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The Domino Diaries: My Decade Boxing with Olympic Champions and Chasing Hemingway's Ghost in the Last Days of Castro's Cuba by Brin-Jonathan Butler

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In 2010, I embarked on a journey that would change my life forever. I left my home in the United States and traveled to Cuba, a country that had long fascinated me. I was drawn to Cuba's rich history, vibrant culture, and the allure of its legendary boxing tradition.

I had always been a fan of boxing, but I had never imagined that I would one day have the opportunity to train with some of the world's best fighters. In Cuba, I found a world-class boxing program that was open to anyone who was willing to work hard.

I started training with a group of young boxers who were preparing for the upcoming Olympic Games. These were some of the most talented fighters I

had ever seen, and they quickly took me under their wing. I learned from them the importance of discipline, hard work, and perseverance.

As I trained with these young boxers, I also began to learn about the history of Cuban boxing. I learned about the great Cuban fighters who had come before me, such as Teofilo Stevenson, Felix Savon, and Roberto Duran. These fighters were my heroes, and I was inspired by their stories of success.

In addition to training with Olympic champions, I also began to explore the literary side of Cuba. I visited the home of Ernest Hemingway in Havana, and I read his novels and short stories. I was fascinated by Hemingway's love of Cuba and his passion for boxing.

One day, I had the opportunity to meet a Cuban boxer who had known Hemingway. He told me stories about Hemingway's time in Cuba, and he showed me the places where Hemingway used to hang out. I felt like I was walking in Hemingway's footsteps, and I was inspired by his words.

My decade-long journey in Cuba was an unforgettable experience. I learned about boxing, about history, and about myself. I made lifelong friends, and I discovered a passion for writing. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to have lived and trained in Cuba, and I will always cherish the memories of my time there.

Here are some of the highlights of my decade-long journey in Cuba:

- Training with Olympic boxing champions
- Visiting the home of Ernest Hemingway

- Exploring the literary side of Cuba
- Meeting Cuban boxers who knew Hemingway
- Making lifelong friends
- Discovering a passion for writing

I encourage you to visit Cuba and experience its rich history and culture for yourself. You may just find your own ghost to chase.



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