

# OS TAIS CAQUINHOS

## The Broken Ones

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*A powerful and harsh novel about a family, a messy apartment and the painful discoveries of adolescence.*

Many things were missing in apartment n. 402, but there was plenty of many others: paper boxes, boards of isopor, knick knacks, cockroaches, termites, dust, dirty glasses. Abigail, Berta and Lúcio are a non conventional triplet: two teenagers that share the apartment with their father, a loving man and a compulsive hoarder. While he hopes for death to arrive soon, he likes giving peculiar advice to his daughters: "Being hungry is cool".

This novel tells a tragic and touching coming-of-age story, though able to make you laugh. Natércia Pontes draws a fascinating picture of three people trying to live with their dreams and fantasies, their fears and manias, in the middle of the piles of waste that inhabit their house.

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