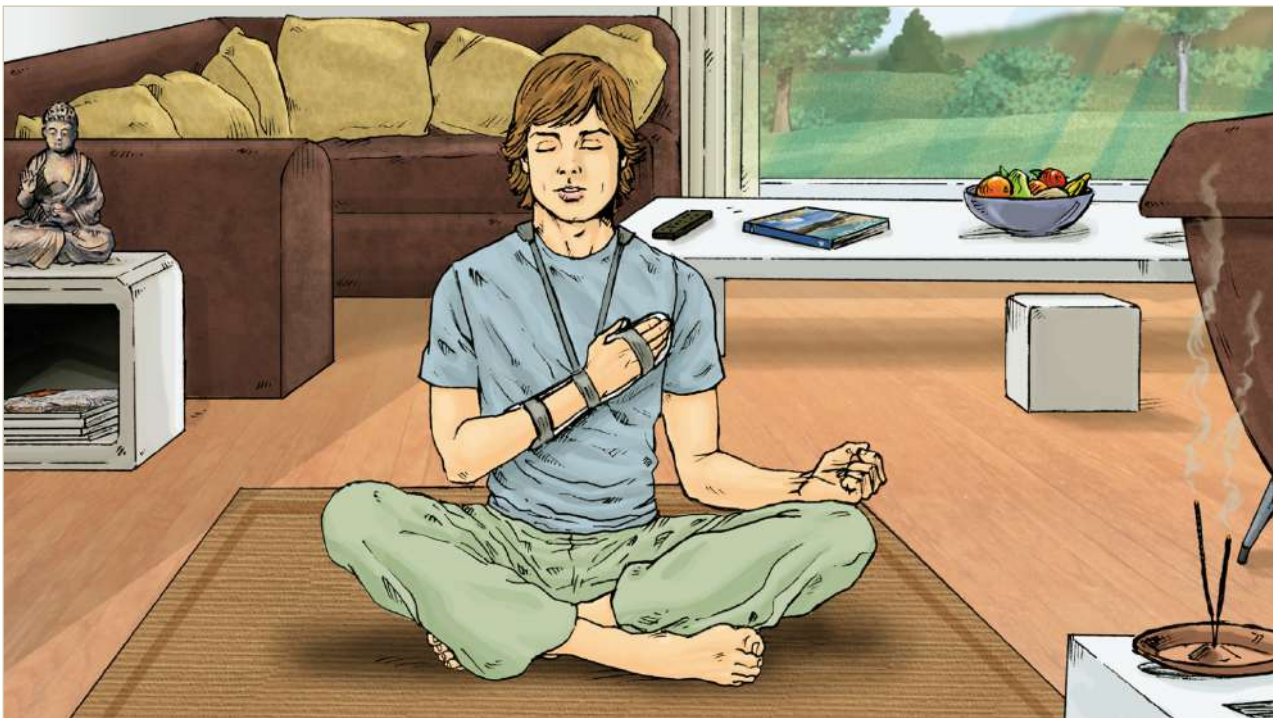
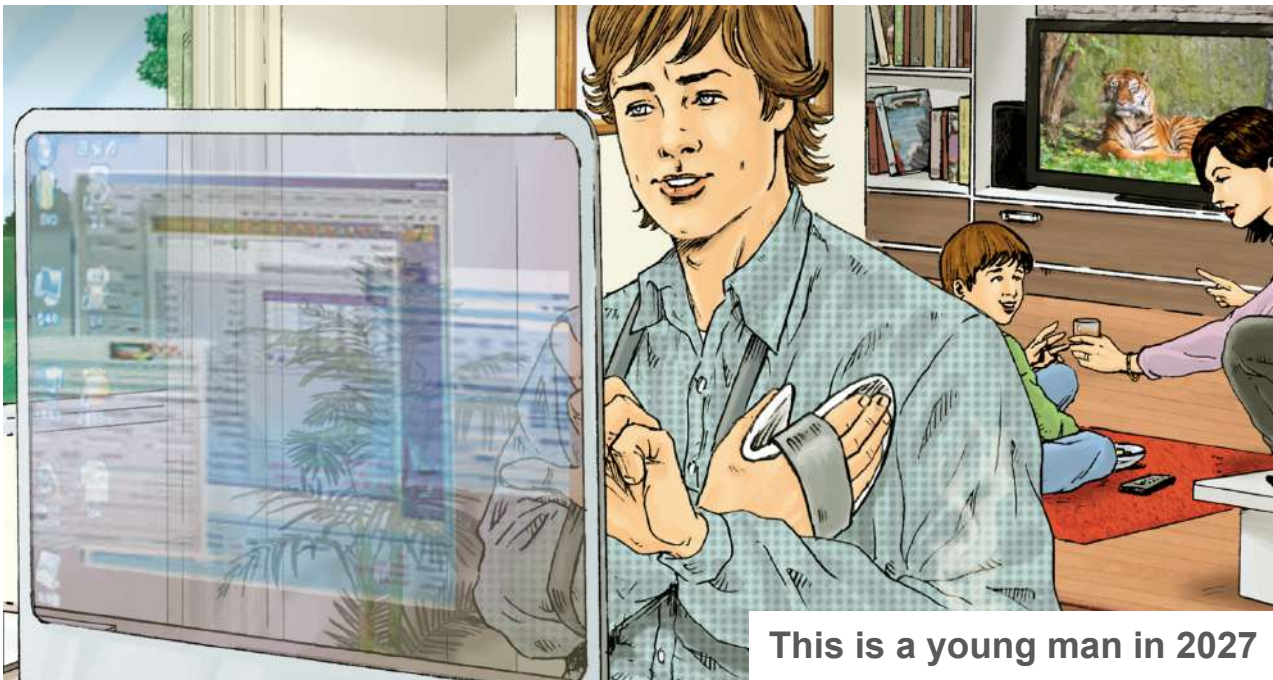


