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**No Frames, No Boundaries**

Before 2024, I had a profound epiphany that fundamentally altered my perspective on life. This realization was prompted by Schweikart's idea of "No Frames, No Boundaries," (Schweickart) which seemed like the dismantling of invisible barriers that had long influenced my choices. This realization brought into light the limitations I had unknowingly placed upon myself. This article narrates a three-part story that reflects on my journey from imprisonment of perception to enlightenment and the impact of decision-making on my life.

**I. Before: Living Within Boundaries**

My world seemed narrow, controlled by expectations, and characterized by the restrictions I had unknowingly accepted before I had this realization. My life was structured by a set of unseen frameworks that dictated who I was supposed to be, what I should achieve, and how I was expected to live. Though not outwardly oppressive, these frames created a sensation of regularity that felt comforting yet constant. My daily routine was monotonous, which felt both safe and oppressive, like navigating a maze where each path goes back to what is known.

That bright morning while walking outdoors, I remembered the night. Distant traffic blending with the sky stood for my default state of emotional emptiness and an uninterested attitude. Throughout the day, I felt as though I were living within a box that I had outgrown but didn't know how to escape; every movement I took was programmed, even mechanical.

There was a broad sense of imprisonment, but I couldn't identify the problem. I felt that I was trying to make things better in life be it my goals, love life, and running day-to-day errands. However, there was a cloud of nagging sadness, which felt like a timed bomb for something greater outside the established boundaries.

**II. The Epiphany: Breaking Through the Invisible Wall**

The thought came to me out of the blue. I was unwinding on a bench in a serene park, a place I regularly visited to unwind. That afternoon, the clouds hid the sun, casting a soft, diffused light over the surrounding area. Nothing much happened that afternoon. The cool air carried a faint scent of pine and damp grass. I could only hear the distant chatter of birds and the rustle of leaves in the air, yet the surroundings seemed incredibly lifelike.

I sat there lost in my thoughts and became acutely aware of my surroundings. It was not only the physical size of the park; it was a concept of space that extended beyond the material world. My understanding of reality began to change, and I realized that the borders I had established between the outer world and myself were unfounded and I had allowed myself to be governed by the self-established walls.

The conceptual framework I had been residing in was created by my concerns, my perceptions of what was feasible, and societal conventions. I had been living little, confined by these walls without thinking twice about their legitimacy. The park appeared infinite, even though it had always seemed like a little, contained area. It was as though the world had opened up before me, the breeze becoming softer and the air becoming lighter.

The realization was profoundly sensual in addition to being logical. I could not just see the magnificence all around me, I could feel it. Every breath I took seemed like there was more promise in the air itself. Everything I had believed to be true about the world and myself suddenly became apparent, and I was left with an openness that was simultaneously thrilling and scary.

**III. After: Embracing Limitlessness**

I started approaching my day-to-day life differently following the realization. I was too busy to an extent that I missed the subtleties that exist in nature. Things that seemed unachievable at first became essential, like quitting a job that did not support my moral principles or embarking on an artistic endeavor that I had long since written off as unrealistic. My fear of failing, which had kept me safely within, was replaced by a curiosity about what was outside the known. Curiosity in what was outside the familiar supplanted my fear of failing, which had kept me comfortably inside. Suddenly I noticed a change in the way I was handling my love life. It was so serene and I became more willing to socialize and engage people without fear of rejection, having a sense of freedom that taps into every aspect of life.

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