



Juice

a short film by Dewitt Jones

TRANSCRIPT

You know, if the visions of our lives are ever going to become a reality, we have to find the energy to manifest them. Where does that energy come from?

The answer I found was surprisingly simple and it wasn't shown to me by some great sage. I learned it from a five-year-old boy.

One summer, I was teaching a photographic seminar in British Columbia and I'd just sent all my students out in the woods to photograph. I'm getting my own gear ready, a big tripod, huge camera bag and I look up on the steps of the lodge where we're staying and there's this very intense kid.

He looks down at me, he says, "Do you have a camera?" I was festooned with cameras. I said, "Yeah."

And then I realized why he asked. Because he raised up his camera and he said, "I have a camera."

And it was a magic camera. It was yellow, it had a blue lens, it had a red eyepiece, it had a turquoise rewind knob with a little straw coming out of it.

And he said, "My name's Adam. Can I take pictures with you?" And I said, "Yeah, yeah. Come on."

So we went down in the woods and I set up my tripod, got my first shot. And then this kid was so cute, he squeezes in front of the tripod, pressed his little shoulders against it, raised his camera. "Did you get it?"

"Yeah."

"Great!"

I thought, "Well, that's cute, but I'm going to lose this kid after about five minutes."

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Not this boy. Stayed right with me. Every time I'd set up my shot, there he'd be, squeezed in front of that tripod, raised camera. I'd never seen such perseverance, such determination, such focus.

And he stayed with me for a long time. Until I was setting up the last shot of the day and the light was beautiful and I had all my equipment piled on that tripod and Adam's just sitting next to me, watching. I got all of my gear, the very best that money can buy to translate my vision onto film, and man, I'm working it.

And Adam's watching and finally he raised his little face toward me and he said, "Does your camera have juice in it?"

I said, "No."

He said, "Mine does!" Gave me this wonderful smile.

What a lesson! Does your camera have juice in it? Do you have passion? Passion, the energy that drives our technique. Passion, the power that allows us to manifest our visions.

Adam had it. Do you?

That energy, that force that lights up our lives.

Boy, I ask myself that question everyday and I think about Adam and his juice camera.

Do you have passion? Life demands that you do!

The End.