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the superheroes of caldes 88888888

WHAT IS YOUR SECRET SUPERPOWER?

Unordered letters:

Ordered letters:

Throughout the adventure you will discover letters that must be placed in orderly order in their square to form the mysterious word.

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We propose to you a very funny game of tracks, ideal to enjoy and rediscover Caldes de Malavella in a different way. No guide is needed, you can do it any day and any time, with friends or your family. The activity is oriented to fun.

Details: -Duration: 120 minutes -9 tests

If you have downloaded the material online, it is not necessary to go to the Tourist Office at the beginning of the game. Throughout the adventure, you will discover letters that you must place in order in the box of the mysterious cover, which will reveal the superpower of the Esquitxons. In total you will find 8 letters, one in each box where you will solve the riddles of the game. The evidence you find during the gymkhana are not relevant to the resolution of the enigma, but will make the proposal more entertaining.

It is very important that you don't move on to the next clue until you have solved the previous one, that's part of the fun! ;)

Caldes de Malavella is a unique town, as it has a resource that is not found everywhere: thermal waters. Since ancient times, people from all over the world have come to enjoy these miraculous waters for their healing and historical benefits. To protect and preserve this legacy, a group of Caldenca superheroes emerged to watch over the healing properties of these waters. They call themselves **Els Esquitxons**, but who are they really? Are you curious to finde out? Then joining us in this adventure, follow the clues and discover the true identity of the Esquitxons and what their secret superpower is.

You meet Detective Radobert Lupalull, who will accompany you on this mission.

RUCK

—Good morning, new recruits. Are you ready to discover the mystery of the Esquitxons? So, you want to help me? Where do we start? Any ideas? Shut up! If we need information, the most logical thing to do is to go to the Tourist Office, right? —Good morning we are here to ask you for information.

-Oh, very well, then I can give you this map...she says kindly.

—No, we didn't understand each other. We need information...confidential...he clarifies.

—Oh! Then... it is clear where you have to go. It is a place that stores all the knowledge of Caldes. There you will find volcanoes, prehistoric skeletons, archaeological objects, characters from all ages...and a lot of water! There is also a laboratory where a lot of scientists and scholars work, who will certainly be able to help you. It is very close to here! You go to the left, then turn right...Buf! I don't get tangled up giving directions! Let's do it differently, I give you the name and you loot it up. Their main object of study is the water of Caldes, so it's called "water" in an ancient language.

She writes their name on a piece of paper .



—A very nice girl, but she writes very badly. What does it say here? Lupalull brings the paper close to his face and moves it away several times. I can make out an A, a Q and this is E! But these two missing letters, what did she say this meant? "Water" in an ancient language. Anyway, how are you doing with dead languages? I'm a little lost...

Solve the mystery to discover the next point on the map.

OKAY! Are they already?

When you entered the museum, you were told to talk to Dr.Jane, a prestigious expert in paleontology. Paleont...what? Well, she studies ancient animals from three million years ago! Go up to the second floor and you'll find her in her lab, enthusiastically cleaning a tibia of...What is it, Dr.Jane?

RACK 2

—Dra. Jane?

—¡Wait a minute, "she says in a hurry, as she raises her hand to us", Don't you think this **Tapirus arvernensis** is fantastic?

—Mmmm....Yes, yes, very nice. But we came to ask you a history question, since you are such a prestigious researcher in this field.

—It has more to do with the water...

—Well, water has to do with everything! he exclaimed!! Water is a natural resource that has been available to us for a long time. In prehistoric times, before humans existed, the geological conditions already made this place very rich. Precisely the water emerges from the faults created underground at that time. Think that in Caldes there were volcanoes. In the crater that was in the **Camp dels Ninots**, when the volcanic activity ceased, a lake was formed. And that was what favored the emergence of a subtropical ecosystem in which we find animals like these.



—Water is a treasure! says Lupalull. Luckily, we have some heroes here, "the Esquitxons", who protect it...don't they? Lupalull tries to get some information out of her, but Jane automatically gets nervous.

—Of course, these heroes do a very important job...

—They fascinate me. But they are so mysterious...I wish I could know who these Esquitxons are.

-But who are you? asks Jane, who is already starting to get a bit worried.

-Radobert Lupalull, a secret agent and detective and those who accompany me are my recruits who help me.

