The Story of Marty



A JOURNEY ON PLANET EARTH

COLOUR AND READ ME



Dear Reader,

The story you are about to read was inspired by a man of wisdom. His name was Sathya Sai Baba and he lived in India not too long ago. He taught us how to be happy all the time, and told us a secret : "before we do or say anything that we would like to do or say, we should always turn to our heart to see if it approves." He always joked and told us we were made of gold... because our hearts are full of love and light! Marty wrote his story to tell you how he made his way back home thanks to the wise advice of this man, and is really excited to share his adventures with you!

Dear mom and dad,

You can download "The story of Marty - a journey on planet earth", at www.martyswatch.com. At the same website you will also find a series of worksheets conceived to enable you to deepen topics such as Unity of heart, head and hand (Character), the 5 D's, the five Human Values, or tackle the art of concentration and silent sitting with your children.

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THE STORY OF MARTY

A Journey on Planet Earth

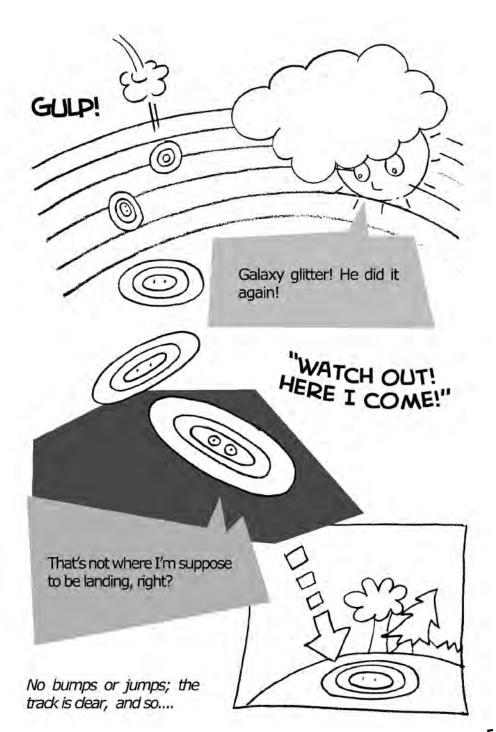
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THE FALL

Our story today opens with Marty. He's a nice guy. You'll like him!

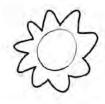






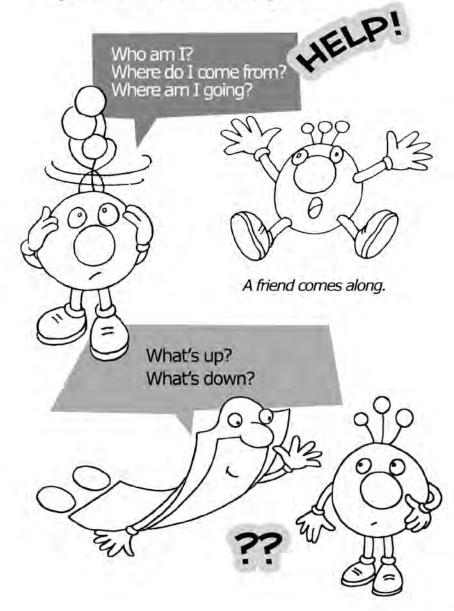
"WELL, LET'S GET BACK HOME!"

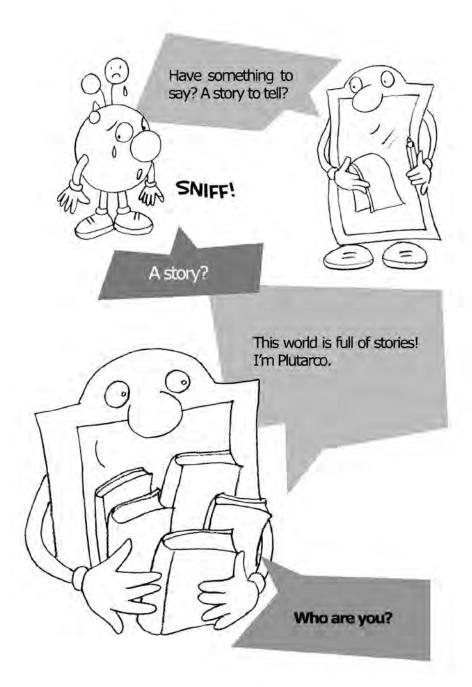
Marty looks around. The clouds have moved on and the sun is beaming.