LIFE in 2027

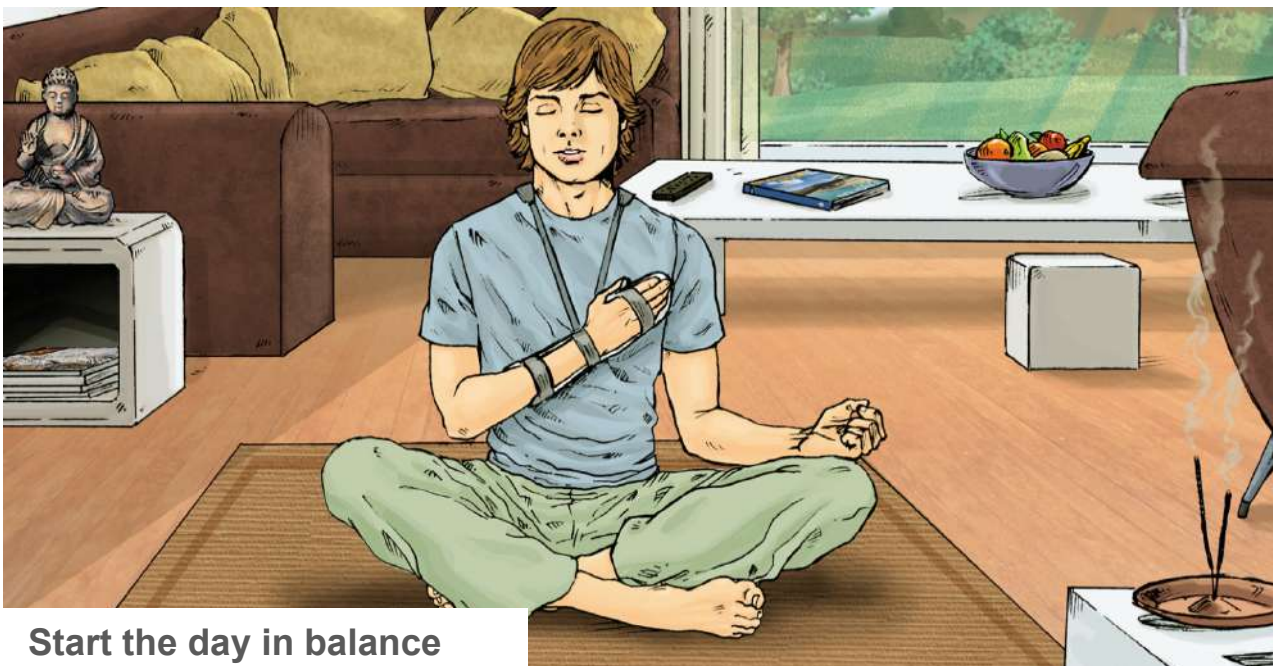
A story about personal fulfillment in a sustainable environment





This is a young man in 2027

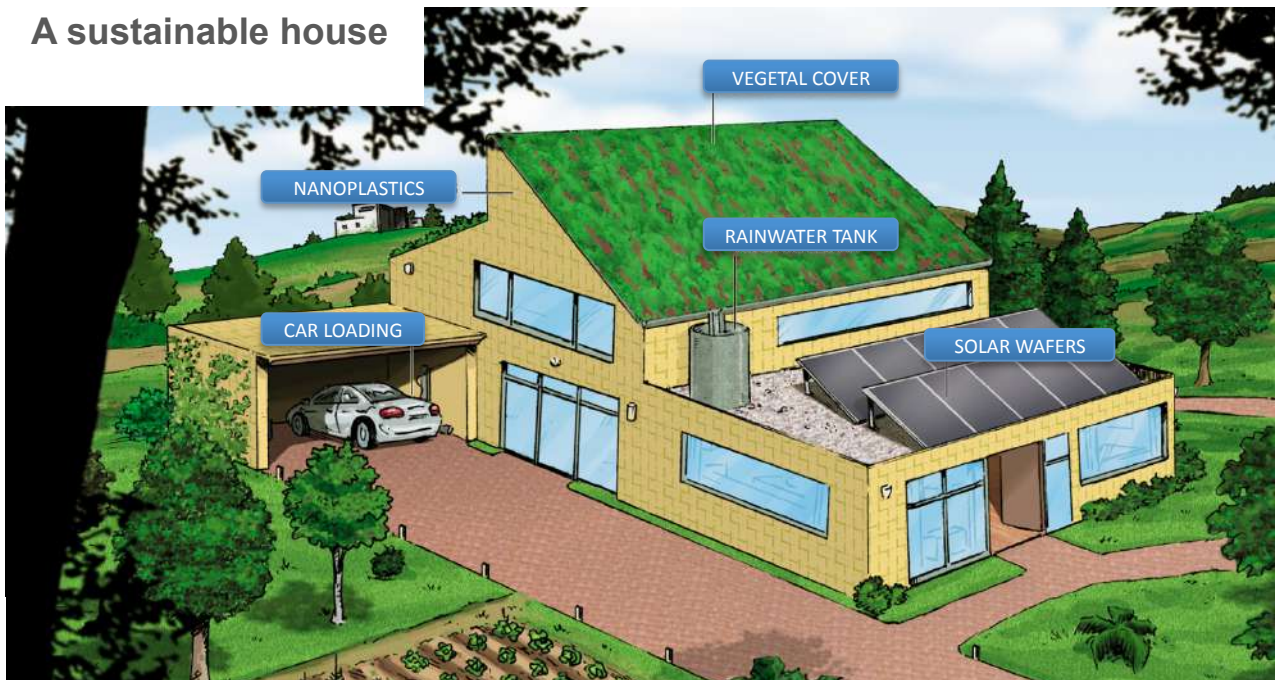
In 2027 little Cri-Cri had become a telecommunications engineer, self-fulfilled and with fifteen years of experience. His wife, Valerie, worked in the world of audiovisual communication. They had a son, Pablo, and a girl named Leonor.



