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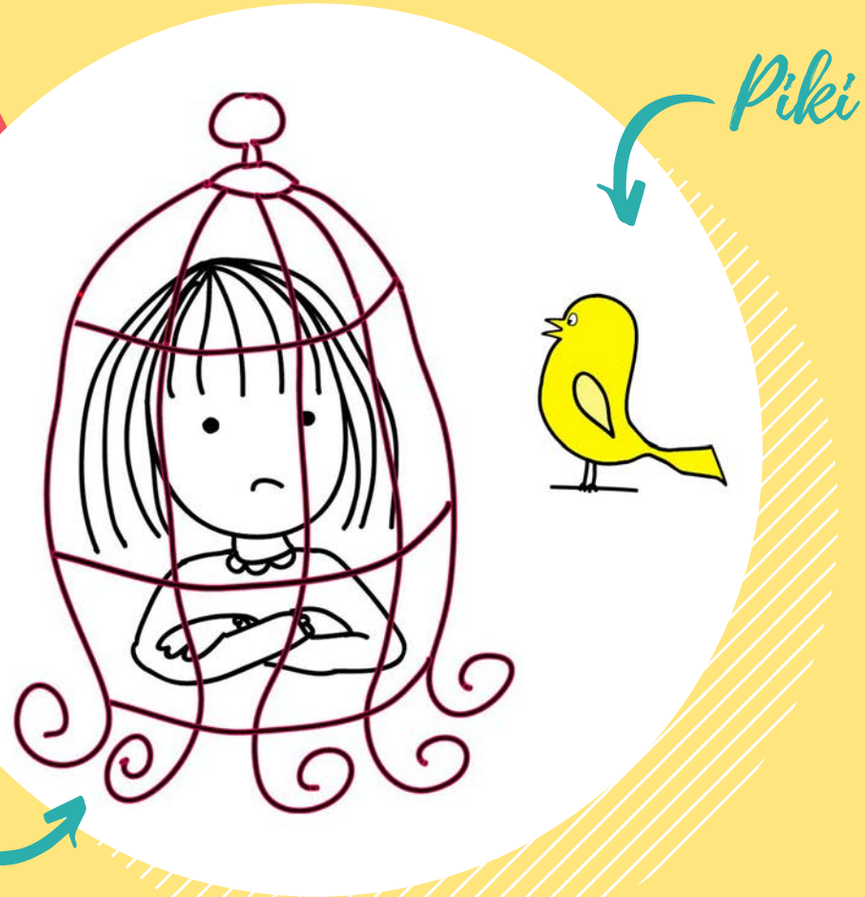

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CHAPTER 1 "IN THE CAGE"

What I discovered while stuck at home...

(BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS)

I'm Paula. We've now been **stuck at home quite a few days because of the coronavirus**. I'd never learned so much information about something specific before this...! We wash our hands frequently. If we cough or sneeze we make sure to do so into our arm, and we don't leave the house. We're avoiding contact with the virus.

There are a few of us stuck at home: Me, my parents, my gran, and Piki. I don't have any brothers or sisters. It's actually really annoying why don't I? My parents have never answered me that question.

I do lots of things. **I've even drawn the rainbow which is currently in fashion**, with the little virus beside it. But that's not the most curious thing…

After running up and down my house a gazillion times, I got tired and sat down to talk with Piki. He's **a cute sun-coloured canary** who I got for my birthday, and who nowadays has become my best friend.

Being stuck at home has changed lots of things. **Mum won't stop searching for new recipes and "educational activities" for me on the internet**. She's very serious, I think maybe even a bit angry.

Dad seems very obsessed by the TV and computer. Every now and then he sits down in the dining room and starts talking, but I don't understand what he's talking about.

I'm scared for my gran. The virus affects older people. I know she's cried because her eyes look like lakes full of water. But if I look at her smile, it tells me everything will turn out fine.

I showed Piki my rainbow, drawn with wax crayons which makes it look nicer...