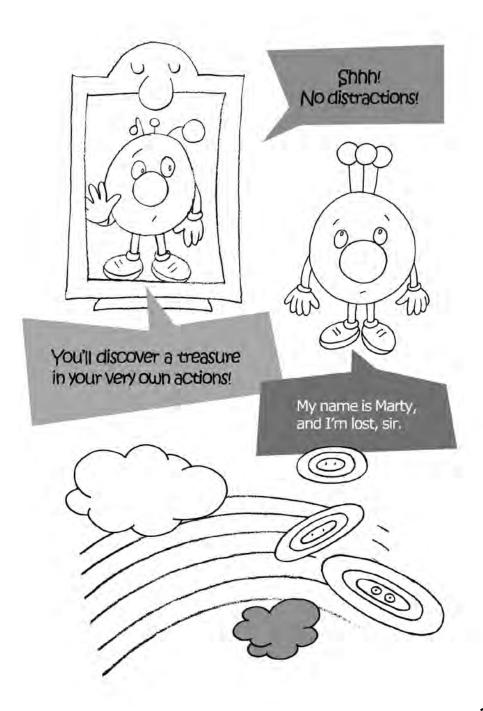


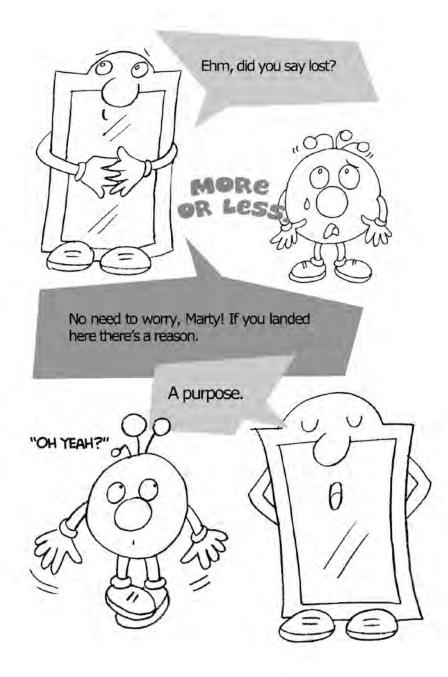
At first Marty is scared, and then he gets confused. He gets so confused that he even forgets who he is!







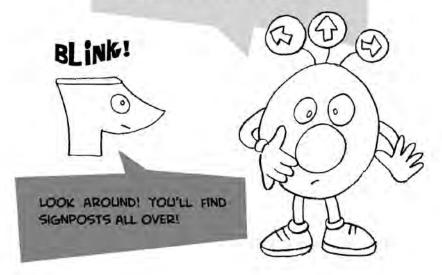


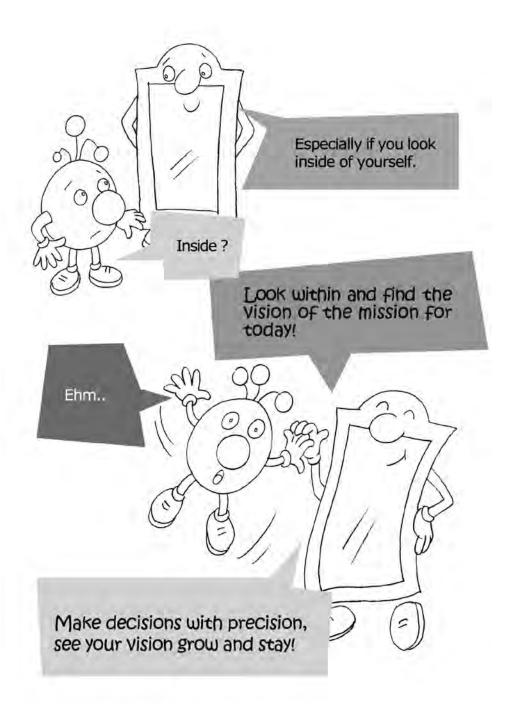


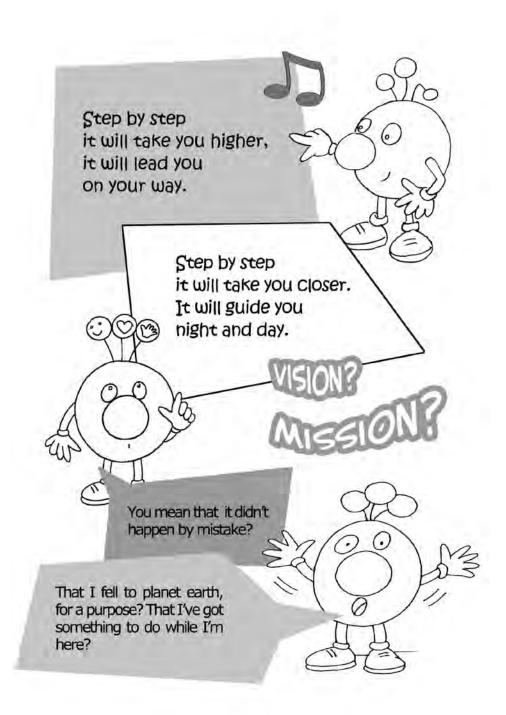
Being in this world is precious and rare. A special chance! Don't sit and stare!

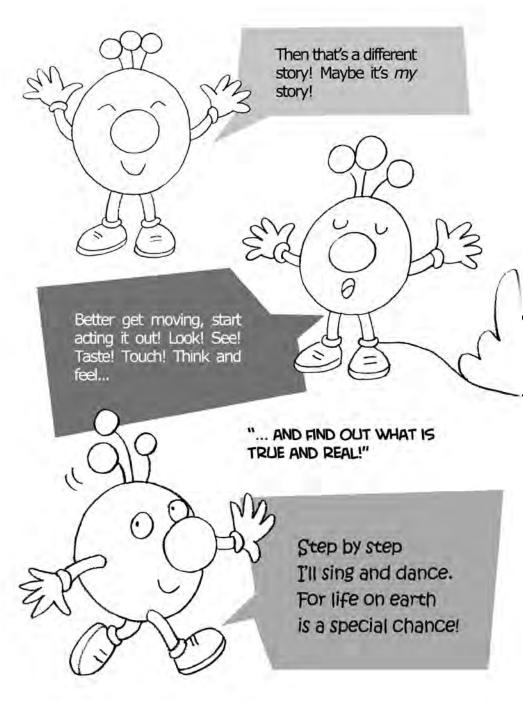
You just have to find out which road to follow.