Start the day in balance

As a child, Cris learned that in order to be happy it was fundamental not just "knowing oneself", such as proclaimed in the temple of Delphi, but "being oneself". Almost every day he practiced half an hour of meditation, which helped him to rest his spirit. He loved computers, telecommunications and also people. He knew he would stand out in a job that entertained him in day-to-day life. What was worthwhile guided him.

A sustainable house



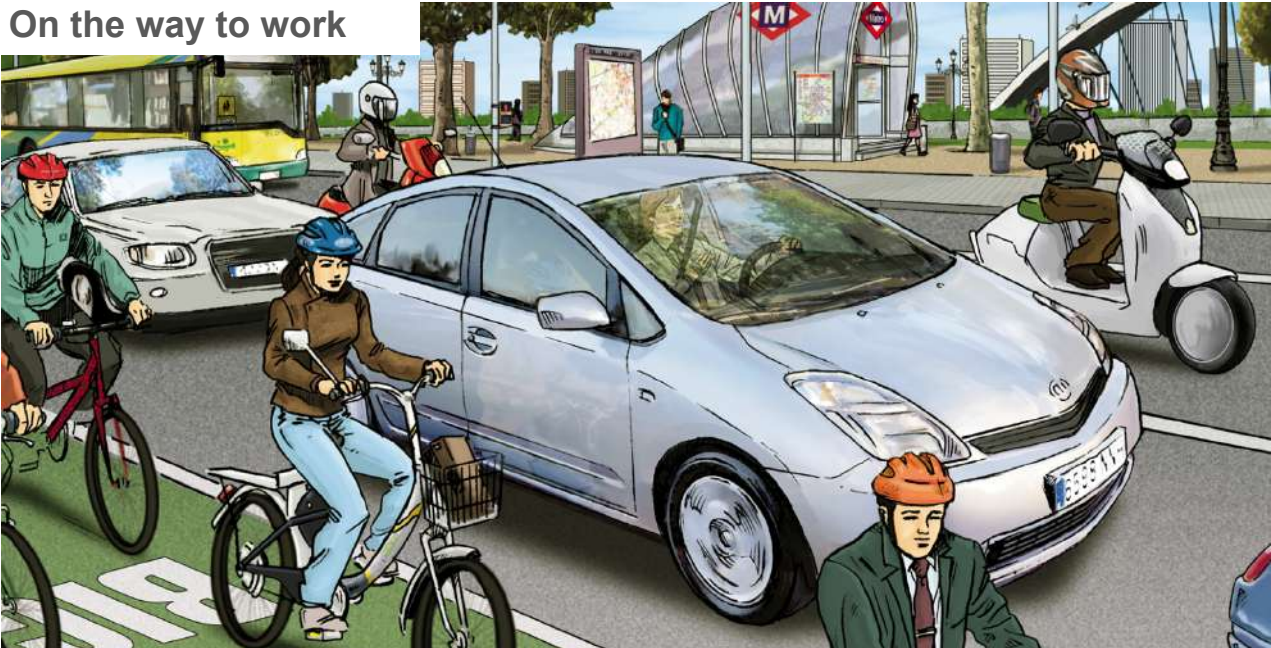
His house practically self-supplied with energy concentrators photovoltaic, which occupied the roof, but also with "nanoplastics" attached to walls and Windows that transmitted heat and produced electricity. Sometimes they sold it to the electricity distribution network since the "nanoconductors" allowed its transfer to such networks without energy losses. The rainwater went to a cistern which provided the irrigation through an automatic system, the cleaning of the house, and even the consumption, through a sewage treatment plant.

To school!

