# **Insights from Running Stories**

### The Importance of Hydration

- Anaëlle, Joe, and Nathan all emphasized the importance of hydration, especially during long races. They learned the hard way that dehydration can lead to fatigue, dizziness, and even trouble thinking clearly.
- **William** stressed the importance of carrying salt tablets, as dehydration can lead to electrolyte imbalances.

#### The Power of Community

- Guillaume found running with friends to be motivating and enjoyable. He
  emphasized the social aspect of running and how it can make the
  experience more fun.
- William also mentioned the camaraderie he experienced during the World Backyard Racing Championships, highlighting the importance of community and support in endurance sports.

#### The Mental Aspect of Running

- **Joe** and **Nathan** both described running as a meditative experience that helps them clear their minds and reduce stress.
- **William** emphasized the importance of mental strength in ultramarathons, nothing that it's essential to find comfort in discomfort.

### The Importance of Proper Training

- **Anaëlle** learned the importance of tailored training programs after a negative experience with a generic app.
- **Guillaume** realized the importance of consistent training and gradual increases in distance to prepare for a marathon.
- **Guillemette** learned that it's important to listen to your body and avoid pushing yourself too hard, especially when coming back from an injury or pregnancy.

### The Benefits of Running as a Lifestyle

- **Antoine** and **Nathan** both mentioned the benefits of running as a regular part of their lifestyle. They enjoy the physical and mental health benefits it provides.
- **William** emphasized the importance of running as a foundation for other endurance sports.

## The Importance of Setting Goals

• Anaëlle, Guillaume, and Guillemette all mentioned the importance of setting goals to stay motivated and focused. Whether it's a specific race or a personal best time, having a goal can help you stay on track.