> Road? This planet is packed with roads! How am I suppose to know which is the one meant for me?







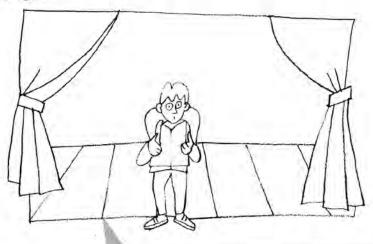


One thing's for sure, one thing I know. I will learn something new, where ever I go.

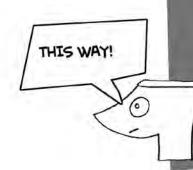


THE MAP

Marty walks onto the stage of life. A background music accompanies the sound of his steps and the pace of his thoughts.



I heard that the chance of being here, on planet earth, is precious and rare. But now that I'm here what am I suppose to do? Where am I suppose to go?



Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a gift, accept it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a tragedy, face it. Life is a duty, perform it. Life is a mystery, unfold it. Life is a song sing it.

Life is a dream, realize it. An opportunity, take it. Life is a journey, complete it. Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is a game. Play it!

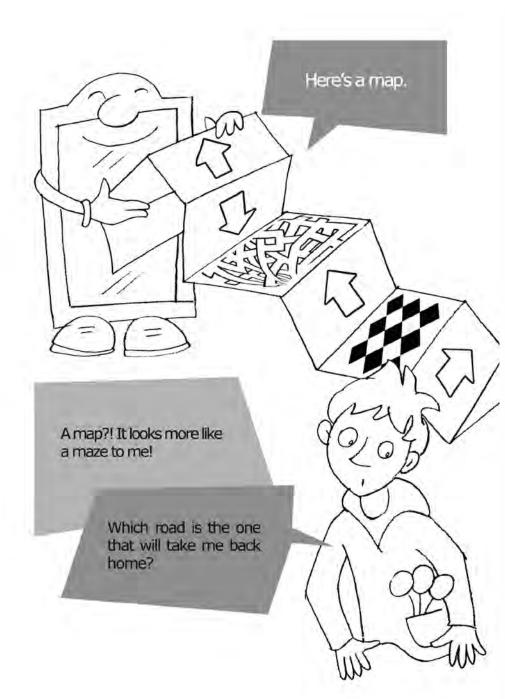
Life is love, enjoy it. Life is beauty, praise it. Life is a struggle, fight it. Life is a stream, flow with it.

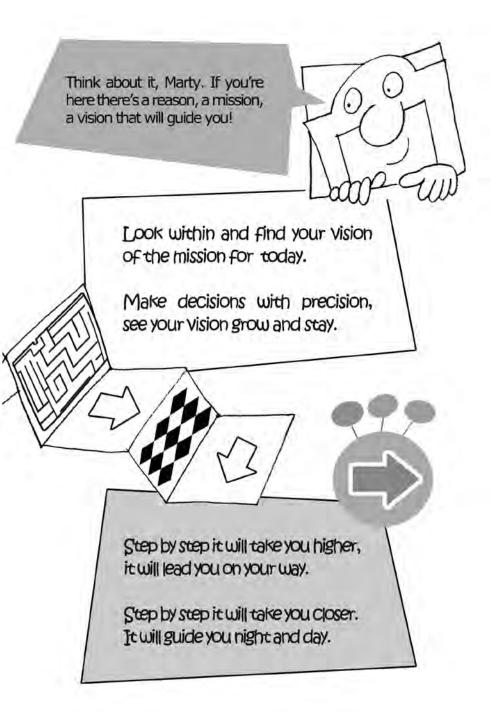
Life is a puzzle, solve it. Life is a goal, achieve it. Life is a miracle, revere it. Life is spirit, merge with it.