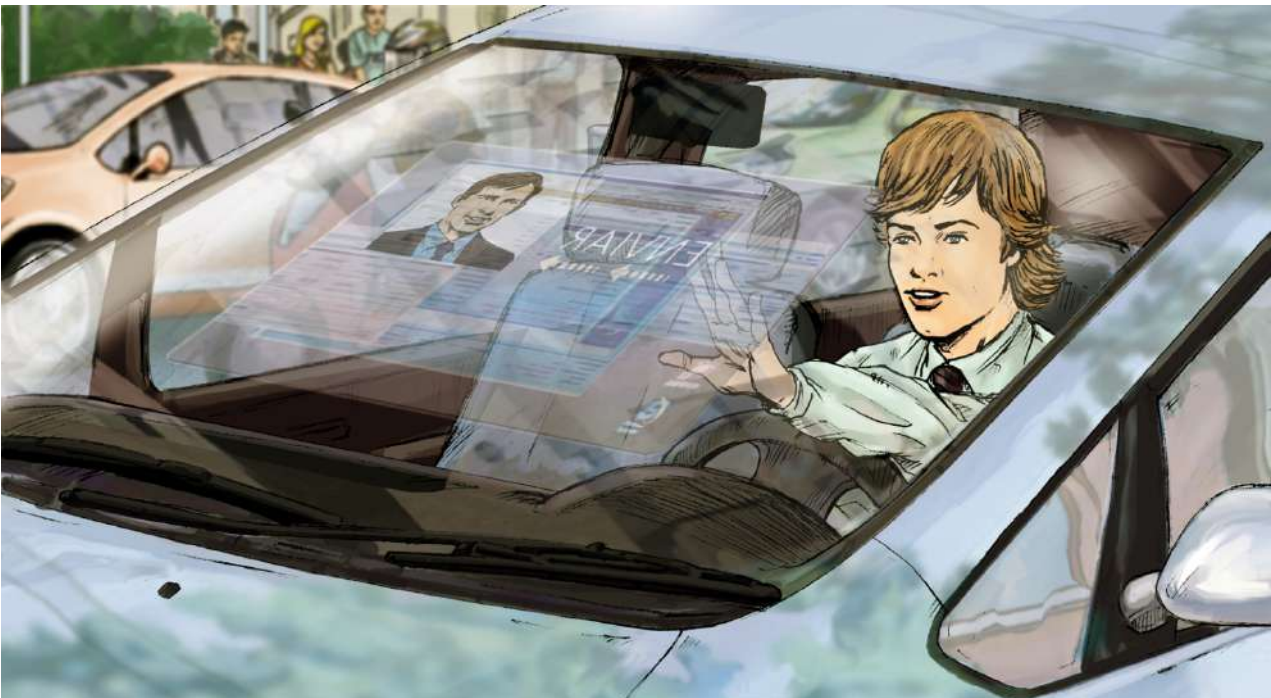


In the mornings, after breakfast, he took his children to school. Although they had a lot of audiovisual self-teaching material, interaction with other children and games were considered essential for their development.

On the way to work

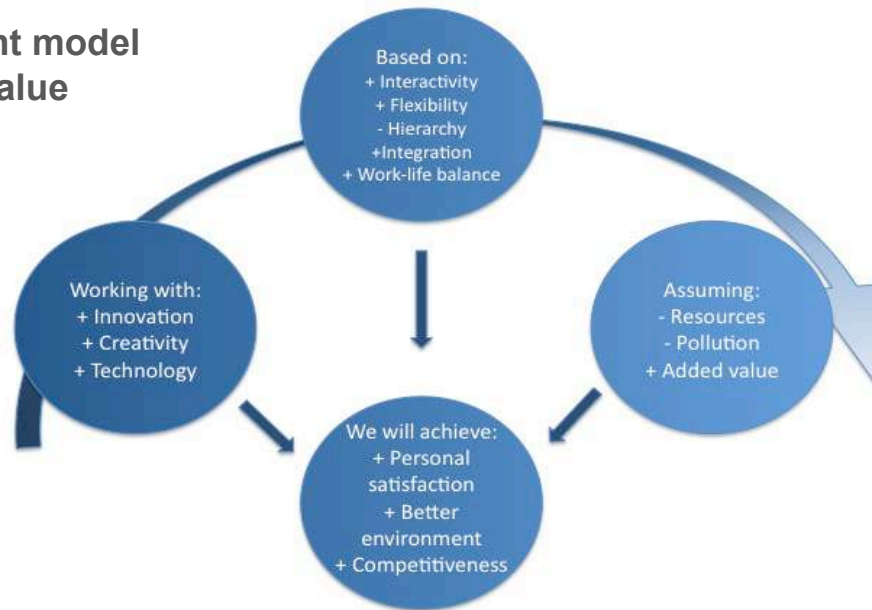


Cris had his right arm disabled due to a motorcycle accident which happened when he was 16, but he was able to drive his hybrid electric car with great skill. Normally, it worked with electricity, but the combustible pollutants were removed by the engine with its catalyst. The city sky had lost the usual "beret" of pollution that once covered it. In addition, there were burdensome tolls to circulate through the center of the city, and bicycles and electric motorcycles had become widespread.



Cris's job as an engineer consisted of implementing applications that allowed work teams to interact in real time. Each device offered telephony, computing, Internet, GPS, library, messages, multiple videoconferencing, etc.