—A detective? Oh no! She quickly pushes us towards the exit. Get out of here, don't stick your noses where they don't belong. We can't take any chances, says Dr Jane.

"¿Nosotros? ¿No me diga que usted es un Esquitxo?

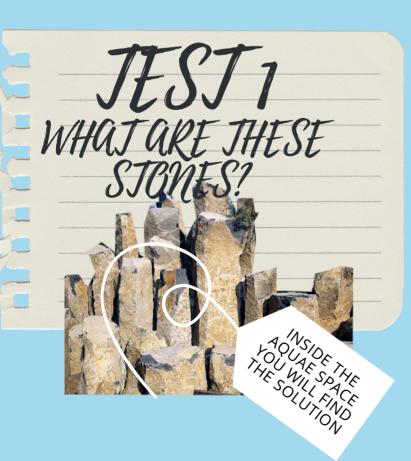
We? Don't tell me you're an Esquitxo? The poor girl bites her lips and turns all red.

—I can't tell you who the Esquitxons are, but if you help me with a problem...I will give you a clue, Jane says softly.

—Of course! What do we have to do?

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—Outside, at the entrance, there are some very strange prism-shaped rooks, could you help me to identify them? There are many in Caldes, especially in the castle of Saint Maurici. What are they called? I'm good with animals, but rocks...



Thank you very much. Then you have earned a clue!

-Did you know that Caldes de Malavella used to have another nome? It was called **Aquae Calidae**. Do you know what it means, or who is t that called it that? If you find it, you might learn something else. If you come back, I will give you another clue. go to the Puig de Sant Grau, where you find the oldest monument in town. This place is protected by the classical goddess of health, **Higiea**, who is at the top.

—What confusing clues this lady gives us, says Lupalull scratching his head. Higiea, who could it be?

Let's look for that very **old monument** that we will surely find a clue!!!

ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN THE FIRST BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK Enter inside a vaulted monument, in the centre of which is a swimming pool. —Quo vadis

You hadn't noticed, but in the pool there is a blond boy, who looks at them in surprise.

JRUCK.



—Oh, sorry, we didn't mean to disturb you! Dr. Jane sent us. My name is Radobert Lupalull, we're doing some research on the superheroes of Caldes, says Lupalull. I feel like cooling off in this pool too!

—Good morning! My name is Julian and I am a Roman citizen. So when we arrived, more than 2000 years ago, we became aware of the existence of the thermal waters of Caldes. This water has healing properties, so we could not miss it. That's why we founded an urban center that eventually acquired Latin law! Look, it even appears on this ancient road map.



What a thing! People didn't have Google Maps and yet they didn't forget to put Caldes (Aquae Calidae), says Lupalull. Every time we know more and more.

—You say Dr. Jane sent you," says the suspicious Roman.

-Yes, we are investigating. She told us that we would find an Esquitxo here.

—... I am the roman Julian, and I am pleased to be the defender of the sacred water in the name of the god Apollo. In fact, right here, where the water flowed, a sacred room dedicated to him was built. Are you able to locate it? There was even an altar. This is so you can see how precious it was, even for the Romans," Julian becomes serious as he speaks. I can't tell you who the other Esquitxons are because it would be breaking my oath. But, if you prove your worth to me, I will give you a clue.

—And what do we have to do?

—You know what my superpower is? It's strength! Do you dare to pull a pulse between you? Who will win?



—I see you are fearless as Achilles! Well, braves, as promised, I'll give you my hint: Did you know that once the Roman Empire disappeared? In medieval times, a castle was built behind the baths. This did not stop using the water, which was converted into a hospital. You can see that the use of water has continued throughout the ages. There are still some remains of the castle. Do you see the walls? If you follow the wall, you will come to a modernist house of a very beautiful and characteristic color (I love **pink**). Just in front of it you will find an explanatory panel about the history of the bottling. The house has become an emblematic place in Caldes. Maybe you can stop for a drink and get your strength back! —Let's go! exclaims Lupalull enthusiastically.

Once there, follow the house until you find a hot spring with a new clue.

TRACK 4

Indeed, we arrived at a rose-colored house, very stately. Sitting on the steps of the hot spring there is a girl who looks like she has stepped out of the beginning of the last century.