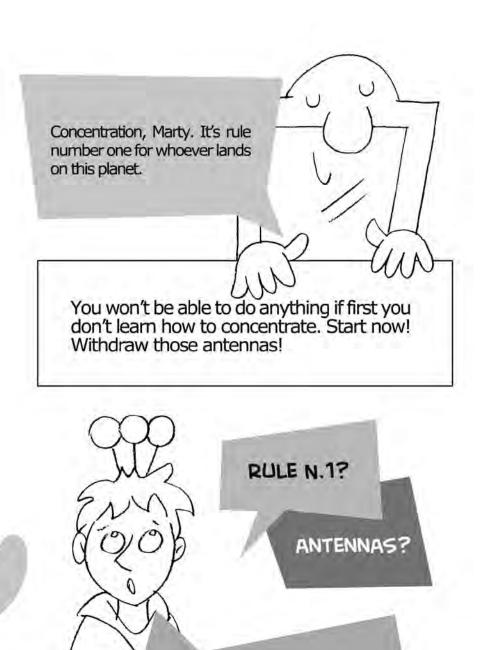




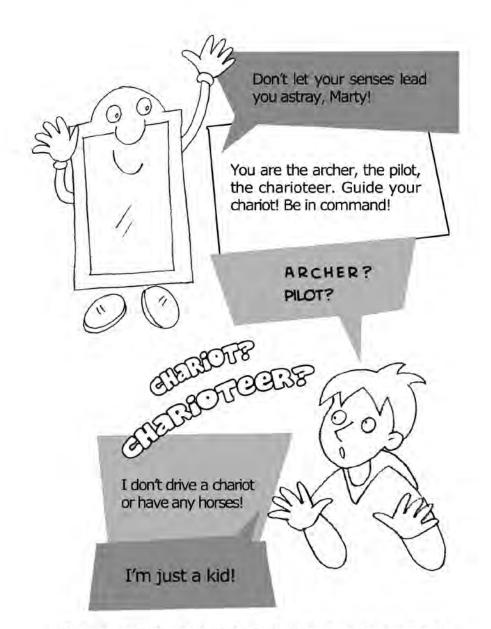








Are you sure about what you're saying, Plutarco, Sir?



Marty notices that Plutarco's mirror reflects a strange kind of light. It doesn't seem to come from outside...

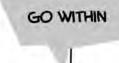
What does your heart say? Sit down and listen to its song.

Look within and find the vision of the dream that lives in you.

Follow the light within your heart, its inner glow is ever true.

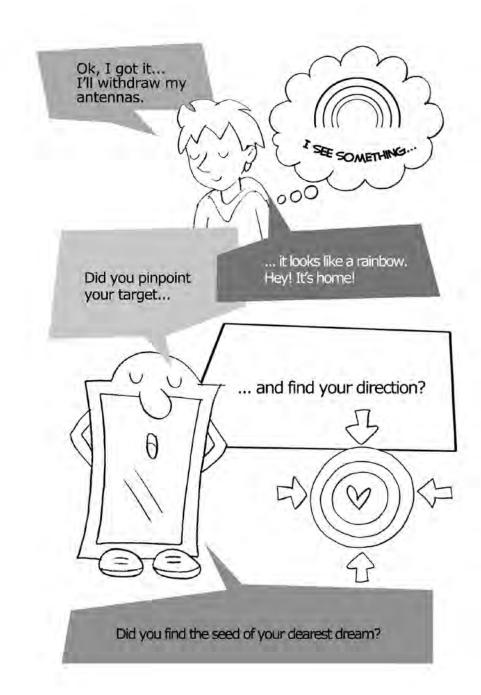
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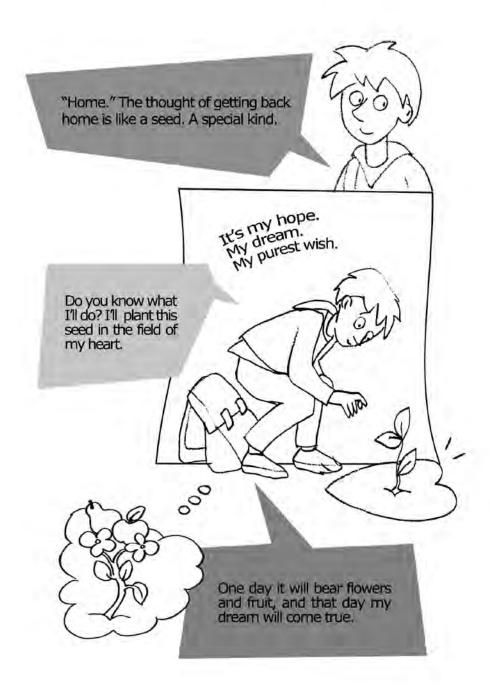
Step by step it will take you higher, It will lead you on your way.



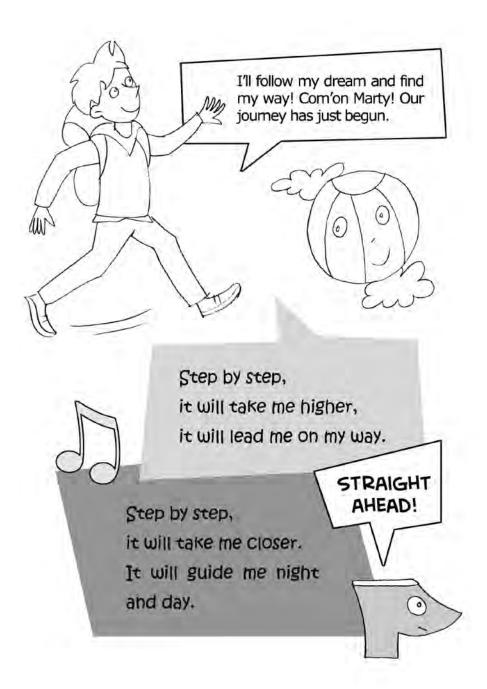
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Step by step it will take you closer. It will guide you night and day.











He turns on all his gadgets, confident in their help, but strange enough. Nothing works!

"OH COM'ON!"

Nothing's working! And they call it technology! Seems more like tricknology* to me!

"A SNAKE!"

Marty trips and jumps back. A dark shadow is laying in front of him. It's a snake!

Watch out, Marty. It might be poisonous.

But at a closer look the boy realizes that it's not a snake at all, just the play of the senses!



A comforting song rises up from within his heart.