Management model for added value

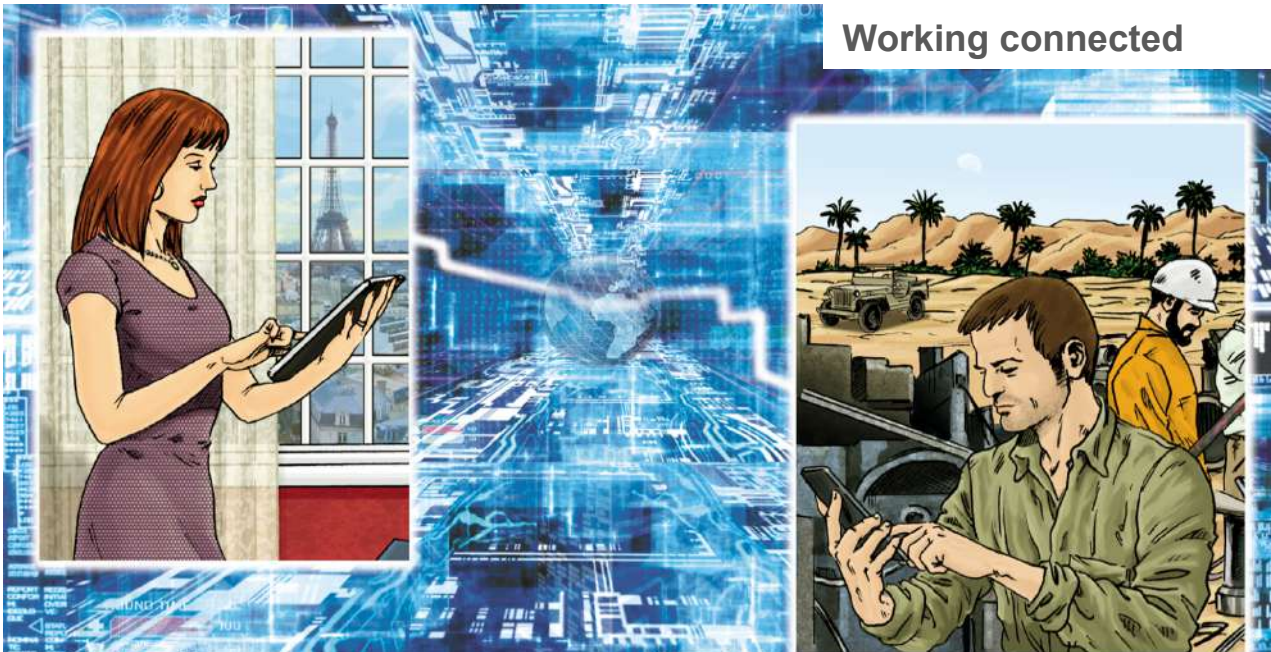


In the companies and institutions a management model for added value prevailed. It facilitated flexibility in the work, conciliating personal and familiar life with competitiveness, and fostered, in addition, an excellent work environment. His work schedule was flexible. What was expected from Cris was his results, not his presence in the office, and every month he self-evaluated according to pre-established criteria and objectives. This same management model was also implemented in institutions and public administrations, simplifying and automating tasks and processes; this allowed a significant release of resources for investment and job creation.

Meeting with entrepreneurs



Chris, along with other young entrepreneurs, fostered new sources of employment that gave work and meaning to people by means of new technological applications in the service sector and also in agriculture and industry.



Working connected

In his company, people worked ubiquitously with their mobile devices, connected to a cloud with sensors that gave them relevant information for their activity. Each action or important data was transmitted and known in real time by the other members of the team who required it. If someone asked for a previous simulation before making a decision, they had it instantly from the system itself.

Urban orchards



Many orchards and gardens were on the walls, the attics, roofs and green balconies of the buildings. They purified the air and improved the aesthetics of the city. It was instructive for children and exciting for the elderly.

Lunch time



They did not eat meat. Most of the world was vegetarian. Meat had proved to be an unhealthy food since it was to a large extent responsible of the greenhouse gasses. In addition, it was very expensive due to the high taxes imposed by its ecological footprint.



Far from its natural habitat

It was curious that the zoos and aquariums had practically disappeared. Little Cri-Cri's expression of astonishment and sadness when observing a crazed gorilla behind the windows of his prison cage in a zoo is unforgettable. There appeared an important respect for animals' freedom in their natural environment.



The shopping and the ecological footprint



When Cris and Valerie went to the supermarket all the products reported their ecological footprint (number of global hectares needed for their production and CO2 absorption), which justified certain extraordinary taxes paid by the most polluting ones. As they filled up the shopping cart they knew the added price and also the level of calories they could allow, as well as the minimum percentage of vitamins and nutrients they needed. The payment was on departure automatically, without checking out.



