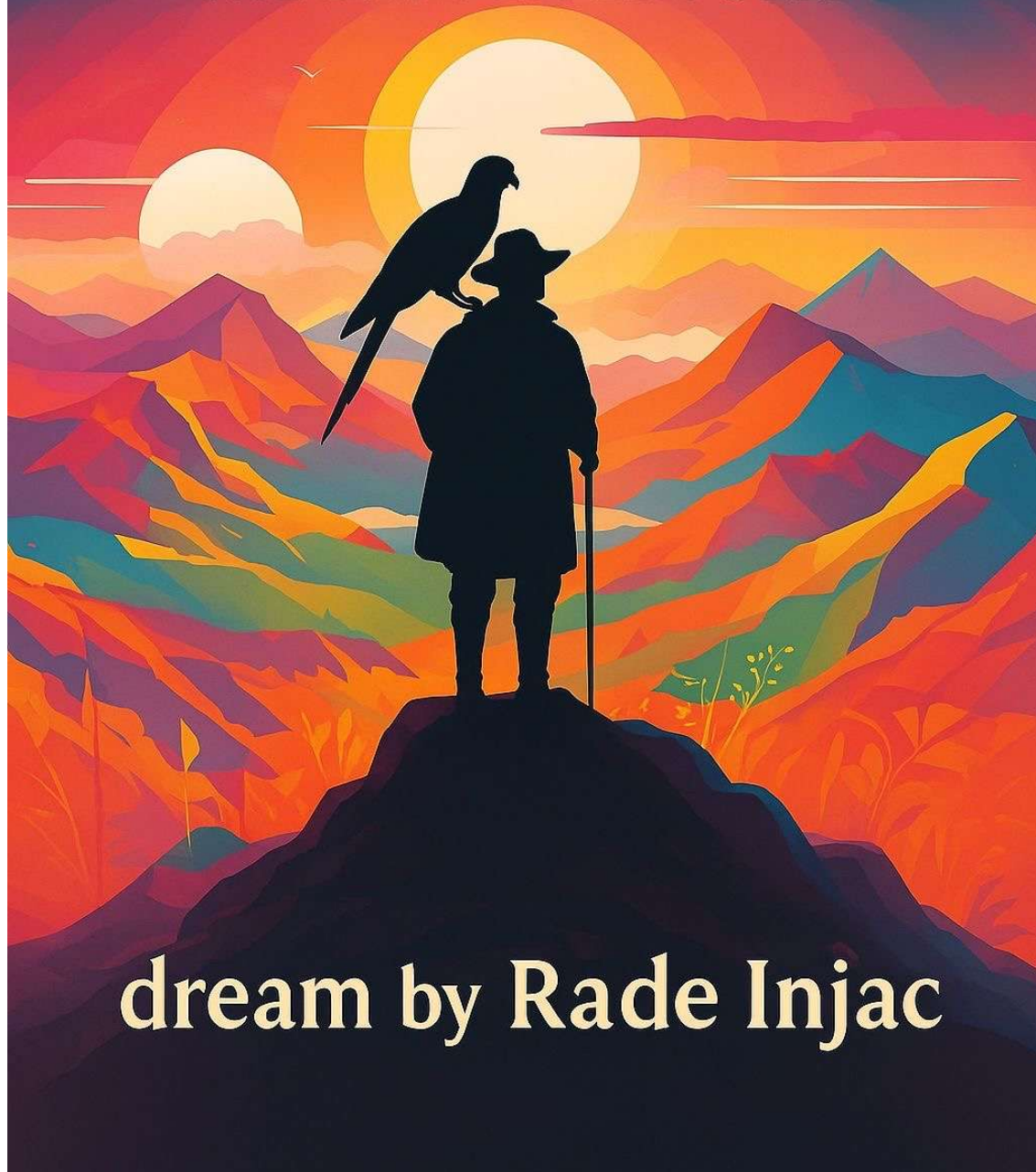


# LESSON FROM A FEATHERED FRIEND

THE DAY I LIVED FULLY



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***Lesson from a Feathered Friend: The Day I Lived Fully***  
***Our day!***



This is not just a story. It's a true fiction inspired by 24 unforgettable hours I spent with a very unusual teacher – a parrot named Silvano.

Together, we embarked on a journey where the ordinary became extraordinary, and where life revealed itself through all six senses – yes, six.

We saw beauty in places often overlooked.  
We heard truths hidden between the sounds.  
We touched life in a way that felt eternal.