"When I'm sad and I'm afraid and don't know what to do..." My mind in doubt, my face a pout, feeling such a fool. I start the day and sit and pray, hoping that I'll find my way. And then I hear, within my ear...



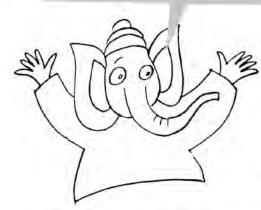




OK, I'll make an opening for you to get through! Now do one thing. Throw away your sleeping bag, you won't need it anymore. Catch me?

Marty flings his sleeping bag and back-pack out

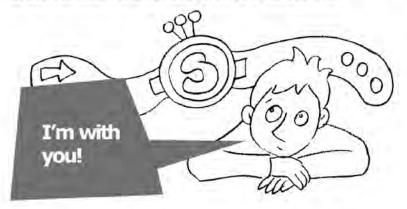
of the way.



"I won't need this old rag bag anyway"... he thinks to himself.

With all that weight off my shoulders everything feels lighter!

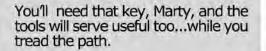
"Good. Now listen attentively. What is important is to know where you're a going and why. Call it goal, focus or vision, it will guide you on your journey." The elephant's tone is firm and dear. He knows what he's saying. "Your thoughts and feelings are what count the most, you need to learn to observe, to watch them... Are you with me?"

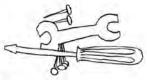


"Catch this!" says the elephant, tossing Marty a watch. "It will help you remember. Pretty original, isn't it?"

> Looks like a compass to me. Well, thank you.







Self-confidence?

Yes Sir.

Now listen closely. You'll have to build faith in yourself. Self confidence is the foundation of the mansion of life! Remember that.

Let's see, I guess that's more or less all you need to know. Oh, well of course, Don't follow the body, it's like a water bubble!

"A WATER BUBBLE ... "

"And don't follow the mind! It's like a mad monkey!"

"FOLLOW THE MASTER!"

Be confident, be sure, be happy, take the lead!

Be character! Be Pure! In thought, word and deed.

In truth you know you can love and serve your fellowman.

With beauty in your heart you'll know from where to start.

And if goodness will shine in your mind.... no problems you will ever find!





At the bottom of the bag there seems to be something else...



Marty ponders over the meaning of his encounter, and as he thinks about all the new things he learned that day his confidence gets stronger. He takes a step and then another, and starts whistling a happy tune. It's time to move on!

When I'm sad and I'm afraid and don't know what to do...

My mind in doubt, my face a pout, feeling such a fool.

I start the day and sit and pray, hoping that I'll find my way.

And then I hear, within my ear, a voice resounding so...

Be confident, be sure, be happy, take the lead!

Be character! Be Pure! In thought, word and deed.

In truth, you know, you can love and serve your fellowman.

With beauty in your heart you'll know from where to start.

And if goodness will shine in your mind, no problems you will ever find!

"... AND WHEN GOODNESS WILL SHINE IN MY MIND, NO PROBLEMS WILL I EVER FIND!"



Let's try this inn. It sure smells good in there!



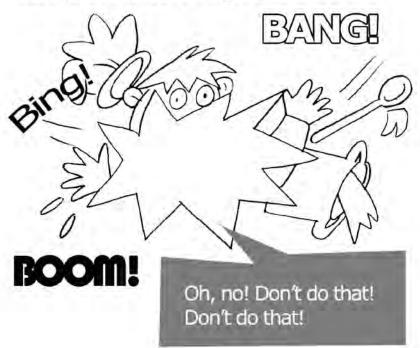


My dear friends and guests, kindly remember that the quality of ingredients is very important whenever you are cooking, baking, doing or making anything!





"Looks good. Smells good. What about a bit of this, just a touch... deeelicious! Smell that fragrance!"





How can you watch yourself when you are busy doing something? I don't get it.





"Well... it CAN happen that you make a mistake from time to time. Our senses can mislead us, our thoughts can carry us away, our opinions can be so strong that they blind us!"





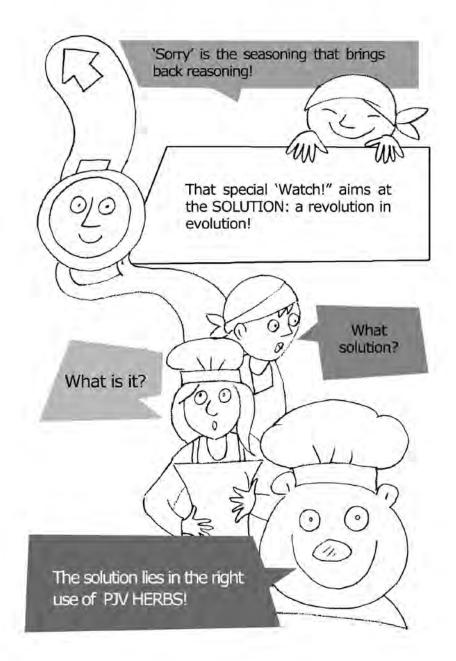
"A watch? Your're a lucky guy! That's a perfect tool to have on hand... I mean on wrist, in the kitchen of life!"