—Good morning, could you tell us what is so special about this building? —Casa Rosa is one of the most important buildings in Caldes, a modernist building that belonged to the Mataró industrialist Pau Estapé, my father, who is the same man who first excavated the Roman Baths!

—We just came from there! "says the detective in surprise.

—As you will have seen on the panel in front of the house, which tells the **history of the bottling**, Casa Rosa was used as a residence but also to store the Imperial Water that Pau Estapé bottled.

—Bottling?...From a bottle?

—Exactly. The waters of Caldes have properties that make them suitable for the treatment of various diseases. This favored that they were bottled, that is, they were put in bottles and then sent far away so that patients could follow the treatment at home. This would be the origin of the industrial use of the thermal water, which became an engine of growth for Caldes, as the Petronella's heavy one keeps repeating...

Estefania

PAU ESTAPE

—Who is Petronella?

-iNo one, no one! says Ms. Estapé, shaking her head. The fact is that Casa Rosa now has a high patrimonial and cultural value and is part of the catalog of protected assets of Caldes.

—So this is the perfect place to serve as a base of operations for an Esquitxo!
—Oops, an Esquitxo? Suddenly she turns pale. No, no, no . . . How do you know we exist?

-But then, are you an Esquitxo? insists the tireless detective. The girl lets out a long sigh, and ends up confessing to us.

—I am Estefania, Esquitxona protector of this place.

—Enchanted! We admire your work very much, don't we? says Lupalull enthusiastically as he energetically squeezes her hand. In fact, we asked her why we would like to pay tribute to the brave heroes of the village.

—Well, if you want to meet the rest, you will have to prove that you are valid, she declares. I am the Esquitxo of protection. What does that mean? Well, my superpower is to make others feel safe. Do you trust each other? Can you give me a demonstration of trust?



—You have done very well, she applauds. And next clue: if you wish to continue you must follow the street Vall-llobera, here in front of you will find another thermal spring, which is the Fountain of Sant Narcis. Let's remember that the place where we are is called Font del Bullidors.

—What does "hot spring" mean? You can't help but ask, curious.

—Well, the water boils. It comes out at a temperature of 56°C because it comes from the very bowels of the earth, where it is very hot.

—In addition, it carries many minerals that give it beneficial properties. Apart from these two sources that I have told you, in **Caldes there is a third source of thermal water! That is where you should go!** To go, from the Font de Sant Narcís, follow the signs of the Thermal Greenway to the right of the fountain. When you get to this third thermal spring, next to it you will find some washing places, where the people of Caldes used to go to wash and hang out their clothes, before modern washing machines were invented. So, do you start up?

That's it, then turn to the next page!



ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN THE THIRD BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK

RUCK

You arrive at the fountain as Estefania had told you, it seems that there are some sinks where many people gather to talk. You get a little closer and see a bottle of water under the fountain, which wouldn't be so strange... But this one has eyes and a mouth! For some reason, the only thing you are able to say is: "I can't believe it! —What are you doing here hiding, bottle?

—I do it as a precaution! Answer the bottle defensively. Well I have to be alert to the dangers that plague the village since I am a Esqui....

---Wow! You're an Esquitxo!?!? Perfect! We were just looking for you! You are our idols!

The bottle, a bit wary at the beginning, has radically changed its attitude when it has felt the fulfillment.

—Oh, yes, I will introduce myself... she says proudly, "I am Bottle Petronella! At your service... and she bows.

But how can it be bent like that? It is a crystal!!!

—I'm very gossip," she continues, "so I have to stretch myself as much as possible to keep up with everything. Of course, I need to be informed if I want to fulfill my mission successfully. Here in the laundry room you find out everything. Think that everyone passes through here and... You find out all the gossip! Did you know that this is precisely where the expression "laundry room" comes from? An interesting fact, I simply love it!



—But...I don't understand, a bottle, Esquitxo? What can a bottle do? says Lupalull. But Petronella, offended, does not hesitate to turn back:

—Think that from Caldes come all my sisters Vichy Catalán, Agua Malavella, Sant Narcis, Imperial... She enumerates, they travel all over the world, bringing wellness to the people. Unfortunately, they are not magic bottles like me and cannot pass any information to me (of course, they have no eyes or mouth).

—Of course, it's easier to find things out if you're human. Do you want us to be your eyes and mouth everywhere else? Lupalull comments.