And most importantly – we learned how to see the past in a softer, brighter light, while turning every glance toward an amazing future ahead.

But here's the part you'll never see coming:  
After those magical 24 hours ... something happened. Something that will shock you, move you, and make you rethink everything you've just read.

This is a story of wonder.

A story of living *fully*.

And a reminder that sometimes, our greatest teachers don't walk on two legs – they perch, they flap, and they speak ... if you're ready to listen.

Prepare to feel, to think, and to fly.

Flying with parrot!

Flying with Silvano.

Soar beside me and Silvano, a magnificent blue, green, and yellow Ara macaws parrot straight out of a dream, his feathers shimmering like tropical sunlight.

Together we ride the wind across snow-dusted mountains, thunderous waterfalls, endless oceans, and forests that breathe with ancient secrets. We taste the mist of hidden jungles, the salt of the open sea, and the warmth of a sky turning molten gold at sunset.

Every time Silvano glances back at me with those bright, knowing eyes, it's as if he whispers: *"This is what freedom feels like."*

For 24 hours, the world was ours - and what happened at the end will change how you see life forever.



*“Spread your wings. Feel the wind. Live the day.”*

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The first flight of friendship is gentle, uncertain, yet full of promise.

With every wingbeat, trust takes shape. With every breath of wind, a  
bond begins to soar.

Life offers us rare companions who remind us to rise above the ordinary,  
to greet the sun with courage, and to live each day as if it were our first -  
and our finest.



## Chapter 1: Good Morning

It was a nice spring morning in mid-June, and I woke up around 8:30 AM full of energy for the day ahead, not knowing that I would have the best adventure of my life.

As usual, I made fresh-squeezed orange juice in the morning and coffee with milk before starting the preparation of my breakfast. I love cold, fresh orange juice in the morning, since the combination of cold, fresh, sour, and sweet is just right to wake up all the receptors in the mouth and give me a boost for the day.

I took the juice and coffee to my balcony, which was located on the second floor of my apartment in Slovenia. The view was powerfully green and relaxing, with the amazing smell of a blooming linden tree. A light southern wind made a gentle morning breeze, carrying the soft touch of pollen particles from the linden flowers.

I was sitting and enjoying the view, the sun covering my face, when a big, strange shadow came toward me between the tree branches.

In a split second, a huge, beautiful Ara macaw parrot with blue, green, and yellow feathers landed on the edge of my balcony. His wingspan was almost two meters wide. For a moment, I was scared and didn't know what to do - but then, a big surprise happened. He said: "Good morning, Rade!"

Wow. Oh my God. What just happened? I was shocked. I stared at him completely frozen and couldn't say a word.

He gently spread his wings and said again: "Goooooooood mooooooooorning, dear Rade!" I gathered my courage and somehow managed to say: "Hello!"

He kept talking: "How are you today? It is a beautiful morning, and we should use this day for the best. My name is Silvano, and I have a task today from the universe to spend 24 hours with you - to help you live your life better and to the fullest."

I was still in shock, looking at him with my mouth open, unable to speak.

Silvano tilted his head slightly to one side and asked me: "Are you ok?"

"Oh yes, I'm perfectly fine - except that I have, in front of me, a parrot which normally doesn't live in this part of the world, speaking like a human, and telling me a story about a 24-hour journey ordered by the universe... Oh yes. I couldn't be better. I'm f\*\*\*ing freaking out right now!"

Silvano started laughing, but he realized the situation was serious. "So, ask me whatever you want to know."

"Well, first - how do you know my name? And who are you?"

"I have been with you since you were born," Silvano said. "And I was with you every time you came close to death or were clinically dead, to help you get back on life's

track. But that I am not going to discuss with you now. We will talk about it at the end of our adventure.” He said this and happily clapped his wings several times.

“I must say that I’m even more confused now. Can you tell me a bit more about the next 24 hours of our adventure?”

“Of course!” Silvano continued. “You are now at a special time in your life. Today is exactly 46 years, 6 months, and 29 days since you were born and since I have known you. And today I also mark exactly half of your life. Many factors will influence what I just said, but if you change yourself and do the best for yourself in the future, you will live a very long life. And stop calculating - I can see on your face that you are trying to figure out how long you will live. Well, I can tell you: it is almost 93 years and 2 months. Your exact departure date will be on the night of your favourite number, the 13th of January 2072. Don’t look at me so surprised. I said that if you do things better for yourself in the second part of your life, you can live that long. But first, we have to learn how to do it right.”