It makes it easier for you to remember to choose, weigh and measure your ingredients with care, if you want good results. A great scale for whatever... ... you think, say or do. "Looks like a compass to me!" You mean to say that this watch helps me put things in focus and concentrate? Wow! Any other special traits? TO SPECER "But it's a segret", whispers Frenchy. "That special touch is hidden between the hours,

the minutes and the seconds."



"Silence? Sure, you can't do without silence! And `Sorry' ! That's an `S' you can't forget when you make a blast out of things!"







These herbs, these values, are grown in biological gardens where the soil (some say the soul) is treated with Pure Joy.

So don't run after tinsel and toy, my boy... but feed your body, mind and heart with JOY!



And, if you make a mistake or even two, make up for it with PJV: a good cake or muffins will do!

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IT'S BASY, TO COOK, BAKE

All you need to do is put it everywhere!

Joy above and joy below,

Joy is all around me.

Joy in shape, in sight and sound,

it really does surround me.

On my fingers and my toes,

my lips and tongue and in my nose.

In what I think, in what I do,

it's everywhere, in me and you!





THE GARDEN

Marty's journey continues. Now he knows alot about VPJ herbs but still needs to learn how to cultivate them in a lasting way.





Very happy! Very happy Planet Earth is a great place to be, but sometimes it gets dreary and you get weary ... lose the way, are exhausted at the end of the day! Is this the purpose of life? Look! Look at this tree! It's huge! æ It's strong! IT'S FULL OF APPLES YUM! 0 0 0 0 0





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The whole universe is a tree. Its life's within a seed, you see. Love is this seed, an energy. It is the cause of all that was, Of all that is, and of all that will be.

The whole universe is a tree. This is the truth of life, the key. In each small fruit divinity, that grows and grows to infinity.

The whole universe is a tree. It's life's within a seed, you see. Love is this seed, the seed's in me. It is the cause of all that was, of all that is, and of all that will be.

> The universe is in you and me!!





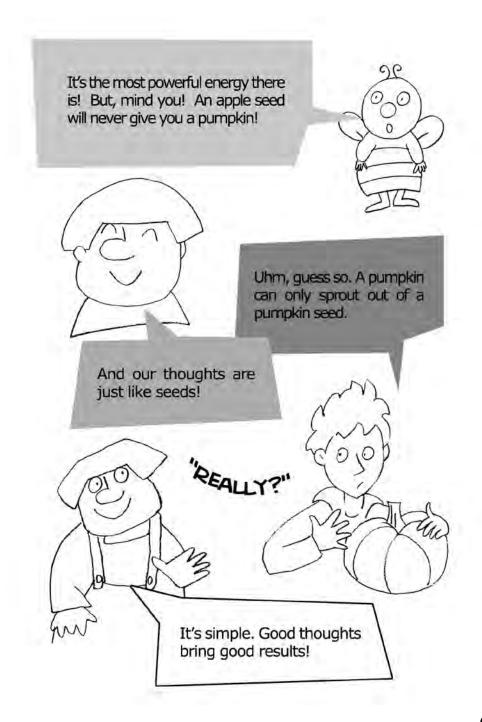




The warmth of the sun enfolds me, water quenches my thirst. Earth food nourishes me and the air that I breathe charges my batteries!

Do you hear the sound of your breath, too?











ALL OF THE SUDDEN

PATA CRASH!

An underground rumble makes the earth tremble and the fruit tumble!

The order and beauty of the garden are upset. Marty is aghast, while elves and fairies jump behind bushes and run here and there crying for help.

THE KEY

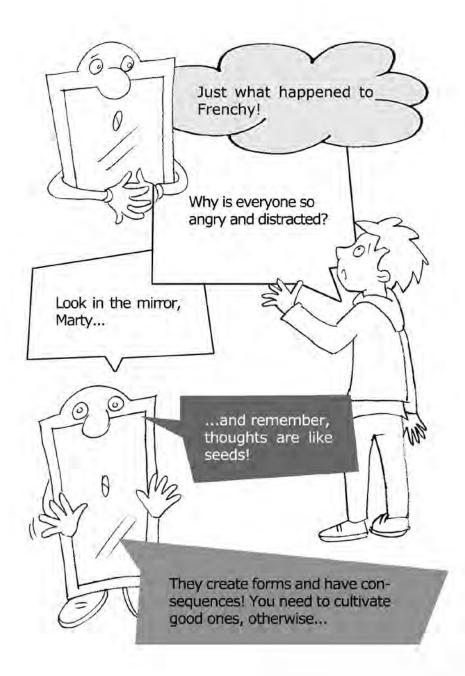
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A flash of lightening scorches the sky with a blast drowning out the song of nature.

Someone forgot to weigh his thoughts with his heart again...

... didn't choose the right ingredients, look at the label...

WWOOOOSH!



