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# Chapter 1: Awesome Art!





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## Blue: From Amsterdam to the Playa

There was something about that mad max freedom combined with monumental art that called me over. Logistically coming from Amsterdam was a challenge, let alone my instant desire to create art for the playa.

After sending my wish to the energy of abundance, I was asked to co-create a Core art project with a group in Amsterdam. This collaboration became known as the Dutch Mill. Here I created the mega painting to wrap around and complete the wooden structure. The canvas was rolled open over my entire studio floor. Yippee!

Initial inspiration started with the color blue. And so the painting started. I found myself transposed on a Blue playa, gliding around. It was exciting to experience this painting build up instinctually. I felt how the darkness of the blue rose up into animal-like creatures. It was amazing to experience how this mirrored life on the playa.

At Burning Man, my imagination plays and transforms into all sorts of creatures. I also sensed a cool wind swishing around above, moving downwards. This cool wind felt like an awakening of consciousness to me. In the painting I experienced this meeting of the conscious and subconscious. In the painting large sails started to appear and took form. They glide across the vast ocean of dreams.

There it was: the playa with its art cars gliding across the baron clay desert, creatures coming out and ideas taking form. It came together in the painting. Finally this painting was hand carried across the voyage of over 5000 miles, out to Sparks. It was assembled in the generator building and formed to fit onto the wooden framework. Finally it got to go and live out onto the playa.

To finish off this build on the playa, with the aid of an art car bus, I was lifted up to the top for final touch ups. This perspective, lifted up high, slightly hanging off the edge of this bus felt like completing the cornerstone! I was not only **home**, but I laid down my hat. Before the wooden structure was burned to the ground, the blue dusty painting was removed, and continues to live and travel on to this day.



Snoopy says

"I miss YOU!"

## Chapter 2 Cozy Connections!



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Looney Tunes  
(Marty)

## Surprise Meeting On Playa

Twenty-five years ago I met this woman. Her name is Trixie and she a bank manager of one of the major banks. She was my banker for 20 some years.

While we were out there a guy said come on over to my camp – I'd like you to meet some people. So I came over to the camp and we heard some people talking and then I heard this voice that said: "Marty!" Then I turn around and it was my banker and I've known her with suits and professional attire and she had on the pink fishnet dress with holes about 4-5 inches wide.

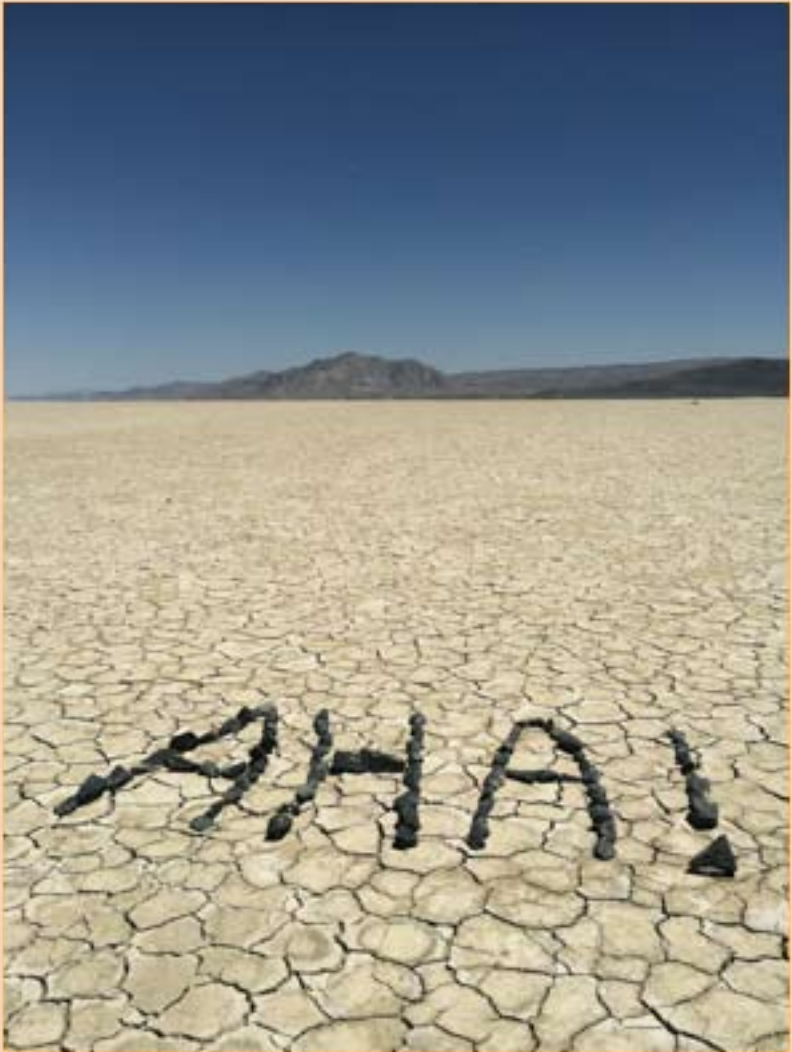
And she is short....so instead of looking down I looked up because I could see EVERYTHING. And then we hugged and that was it!