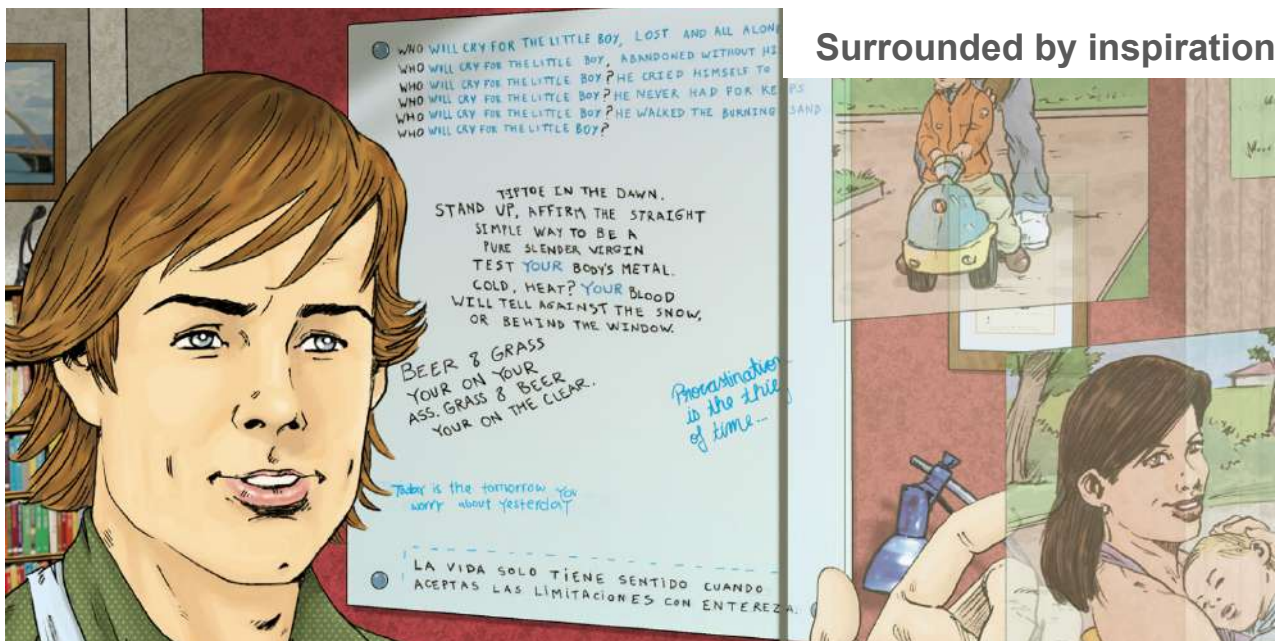
The shopping in the local market

They had decided to remove many products from the family budget that they did not consider crucial, both in food and clothing. Once a week they bought at the neighborhood market, where a healthy citizen spirit was breathed. They personally knew many sellers of organic vegetables and fruits and had free time to talk to them.

Advances in technological research



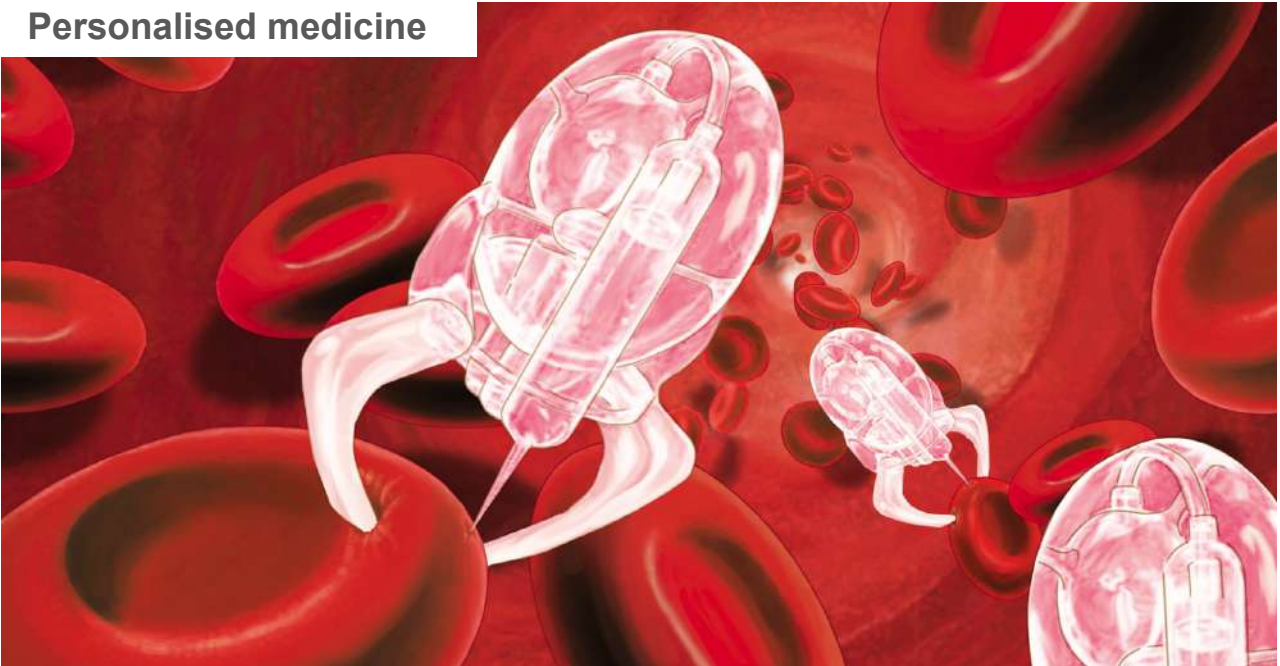
Cris was following a treatment for his arm. Although he lost the medullary connection of the plexus brachial, embryonic cells inoculated from the skin were establishing new connections (24 years after the accident!) which allowed him to recover little by little the movement of the fingers and the arm. He did not care much anymore because he had been able to develop other functions and capacities, accepting his limitations. Society had naturally assimilated the integration of people with different abilities.