Too much information - I didn’t know where to start. “Wow, man. I mean, parrot. Sorry, Silvano. Let’s clarify a few things.” I looked around to see if there were any people, neighbours on their balconies, or anyone in the parking or park area around the building, but no one was there. “So, you speak human?”

“Yes,” Silvano said.

“And other people can hear you?” I was curious.

Silvano laughed. “No! You are the only one. I am your guardian angel from the universe. My work is dedicated to you. Let me explain a little bit more.”

“So far, you have been living a great life. You have achieved the highest levels of education possible. Your well-being has grown over time, and you worked hard to make it happen. Visiting 77 countries so far is a great gift that made you a better person. Globally speaking, you have had a better life so far than 99.99995% of people in your generation born in 1978. And out of the current 8 billion people on Earth, you have lived better so far than 99.07% of the entire population. However, many times you did great things for others first - with significant personal costs for yourself afterward. That has to change. You know what they say on airplanes in case of lack of oxygen: first put the mask on yourself so you can keep breathing and help others. It’s the same in life - first take care of yourself so you can help others later. We believe that giving good to others will give good back to us, which is true - but not completely. The reality is slightly different: you should give good to yourself and to others, and that will give good back to you. We are going to learn how to be better for ourselves. I will teach you in the next 24 hours how to enjoy life to the fullest and how to respect everything you’ve achieved so far. Is it clearer now?” Silvano asked.

“Well, yes and no. I mean, I am still confused and in shock, but I am ready to take a challenge for a day with you if that is going to make me a better person for myself and others.” I was thinking a lot and talking at the same time, not even understanding how it would be. “So, what is the plan, and do we have any rules to follow?”

Silvano clapped his wings again and started explaining his plan for the day. "Very well then. I am happy that you will take the challenge, and I promise that you will not regret it. We have already spent 30 minutes of our limited time, and we have to keep at least 30 minutes for the end. I must warn you that the journey will be very emotional and touching, but the end will have a twist - and I hope that you are ready for that. I am not allowed to tell you about the final destination now, but I will explain it after we complete 13 'homework.' I love your lucky number, 13. First, I will take you to places to explore all your six senses. After that, we will have a checkpoint for learning and talk about your wishes related to the same six senses but connected to your personal life experiences. At the end, when we finish these 13 milestones, we will look back at key events from the past where we met already - but you never realized or remembered it. And finally, after that, we will reach the destination of the truth. Am I clear so far?"

I was super curious but also lost. "Kind of, I would say. However, it is not clear to me what the six senses are. There are only five senses - touch, taste, sight, smell, and sound."

"Oh, my boy, you are so funny. You always want to know everything and control everything. Can you relax once in your life and give the wheel to me? I will drive you through time and places, and all you have to do is feel and enjoy. This morning you used all five senses before I arrived. You enjoyed the green park which gave you the amazing smell of the blooming trees. You felt the touch of the wind bringing the sweet taste of pollen in the air to your mouth. And finally, you heard me singing while I was flying from the sun to your balcony. After all of that, you also used your sixth sense - you're just not aware of it. But we will get to that later. I promise." Silvano lowered his head, asking one last question. "Are you ready?"

"No! No, no, no, wait!" I was almost screaming.

"So, where is the problem?" he asked me.

I looked around again and, sceptically but carefully, chose my questions. "Is it safe? Do I need to take anything with me? How are we going to get to different places in such a short time?" A million questions were running through my head.

Silvano laughed loudly in his broken parrot voice, but he realized I was deadly serious. He took a deep breath and answered everything I wanted to know. "Rade, you are safe with me. All we need is just the two of us. No phones, no documents, no bags - nothing. Just you and me. And good will. And yes, it is a good question, how we will get to different places. Before every departure, I will ask you to put your palms on my back and close your eyes. We will be in a transponder, which will feel like a light tunnel with strong wind. However, I will tell you every time when to close your eyes, hold on, and wait for our arrival at the destination. Once we are there, we will enjoy and learn a new lesson about life."

"Good. I think that's clear. My heartbeat is 137, and I am sitting and talking with you. I guess I have an adrenaline rush - which is amazing. I bet. Uf! Breathe, Rade. Breathe, big boy." I was talking to myself.

Silvano gave me a few seconds, then asked: "Are you ready?"