



Arturo "Skins" Rana

Drums

Little is known about the early life of the mysterious drummer for The Travel Bugs. No one really knows where he was born or who his parents were. He just seems to have suddenly hopped onto the music scene.

The first records of his life already find him playing drums as part of the emerging Amazon punk scene with scores of bands including **Jungle Rot Boogie** and **QuickSandLover**. However, punk rock and a lethally poisonous skin do not mix well. At a Sao Paulo performance Arturo created an national controversy by stage diving into the crowd, instantly killing over a dozen audience members.

Banned from live performances, a depressed Rana dropped out of the music scene and would have faded back into the canopy had he not seen an job listing in *Amazones Musicia* magazine for a position with the **Blue Man Group** in New York City. Feeling that this was the perfect job for him and realizing that this could be his ticket back into music, Arturo made it his "mission" to get to New York for an audition.

For obvious reasons, poison dart frogs are not allowed to travel via public transportation, and so Rana resorted to the only cheap, reliable method of international travel available. He hitched his way through the Geocaching network hopping from cache to cache finally reaching North America and paralyzing several unknowing cachers along the way.

In Manhattan, he once again found rejection and disappointment waiting as he was turned down by the **Blue Man Group** on the grounds that he was "not officially a man" and "extremely toxic to the touch".

Arturo turned to the streets, earning a living for a brief while by allowing the late night club crowd to lick his back. But again, it was a job listing that changed everything. He answered an ad in the New York times for a drummer in a new Geocaching music band called **The Travel Bugs**, and the rest is history.

"They were absolutely blown away by my incredible drumming", recalls Rana. Travel Bugs founder Marvin T. Stuckmeyer corrects, "Well, he was the only one to answer the ad". Since then, "Skins" as he is now called, has anchored the band and has earned quite the reputation for being a Don Juan on tour, leaving multitudes of "stunned" female groupies around the world. As he proudly boasts, "You can't touch this!" Good advice.

The Travel Bugs debut album "*Found It!*", is available online, and more information about the band's activities can be found at www.thegeocachers.com.

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