—What?" says Petronella, confused.

—We will investigate for you, and we will inform you of everything that happens in the town and surroundings.

-¡Okay! You'll be my undercover agents!

She seems to like the idea.

-But in return, you will have to say where to find the next Esquitxo.

This is no longer so funny to her. Disappointed, she bends her neck and says in a whisper:

—I just can't tell you....

—Well... Anyway, that's all right... sighs the detective. We've already been warned that Petronella was a bit of a guitar-crusher...

What a manipulator he is!

—That's what they told you, you defamers! But I'm super cool! I'm the MOST cool!-she assures indignantly, after seeing her self-esteem hurt. "Well, look, I'll give you a little hint... if you prove to me that you are as cool as me. My superpower is flexibility, then are you able to touch the floor with your hands without folding the legs, for example?

JEST 4 Bemonstrate your flexibility. Do you touch the tips of your toes?

—Very good! I see that you have a bit of Petronella in you with this flexibility and so now follow my indications and you will reach the next point from here (Font de la Mina) you can follow the Riera de Lleixiu, which is the pass that starts at the wash houses and goes through a small tunnel. At the end of it all, you will come to an imposing building with a 19th century arch. **The facade is very well decorated**. Look, like these that I show you in the photo and once on the facade look for the track that will show you the Muga:

The name Riera de Lleixiu comes from the fact that it collects the water from the washing places. Because the thermal water is rich in bicarbonates, it leaves clothes clean as if they had been washed with bleach}



ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN HE FOURTH BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK Once you have discovered the ceiling, you can enter to discover what is behind this majestic entrance that opens onto the gardens. On one side there is a terrace and, on the other, a swimming pool, you can take the opportunity to have a drink!

ULK

But what strikes you the most is that...There's a turtle standing in the sun in his bathrobe!

—-Every day you see stranger and stranger things around here," Lupalull comments quietly.

—Hey, a little respect," the tortoise demands.

- -But if you talk!! We just saw a bottle talk, and now this?
- -Of course I speak! I am the turtle Muga

—Muga! The detective's eyes light up. We were told to look for you, by your friend Petronella, Esquitxona of flexibility. And what is a turtle doing sunbathing?

—Man, I'm at a spa," he waves his little paws pointing around. The truth is that I got tired of swimming all day in the Santa Maria stream, and I decided that I deserved a vacation. It is nothing unusual, everyone does it since the S. XIX began to exploit the beneficial virtues of the water of Caldes to make establishments like this one, which since then have welcomed vacationers. In the spas you can perform hydrothermal therapies, you get massages, surround you and fang...





Detective Lupalull seems to lose sight of the world for a moment, but quickly calls out to himself, "No, no! We're on a mission.
Mission?

—Yes, we are looking for the Esquitxons of Caldes. Petronella told us that we will find you here. And where is the next one?

Again, the tortoise remains silent...

-Come on..." said Lupalull, clasping his hands together, "Think of us as the Petronella's research associates now.

—That Petronella... She never misses an opportunity to do business. La Muga shakes her head from side to side with resignation. Anyway, first of all I should be sure that you are sufficiently qualified to handle this information. As a token of my respect, since you will have become our assistants, then perhaps I will give you a hint.

—I am the most resistant turtle on the planet! Look what a tough shell I have. None of you can beat me, so I won't ask you.... But you do have to show us which one of you is the most resistant!

As an amphibian, I have to spend a lot of time underwater with my eyes wide open to see everything! Let's see which of you can last the longest without blinking.



—¡Impressive, you are very good," says the Muga happily.

-Thank you. Now the clue

—What clue?" she pretends to be absent-minded

—Muga, you promised us...

—Okay, okay... But you must swear that you will use whatever you discover to do good. Hey, it's not creature games, this. Put on a good children's faces. Not even the curmudgeonly Muga could resist these sparkling eyes.

—Look, I leave you as a clue this photograph of **another source.** On this site you will find my partner Geraldina.





ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN THE FIFTH BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK You find a very nice girl collecting water in the Font with a jug.

—Hello! Excuse me, are you Geraldina?