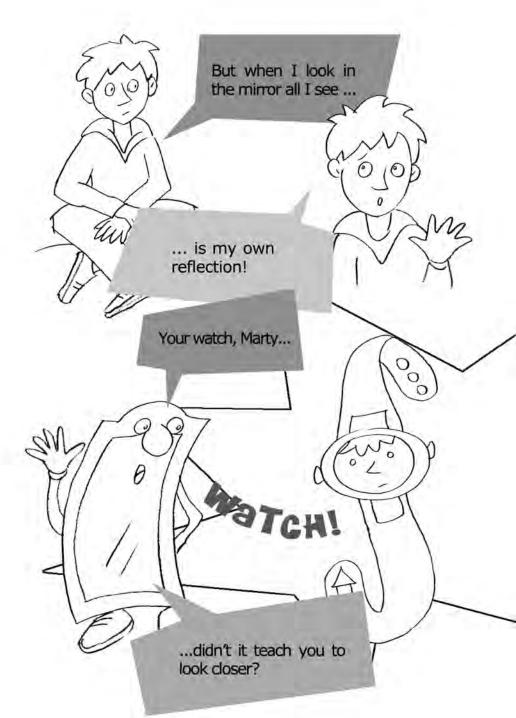
War is in the minds of men. The minds of men. Conquer the enemies within your mind, transform human kind.

Ego, anger and desire build that devastating fire of the inner battle field, that yields the human mind.

Pride and envy, lust, confusion, burn in darkness and illusion... heal the mind with love, find freedom from delusion.

If you follow the Master and finish the game, peace and love will reign.





His watch! Well, sure! It's time to start using it!

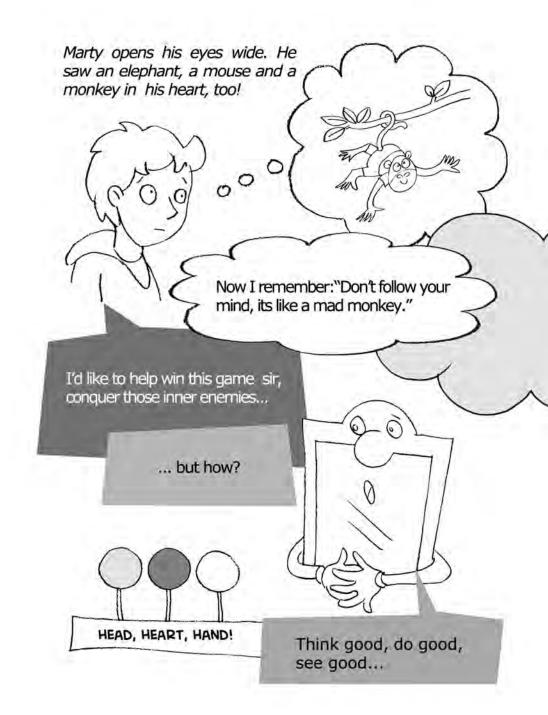
I'm looking, I see something deep down within me.

Nature is crying! Conflict and war exist even here, in this beautiful garden.

"EGOISM!"

GREED! ANGER! JEALOUST! PRIDE!

Even among family and friends! Look at what's happening to this wonderful world!





Explore your mind with your mind. But stay on guard!

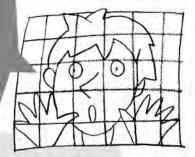
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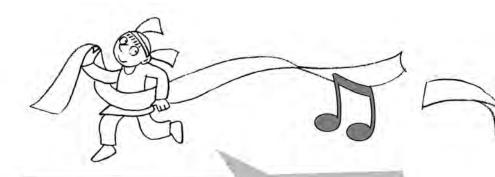
It weaves thoughts and desires like fabric! If the fabric gets dark and tight, you lose your freedom and inner light!

GASP !

How can I unravel this strange piece of clothing?



I don't want to be trapped in it for ever!



Your mind is a bundle of thoughts, watch out or you'll get caught.

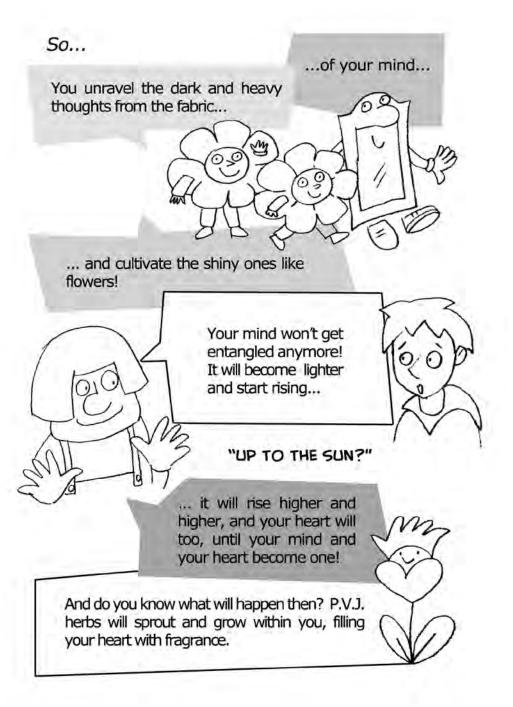
> There it runs, up and down, right and left, and all around.

In and out, it comes and goes...

Until you know, there is nothing to know with your mind.

It's a bundle of thoughts!







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W.A.T.C.H.!

Watch! Your words. Watch! Your actions. Watch! Your thoughts. Watch! Your character. Watch! Your heart.*

The best part still has to come, Marty.

When the inner sun guides your steps you discover something unique.

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Fascinating! Extraordinary!



THE RAINBOW

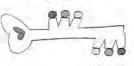
Marty blinks and looks around, feeling good, light and happy. He just finished conquering the arch enemies of man, his own bad thoughts, and found out that the answers he's looking for and the resources he needs, are inside of his very own self!



