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This stunning shot is of Spanish Olympic skateboarder Danny León taken during the total solar eclipse experienced by parts of Greenland, Iceland, Portugal and Spain on 12th August this summer.

Danny and his team spent months planning the shot, choosing a ridge on farmland near Novales, 50 km northeast of Zaragoza where they could build a ramp at the right angle for the eclipse to be right behind.

Danny's videographers and photographer José Ángel Izquierdo (Jai Cano) were set up around 500 meters away, which was key to the shot. They used powerful **telephoto** lenses, which make distant objects appear close together so that Danny's silhouette seems very close to the annulus (ring of fire) which appears during a total eclipse ([Youtube video of the trick](#)).

The day before they built the ramp, practiced the trick and the photo and then hoped for perfect weather. At the moment of eclipse, Danny had just 30 seconds to do the trick and get it right on cue. A fairly simple trick for an Olympic skateboarder, but there's no second chance*. No repeat chance in five minutes, no next Olympics in 4 years time.

- Did you see the eclipse? (the UK had around 90% of the sun obscured)
- If you had to get a simple skateboard trick right on cue - could you handle the pressure?
- Is this an achievement of sport, science or creativity? Is it art?



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[Watch: Video of trick](#)



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