What I'm about to tell you is the first thing I discovered. Guess what… **Piki has quite a character..!**

When I asked him **"Are you happy locked in there?"** he answered **"Yes, I'm very happy, because happiness is found inside of oneself, not outside"**.

Oh! At first I thought it was my imagination… but when he looked at me and **invited me to escape the cage**, I knew there must be a world beyond ours.

Careful Piki, I don't know how to fly!!

It was the most amazing thing I've seen in the 7 years I've lived. Piki got to the cage door, opened it with his beak, held out one of his wings and said: **"Do you want to fly with me?"**.

We flew up to a little gap close to the ceiling, and I can't explain how, but he managed to squeeze himself through… and I did as well!

We went through a small tunnel, and suddenly **I was flying over an enormous garden**, full of really tall trees, with leaves of all the colours of the rainbow. That's where we headed, one of the trees.

"This is my favourite place. To relax, breathe deeply and you'll feel alive" he told me.

And I did it. I closed my eyes and… I **felt the beating of my heart in a way I never had before**. Bu-bum, bu-bum…

"See all this? Life is like a garden, it can be beautiful, but only if you look after it", he commented.

- Look after life? I asked him.

- Yes Paula. I'll explain what I do to be happy.

- Go on, tell me. It's impossible that locked in a cage you can be happy!

- I've understood that I'm in that cage so that you're not lonely, you can look after me, and I can keep you company. And that makes me happy. But when you aren't around, I fly to places like this one…

"This is where all the birds who, while locked in cages making human's lives happier, come sometimes. This is our world, and we look after it and share it" said Piki.

Suddenly another bird, green, very different to Piki, appeared, trying to get to the branch of a little tree, but seemed to have a broken leg.

Piki ran towards him, tried to help him up, and asked for my help.

I don't know how, but we managed to get him up onto the branch, and **we bandaged his leg. And then together, we could appreciate the beautiful garden**.

Piki said goodbye in his language to the other bird, and said to me: "**Here we all treat others well**, although it hasn't always been like that. We've learned, over time, respect and to help each other out".

I looked at him, and smiled as I thought: "Well I want to be like that as well. Treating others well, because **I can't explain what I felt when we helped that green bird**". My heart started beating strongly, and I felt an emotion that isn't abandoning me…!

"Here we've learned to treat others nicely, the way we'd like to be treated by them"

We returned home. **I can't wait to fly again with Piki to learn more!**

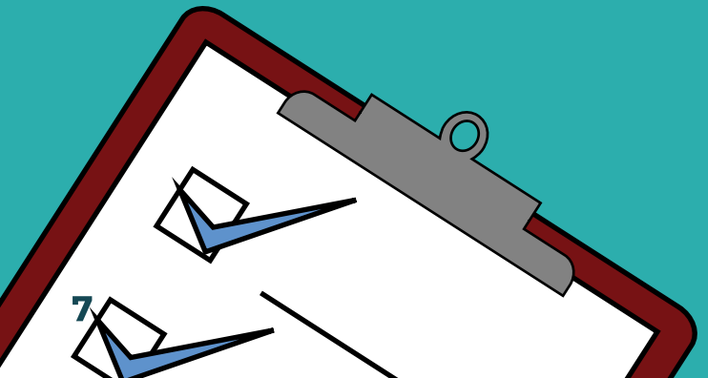
Right now though, I've got things to tell my family. Mainly one thing, that **when you treat others well, you're happy**.

To be continued...

Let's play

What have we learned?

1. Where can you find happiness according to Piki?
2. What does Piki do to calm down and relax?
3. Who do Paula and Piki help?
4. How do you feel when you treat others well?



Find the answers in the rainbow

What other subjects can we discuss?

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FAMILY
COMMUNICATION
RESPECT
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1 Imagination can free us.

2 How can we thank those who look after us?

3 Positive actions are satisfying.

4 Respect is magic, it creates the same in others.

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