Electric Man  
(don't burn me :)

# Chapter 3 Exciting Events!



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Ranger Ric

## Private Performance Becomes Public

One of the most unusual moments that I experienced out on the playa, occurred in 2011. When my buddy Nacho opened up a door on a small building on the playa, he observed a young couple fornicating. He then closed the door on the building and walked away.

About five or six people were approaching the building and asked, "oh, what's in there?" So he had everyone line up in a semicircle by the door. When he whipped the door open, everybody applauded. The young man and woman inside smiled and waved. Then they simply closed the door, and everybody went merrily on their way. Another playa moment!

# Chapter 4 Life-Changing Moments





Gemini

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## Everyone at Burning Man is Beautiful

I have a daughter who is now 24 years old and she went to Burning Man for the first time when she was 15. Oddly enough she went to Burning Man as punishment. This was because my husband and I are Black Rock Rangers and she had behaved pretty poorly the prior year when we went and so I said to her, "I would not inflict your behavior upon somebody who I love again, and so you will be coming to Burning Man!"

She has struggled with various issues during her teenage years (teen years are tough for everyone). She had dealt with some sexual abuse issues and some other types of really heavy issues for a young person.

And I'm going to cry (voice sadly cracking and tears at this point).

So at the end of the playa experience when I asked her what she had learned at Burning Man she looked at me and said for the first time in her life:

"I learned at Burning Man that everybody is beautiful."

So for her to have that experience and truly believe it...then she said she had danced like she's never danced before! She really and truly came and believed that she was beautiful just because of Burning Man. So to be able to give my daughter that experience was an incredible gift for me as a parent.



Brrrr, I am so cold  
without YOUR warmth



# Chapter 5

## Luscious Love



# Chapter 6 Playadipity





Lulu Pinkifur

## Playful Playa Pasties

Last year at Burning Man was my 16th year and I am a pretty modest person. My friends had a cotton candy stand and I had this really cute pink fur mini skirt and pink fur boot covers. I wanted to wear these to hand out cotton candy but I didn't have the right top to go with it.

So then I was joking around about, "oh, I'll just wear these with pasties." And I knew in my mind that I would NEVER really wear pasties because I'm modest. And so we were sitting there joking about it and saying, "oh yeah yeah I'll wear them," but knowing I wouldn't.

So then up rides this cart...duh da duh da duh... and it says "Dan's pasties cart." And my friends all looked at the cart and they looked at me and then they ran up to the cart, grabbed him, and called him over.

Then they said, "Here you are...PLAYA MAGIC!" She needs pasties and she doesn't have any and you're the pasty guy, so give her some pasties! So I actually had to go through with it and it was one of the most liberating experiences!! I was actually proud of myself that I finally did and it was actually really fun!

# Chapter 7

## The Playa Provides



# Chapter 8

## Spiritual Sensations

