own unique dream.

His story shows that if you follow
your own dream and believe in
yourself, you can do anything!



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TENZING NORGAY



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Once, in Nepal, there was a boy called Tenzing. He was a member of the Sherpas, a group of people who had lived under the great Himalayan mountains for centuries.





One mountain towered above all the others. It was so high that some said no bird could fly over it.



It was the world's highest summit.
Tenzing dreamt of touching
the sky from its peak.



One day, he heard that men from Europe wanted to climb the mountain. They needed the help of skilful Sherpas. Tenzing wished he could join them...

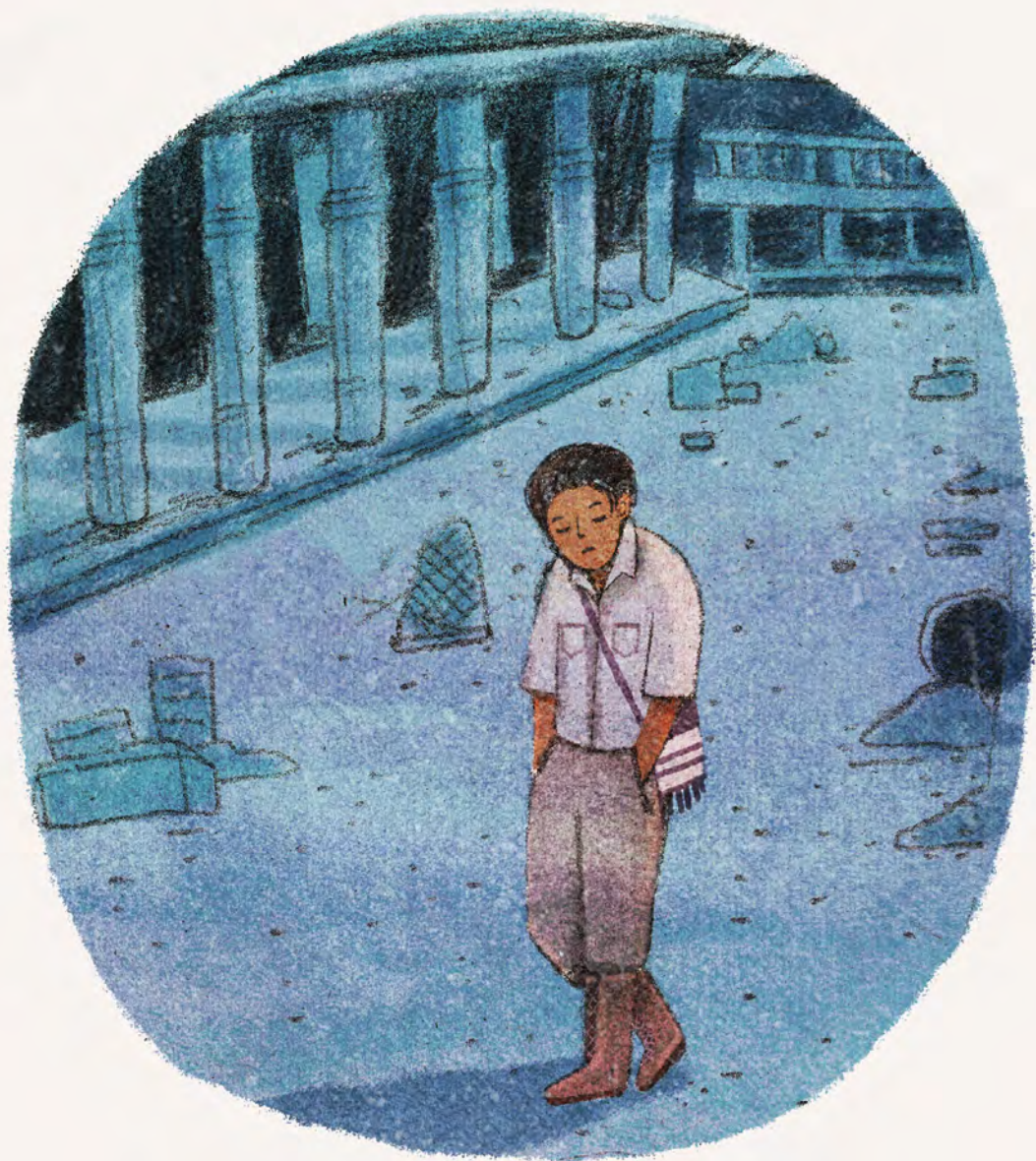




When Tenzing grew up, he heard about another expedition to climb the mountain. European climbers were gathering in Darjeeling, a town hundreds of miles away in India. Tenzing decided to walk there.







Sadly, Tenzing wasn't picked to join the trip. But he was determined to keep trying.



Two years later, there was a new expedition. No climber had yet managed to get to the highest peak.

This time Tenzing was chosen to go along. He learnt to use ropes, cut steps in the ice and make camps on the snow.



He climbed higher than ever before.
Yet the expedition, like all the others,
failed to reach the summit.