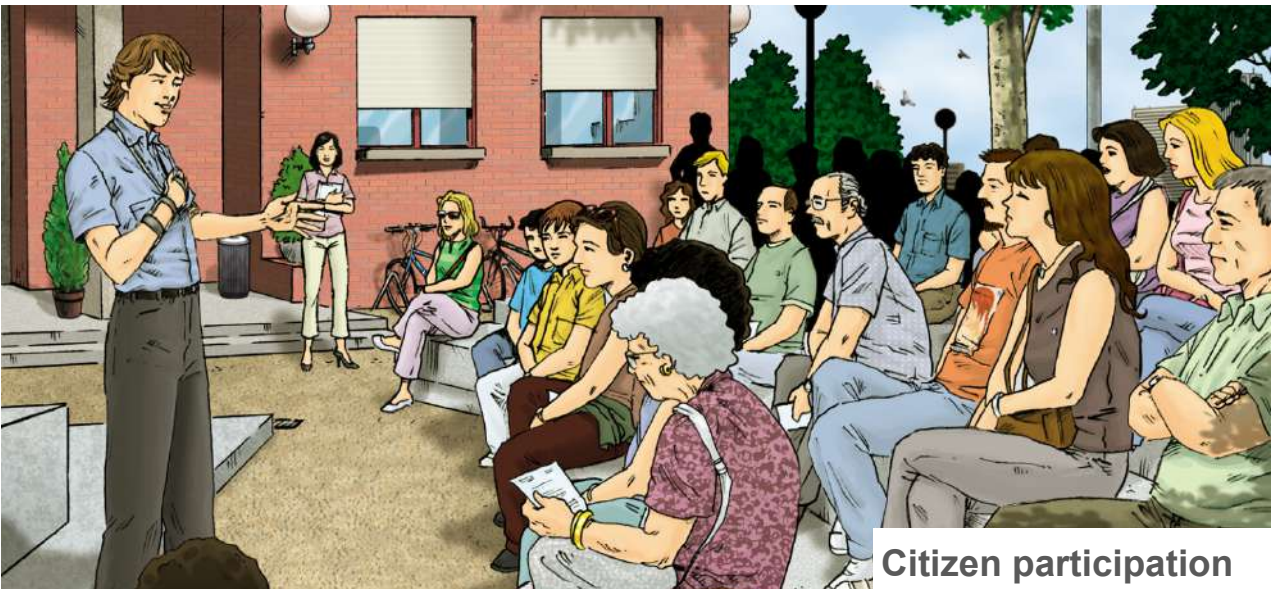
Surrounded by inspiration

Among several sentences written on a glass board above his desk he had a sentence that said: "Life only makes sense when you accept limitations with composure". He had also written other sentences that denoted the meaning he wanted to give his life, putting into value the "carpe diem": "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday". Another sentence spoke of a "lost and all alone" child who had to learn the path by himself: "he walked the burning sand".

Personalised medicine



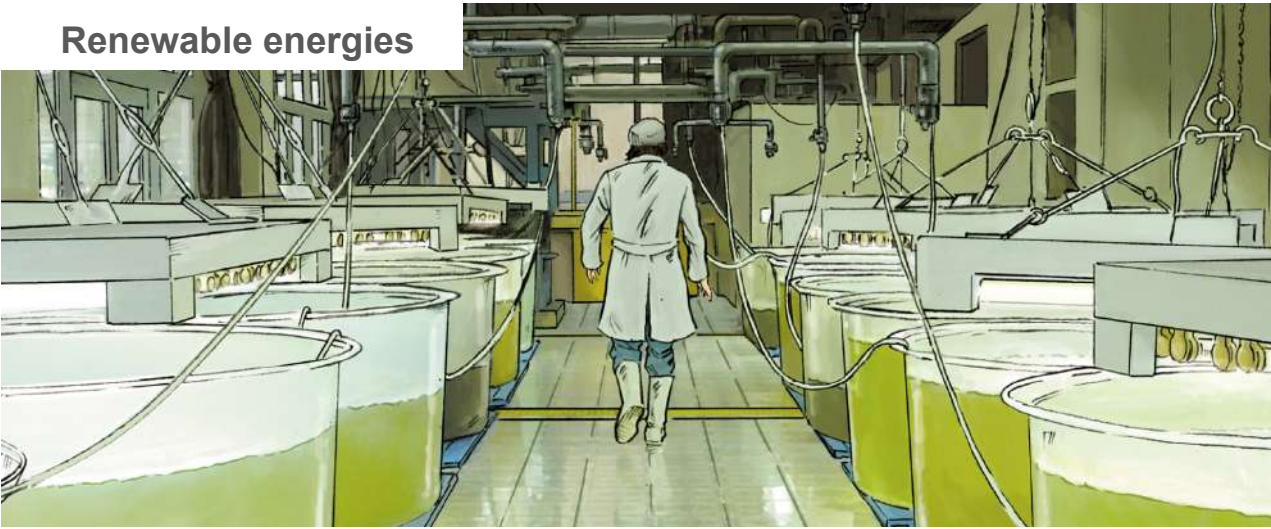
His mother-in-law had been in the hospital for two days. After sequencing her genome, she had been operated on for pancreatic cancer through nano-robots with absolute precision. The drugs were nanocapsules that were deposited in the exact place to treat the tumor through the blood. The effect was immediate and the medicine was personalised.



