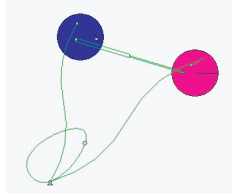


LA VIE (LIFE)

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IN CONTRAST WITH COMMON BELIEVE, HAPPINESS IS OBSCURING OUR EVERYDAY LIFE.

HAPPINESS, IS LIKE THE REFLECTION OF STILL WATER, (SUCH AS THE SURFACE OF A LAKE) ON A MIRROR. WE ARE THE MIRRORS.

WHAT WE "FEEL" IS DETERMINED BY THE LAKE'S LEVEL OF ANXIETY. WHAT WE "KNOW" IS THE SUM OF THE LAKE'S REFLECTIONS.

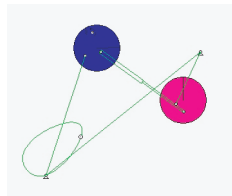
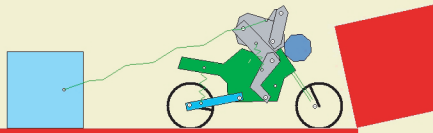
IN EVERYDAY LIFE, DIFFERENT SITUATIONS AND OBJECTS WILL SHADOW OUR MIRROR. IN RARE OCCASIONS THOUGH IT'S ALL CLEAR AND NICE. THE BEST WAY TO KNOW WHEN WE ARE HAPPY IS WHEN OTHER PEOPLE WILL NOTICE IT AND TELL US.

WE ARE EVEN HAPPIER, WHEN WE RECALL A MOMENT OF HAPPINESS FROM THE PAST. BUT SOMETIMES, THESE "HAPPINESS STILLS" CAN ALSO BE FAKE:

- A WOMAN LEFT YOU: YOU SIT ON YOUR BED AND THINK OF HER. HAPPINESS FLASHES ON YOU AND YOU ACCEPT IT. YOU ARE TOO SAD OR TOO TIRED TO REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE NEVER REALLY HAPPY TOGETHER.

- YOU WALK IN YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY. LONG TIME AGO YOU ABANDON IT. YOU LOOK AT A BUILDING, AT SOME STREETS OR AN EMPTY LOT AND HAPPINESS CATCHES WITH YOU! IT'S A FAKE MEMORY OF COURSE BECAUSE YOU HAD A MISERABLE CHILDHOOD IN THAT COUNTRY, BUT YOU ENJOY THE HAPPINESS.

LATER, YOU MAY MEET A NEW WOMAN OR YOU MAY ENTER AN UNKNOWN CITY. YOU'LL COMPARE THE INTENSITY OF YOUR PRESENT SITUATION WITH YOUR SHAPSHOTS OF HAPPINESS FROM THE PAST AND YOU'LL FIND IT WEAK. HAPPINESS WEIGHS HEAVILY ON YOUR LIFE AND MAKES IT HARD.

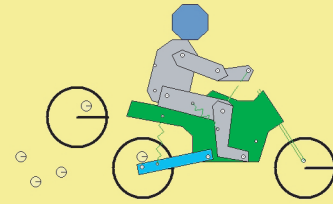


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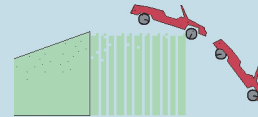
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