"THAT WAS A TUG OF WAR!"

Now that it's over I feel great! Even this key seems lighter than ever! I wonder what door it's supposed to open...

Close



An angel walks up to him and whispers softly:

Open

Open the door of your mind Marty. Let the sunshine take you away!



Open the door of your mind, let the sunshine take you away. Open the door of your heart. Let its beauty show you the way.

Let its beauty show you the love, inside, around, below, above. Let its beauty show you the way of truth and love, so that you may,

Open the door to heaven high, open the door and fly. Open the door to heaven high, open the door and fly!



CAREFUL MARTY! TURN THE KEY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!





Marty jumps up full of joy and starts singing!

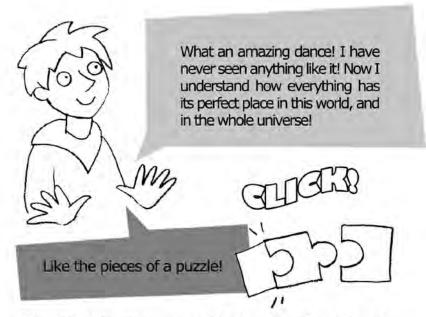
Now I see it, now I know, who I am and where to go! In body, heart, head, hand and soul...

"... MY INNER STRENGTH WILL GROW AND GLOW!"

Nature dances and sings along. The earth and the sky unite in a happy ring-a-ring-a roses, embracing everything that exists!

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A beautiful rainbow appears in the background and joins the happy dance by surrounding all there is with its colours. The colours mix, combine and dissolve into the infinite sky. A pure white light is all that remains.





No it's not his elephant friend talking ... but the voice Marty hears seems so familiar. He sits quietly, goes within and...



I must have turned the key in the right direction and opened my heart! Listen to its song.

Do you know? Yes I know! Truth is one and only one. It's everywhere I go. It's in and out, around, above, below me. In everything I feel and see.

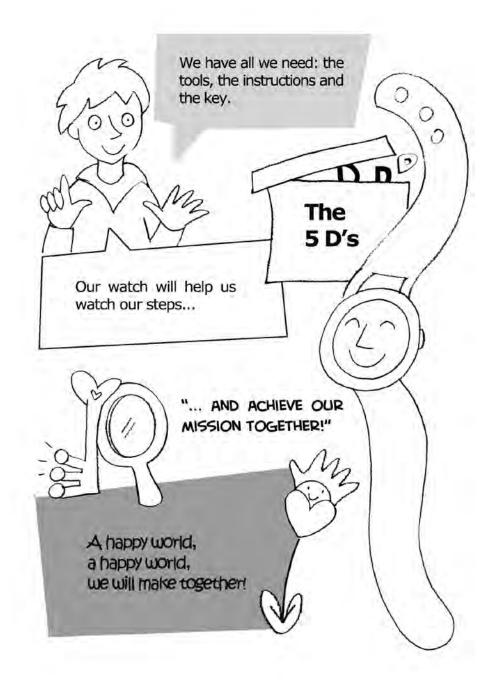
Do you know? Yes I know! Truth is love and love is Joy, It's with me all the time. I look within, I see a glow, my inner shine...











A happy world, a happy world, our lives will be much better.

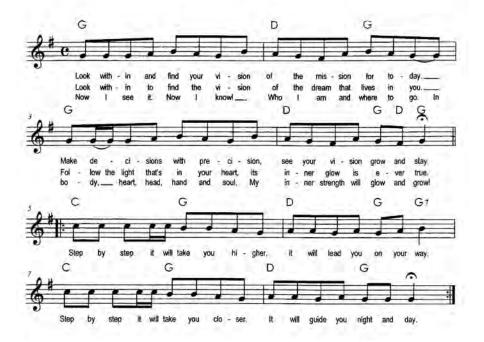
A happy world, a happy world, will be a home for everyone.

A happy world, a happy world, one family we will be.

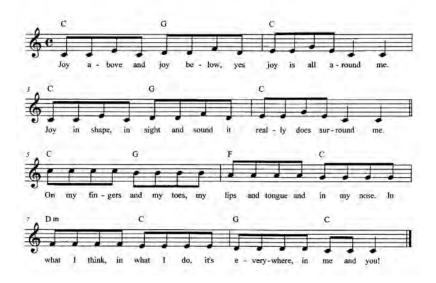


May all worlds be happy! May all worlds be happy! May all worlds be happy! Peace! Peace! Peace!

Look within



Joy above and Joy below



Be confident!



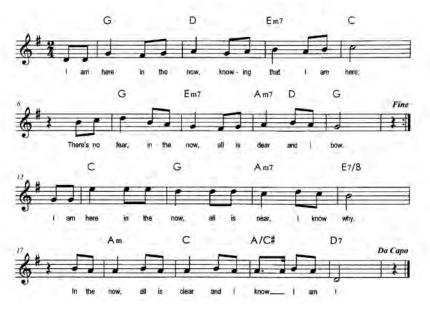
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I am here in the now



A Happy World



The whole Universe



May all worlds be happy



Let Marty lead you through his story! It might connect with your own! During his adventures on planet earth he meets funny characters and learns all kinds of things. Thanks to a key, a bag of tools and a starlight watch he finds his way home, but then...