



The Nation of the Great River





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The Nation of the Great River

As I tell you this story I want you to close your eyes. Try not to speak, and just listen. Can you feel your heart beating? Can you hear your heart? Follow the rhythm of your heart as I tell you the story... the story about...

... a beautiful nation. A nation that has more inhabitants than there are people living on our planet. Most of these inhabitants like to remain hidden, and although they cannot be seen very easily, nonetheless they are there. They only take orders from the President and even though there are so many of them, they rarely talk to each other directly. Yet each and every one of them has one thing in common, they are all linked together by this Great River that flows through the city. Everybody has a job to do, and every job is done according to a great cosmic plan that is to the benefit of every member. There are no complaints, no delays, and no omission. Every citizen is focused on the job they have to do and surprisingly nobody is aware of the complexities that are involved in keeping everything in order. It's the perfect workforce, everybody working for the community keeping away any and all evil that might harm their nation. They are born and live to work, and when the time comes where one of them dies, the body is slowly swept away by the Great River, only to be replaced by a new citizen eager to perform the duties he is assigned.

This wonderful and unique nation is governed by a single ever vigilant ruler that never leaves his post, yet is always aware of what is going on around him. He lives in the great Castle and is often surrounded by his advisors and cabinet members. These are no ordinary advisors though. Each one of them has a direct line of communication with the various Departments where all information is passed on to them and they in turn immediately notify the President. With the aid of his advisors the president is able to make instantaneous decisions and issue immediate orders. He governs his nation with two things in mind, love and preservation. It is through his great love for this nation that he is able to make decisions that keep everything in balance. At the same time, it is through his desire to make sure that his nation is conserved and self sufficient that he does everything he can to make sure that every need of every citizen is met and satisfied.

As you exit the great castle you can't help but notice the great walls that make up the beautiful buildings. They really are so beautiful! As you move through the streets you can't help but marvel at the architecture that has gone into designing these buildings. The signs near each building help you identify what each one is used for:

- The Department of Nutrition makes sure that food is obtained and is able to be used.
- The Department of Air Quality makes sure that air is constantly moved around and that every inhabitant of the nation is able to get the quality of air they need.

- The Department of Purification is responsible for removing any and all substances that might be harmful to the nation.
- The Department of Maintenance is responsible for repairing the body and protecting it from any damage that might result from too much or too little heat. It protects the citizens from light and keeps any outsiders from moving freely among the rest of the inhabitants.
- The Department of Defense is constantly on the lookout for strangers who might have slipped through the vigilant eye of the Department of Maintenance. They are looking for anybody they don't recognize. Its function is to find, capture and destroy anybody that might pose a threat.
- The Department of Transportation is responsible for moving things from one location to the other. Its job is to keep the Great River moving in a nice and even manner.
- The Department of Water Control is responsible for making sure that no flooding takes place.
- The Space Program prepares young citizens to move and inhabit other worlds and other nations.

As I finish my story, where I describe this beautiful nation, I want you to keep your eyes closed. Can you still feel your heart? Can you hear your heart? Can you feel this Great River. It flows through you right now. Can you see this unique nation? There is only one of you! The inhabitants are in each one of us; while the Great River flows through us all. Yet each inhabitant, no matter how small, works continuously to keep the body alive. Everything is always in perfect harmony, constantly working, unconscious and untiring.

Additional Resources

If you do not wish to read the story and would prefer to have your children listen to the story being narrated please scan the code below. The story will begin streaming.



If you prefer to read the story in your own words but would like to have the song play in the background, please scan the code below. The music will begin streaming.



Analogies

- Nation – Human Body
- Great River – The Blood
- The President – The Brain
- The President's Cabinet and Communication Department – Nervous System
- The Department of Air Quality – The Respiratory System
- The Department of Nutrition – The Digestive System
- The Department of Purification – The Kidneys and Excretory System
- The Walls and Towers of the Nation – The Skeletal System
- The Maintenance Department – The Integumentary System
- The Department of Defense – The Immune System
- The Department of Transportation – The Circulatory System
- The Department of Water Control – The Lymphatic system
- The Space Program – The Reproductive System

Following the presentation the children should be presented with the Human Physiology Nomenclature (ELC-4081) and the research cards that are provided.



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