—-Yes," she answers, "and if I'm not mistaken, you are the famous investigators? I have already been informed -she takes out a cell phone from her pocket. We Esquitxons are very old, but we are modernizing! Time goes by and we are changing, just like this place... Here before there was only a small fountain, you know? Although it was already a very popular place for the people of Caldes, up here -she tells us-there was a cow farm and everything, hence the name! People came to get milk and eggs. Later there was a bar, the Casinet, an urbanization project and a park.

RACK 7

—Will you tell us what your superpower is?

But we don't even know each other! -says Geraldina. Let's see, do you know where my name comes from? If you do, maybe I'll think about it.

—Her name? ¡And how are we supposed to know that! They think for a while. Geraldina is already a very curious name, where did it come from? Apparently, I had only heard it once before. It was related to the hermitage of Sant Grau. It is one of the three names of the:

Insert answer

Prova b Criden ben fort la resposta! Amb potència!

 Very good, you got it right! And the other two names on the bell are Remei and Estefania.

 Ah, that must also be the name of the Esquitxona, protector of the Casa Rosa and the Dolls of Sant Grau, Estefanía Estapé -says Lupalull, making his investigative nature evident.

Acknowledging the good knowledge of the recruits, Geraldina says:

—Well, as you have seen with the test, my superpower is strength, and I am the Esquitxona protector of the rays of the fountains, so that the wells of the subterranean have enough energy to go outside and never run out of water.

And if you want to find the next Esquitxo you must go to his house, an **exceptional** paleontological site!!!!

She then enlarges a photograph as a clue:

—Today everyone gives us strange pictures and no explanation! complains
Lupalull, What is this? Where will it be found?
Do you recognize it?
—What was the name of this animal? It was... It was... A tapir!

A tapir!

Follow Sant Esteve Street and when you reach 'Avinguda St. Maurici' you will find a sign that will guide you to this site.





ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN THE SIXTH BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK





Jair

Indeed, when you arrive at the Camp dels Ninots you will find one of these animals watching where there had been an ancient lake, in the crater of the volcano.

—Since my companions have already informed me of your arrival, I will introduce myself..." said the Tapir.

-Wow, (you think) it turns out that he also uses whatsapp, or is it that maybe the Esquitxons have a private platform to communicate? How does he do it with these hands to touch the buttons? Never mind... he, for his part, continues: "I am the tapir jair, and this is my natural habitat. I'm very quiet here... Well, when Jane doesn't come to dig things up!

Then he runs to some shrubs, "Look, look, l have plants to eat and water.

—But I don't see any dolls! Lupaluil insists: "You always have to play the know-it-all! But the tapir responds:

—Of course you do, Check this out.....

—Since ancient times the children of Caldes came here to look for these stones (which have very curious shapes) to play with. Because the children imagined that they were different things. Like when you play at guessing the shape of the clouds," he says, looking at the sky. What figures do you see? He shows you some small stones of kidney-shaped

forms

—We don't have time to waste, we are in the middle of a very important investigation," said Lupalull, who is not in the mood for nonsense.

—Yes, I've been told, I've been told.... -Jair looks disappointed. Anyway... If you continue in this hurry, your life will fly by! How old are you, by the way? I'm 3,000,000 years old! That's why my superpower is immortality, and I'm responsible for making sure that this fantastic site never disappears.

You are speechless and almost embarrassed to tell your age. But Jair insists: "Maybe, if you add up all your years you have more than me....

JEST 7 How many years do all of you add up to? age calculator

—Really? For being such young people, you're so smart! So use this brain of yours to find your next stop. You must go from the most ancient history to the most modern. Hmmm humans have changed so much.... They pretend to be sophisticated, and instead of drinking and bathing in the water as they should, they have built luxurious infrastructures that offer them all the services they may need: sleeping rooms, restaurants, bars, gardens, swimming pools, party rooms. I think you have already passed by the Balneari Prats, and your next stop is **another example of a spa.** You should go to an avenue full of modernist style houses built in the early twentieth century. There you will find **a large building of Arab inspiration**, built by the same character that gives its name to the avenue, a Dr...Dr...I don't remember, go there and you will discover it.

On the majestic fence at the entrance you will also find other panels with very interesting information about Caldas de Malavella!



At last you find yourself at the door of the Vichy Catalan Spa. Leaning on the balcony there is a distinguished boy, with his hair combed, dressed in a very elegant way. He looks at you with a satisfied smile.