For nearly 20 years, Tenzing climbed many mountains.



He faced avalanches, blizzards
and freezing temperatures.

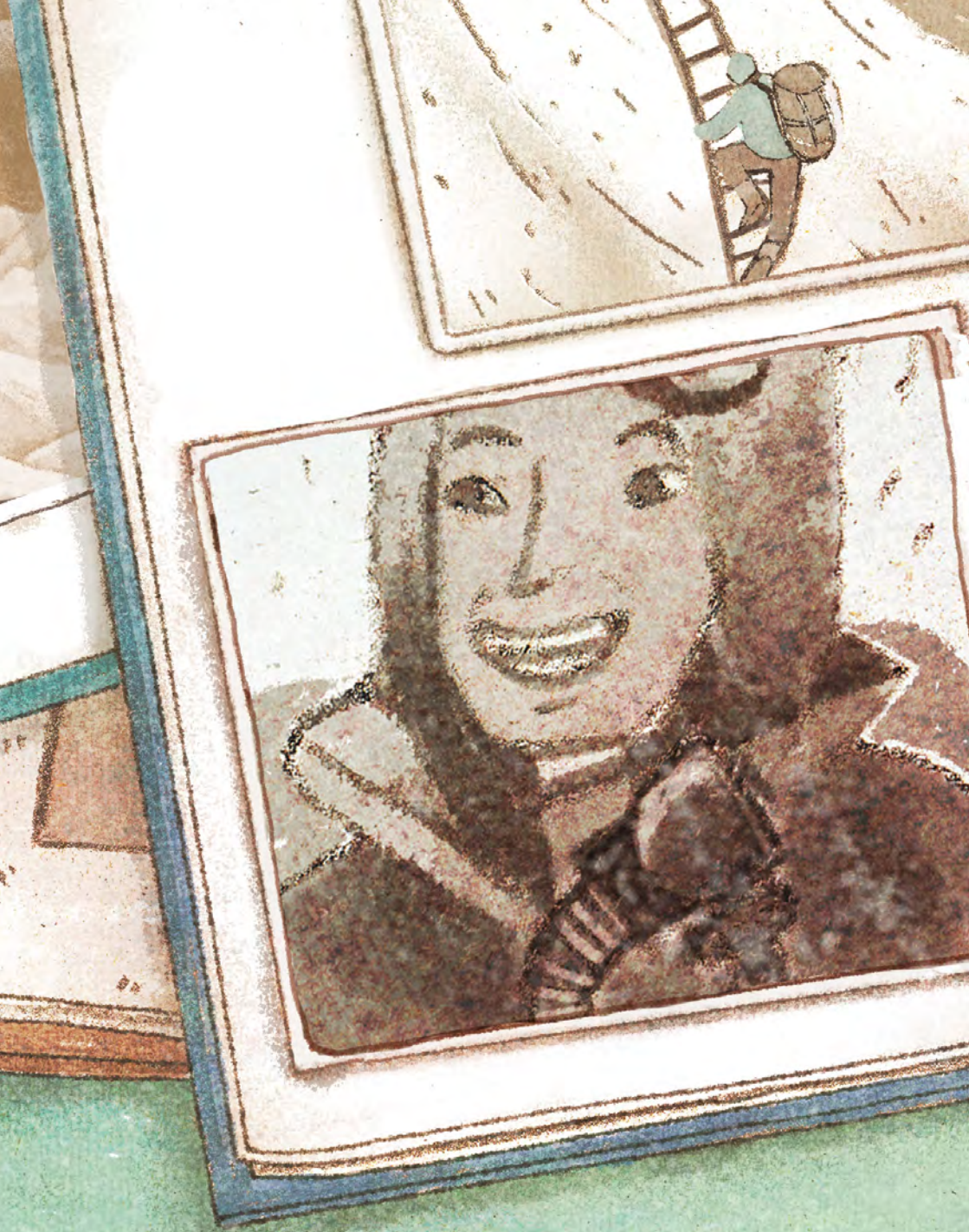




Still, the mountain he looked up to as a child was always on his mind. Six times Tenzing failed to climb it. On his seventh expedition, he was eager to make his dream come true.



On 29th May, 1953, Tenzing made it to the summit of the highest mountain in the world, where no one had ever been before.



He came down as a hero!

And there will forever be a bond between the great Himalayas and Tenzing, the little boy who became one of the most celebrated mountaineers of all time.





Glossary

Summit – the highest point of a mountain

Expedition – a journey taken by a group of people for a reason, such as climbing a mountain or exploring a faraway place

Avalanche – a large amount of snow that quickly moves down a mountain

Blizzard – a powerful snowstorm with strong winds and low temperatures

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Discover the lives of outstanding people,
from designers and artists to scientists.
All of them achieved incredible things, yet
each began life as a child with a dream.

As a child, Tenzing dreamed of climbing
the great Himalayan mountains.
As an adult, he conquered the world's highest
summit and became a hero.

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