Citizen participation

Both Cris and Valerie were very active socially and politically. The democratic revitalization allowed them to vote "online" on issues of their environment that concerned them. For example, in a few hours the council had decided to limit the opening hours of the bars, after telematic consultation with all the neighbours of the neighbourhood. It was common to use citizen satisfaction indexes in multiple initiatives, both locally and nationally. Transparency in spending was greater and any institutional mismatch was penalised by courts or citizens.

Renewable energies



The biofuels of the vehicles no longer originated from food (corn, soy, sugar, palm, etc.). They were forbidden, they came from algae and desert plants. Carbon was captured for the production of algae. Said algae and biomass were used to manufacture biofuels in biorefineries. Also the salt water was dedicated to the crops of the coast. The world was a little more balanced. Nuclear energy and fossil fuels had decreased in absolute terms. CO₂ production was declining and new CO₂ capture processes were implemented in the factories.

Weekend with the family



Family life was nice. The citizen's environment had become warmer. Education had promoted altruism and compassion from childhood. The fellow citizens of Cris and Valerie had understood that the excessive consumption did not produce happiness and had calibrated with maturity where the middle path was, without excessive external influences originated in fashions or social customs. They had very advanced audiovisual means at home, so they could enjoy a fun, documented and educational leisure.



Positive learning

They understood that any real event had a factor of neutrality if viewed with a broad and lasting perspective. A bad event derived in positive things, and vice versa. In any case, it was a opportunity to learn.

Social volunteering in Africa

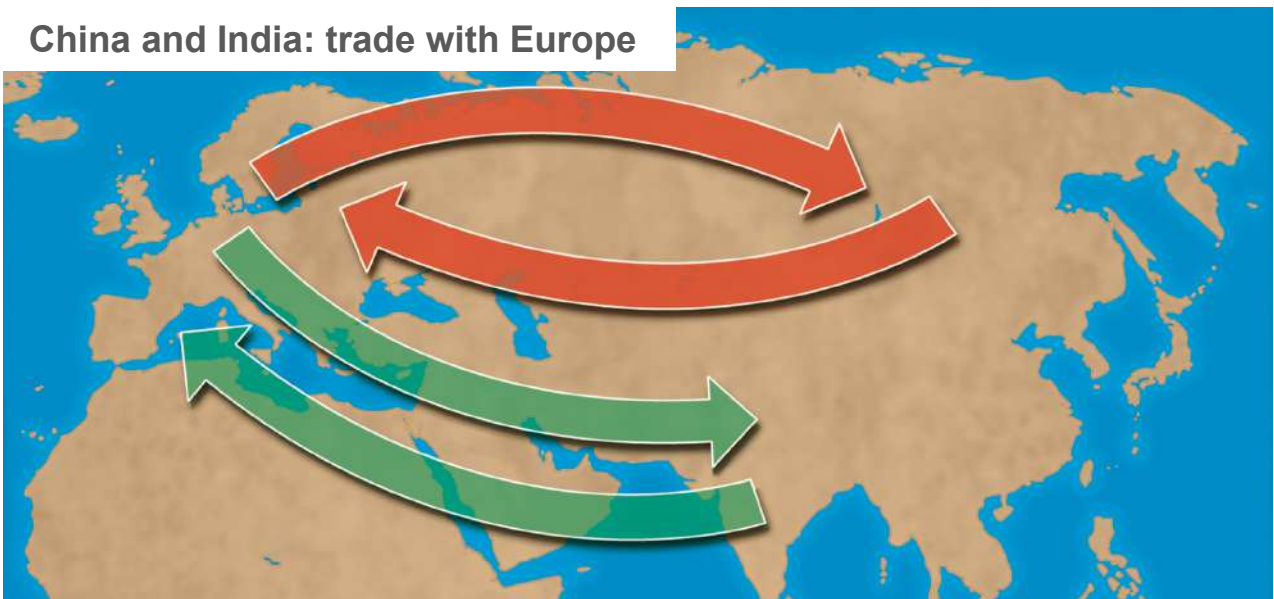


Before getting engaged to his wife Cris had spent several seasons as a volunteer in social missions in Ethiopia. He had been decisive in creating a computer classroom in Zway, in obtaining electricity for the villages of Boromo and Girmana, through kilometers of power lines and transformers and in drilling a water well in the town of Meki. He was happy to have had the privilege of improving the knowledge, health and happiness of a deeply grateful population.



Western democracies had managed to control the financial powers. The economy did not progress with the tremendous ups and downs of the past, where speculation reaped extraordinary benefits in the hikes and shortage and unemployment was generalised in the lows of the cycle.

China and India: trade with Europe



China and India consumed more and had incorporated their social and ecological costs into their value chain after a global pact. In addition, with the democratization of China and India and their better distribution of income and consumption capacity, the balance of trade with the West was balanced. A Chinese neo-imperialism resulting from the investments of its surpluses of trade balance, (which was co-opting the assets and companies of many developed and undeveloped countries) was no longer contemplated.

Harmony and wellbeing



There were still some corruption problems such as those caused by toxic financial and real estate assets in 2008. Gross internal happiness had replaced the gross domestic product as an index of the progress of the countries. Education and a democracy based on information (partly thanks to the internet) and transparency had been fundamental for the harmony and well-being of society.



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