UPJEK

—Who are you?

—Don't you know who I am? -he says, with the delight of one who is eager to introduce himself and present his merits.

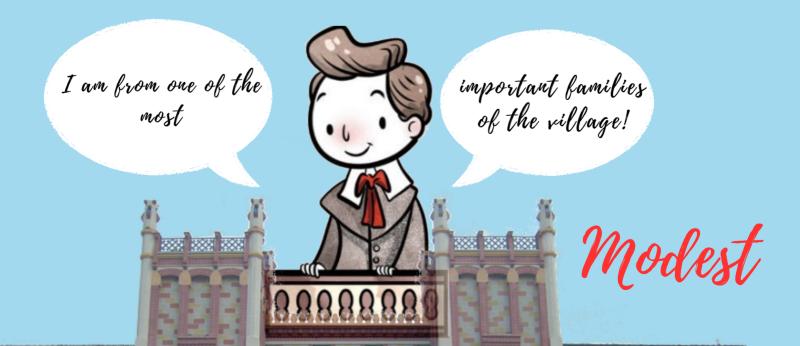
-No... Maybe you must be Modest Furest? -asks Lupalull

-Not exactly. I'm his nephew, but my name is also Modest," he admits, smiling from ear to ear.

—And why are you so important?

—My uncle was a homeopathic doctor by profession, so he was always looking for ways to contribute to people's wellbeing. He realized the **therapeutic properties of the mineral- medicinal water of Caldes**, so he built this fantastic spa where we are, where people come from all over to improve their health and to market the water as well. He carried out a great task to spread the thermal water. In fact, he was so important that he was even called adopted son of the village, said Modest, a proud nephew.





—From the passion you feel for this place, it is clear that you must be an Esquitxo! He concludes after having listened to the whole explanation.

—Indeed. And my superpower is leadership, I inherited it from my uncle: an entrepreneur of the time, who knew how to build a whole empire from which there were only fields and sheep.

 Oh, what a thrill! Another Esquitxo. We've already found the superpowers of intelligence, strength, protection, flexibility, endurance, power, Immortality, And now leadership and push.

ONCE THE ENIGMA HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, NOTE THE LETTER OF THE PANEL IN THE EIGHTH BOX ON THE COVER OF THIS BOOKLET AND GO TO THE NEXT TRACK

— Test? You're done! -He said amused, "Can't you see? You already have all 8 letters. Now you only have to discover our secret superpower, the great superpower of the Esquitxons, which as you may have deduced is related to all the good that the water of Caldes does for people...

Look, haven't you collected many letters along your journey? Well, with them you have to form a word. How are you going to order it? Let's see, from what you have found, in all its variants, the water of Caldes provides something sure, that does a lot of GOOD and this will be the superpower of the Esquitxons!

Go to the front page and form the word!

you already

—Since you have proven your worth and deserve our trust," continues Modest, "we would like to make you a proposal. Wouldn't you like to help us?

—It is clear! you say with conviction.

—What if we told you to join our team of heroes?

You are breathless for a moment. Hhhhh-how? You mean... Heroes?

—From the Esquitxons? - asked Lupalull

From the look on his face, you would say that he no longer cares so much about research. Modest Furest, just nods his head.

—I've been promoted in one fell swoop! -the detective shouts excitedly. I've gone from second-rate detective to first-rate superhero. Now I'm going to be famous! -All he has to do is jump for joy.

—So, I call you Esquitxons and suddenly he pulls out a sword. Automatically you get on your knees, to honor such a solemn moment-, protectors of the thermal, mineralmedicinal and transcendental water -he says and points to you with the sword you are entrusted with the duty of defending this town with justice and responsibility. You're a hero now! You didn't expect that. Now you're heroes!

> THEY WILL TELL YOU THE LAST TEST TO ENTER THE WORLD OF THE ESQUITXONS AND THEY WILL GIVE YOU A NOTEBOOK TO PAINT WITH COLORS.



Caldes is landscape, nature, culture, tradition, but above all a place to relax and let yourself be place for, inside and out. So, join our group of superheroes and help us protect the town so that it remains a haven where people find comfort and well-being. Do find want to be an Esquitxo? Put on our special cape and be the new defenders of Caldes de Malavella! With great power comes great responsibility (as



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