

Digging and Digging and Digging

(Persistence Overcomes Resistance)

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***“Focus On a Goal Take Control and Roll
Let the Whole World Know That You Got Soul
Like the Atom in the Womb of the Universe
That Grew Into the Sun
You’re Number 1
Be Determined and Rise Like Helium!
Blast Off!”
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Dedication

This book is dedicated to you. You are the future! I love to teach you and see your bright eyes and smiling faces. I want you to know that sometimes things will get tough in life. You can take a little break and rejuvenate, but always come back again. Never quit and you will win. To our young scholars all over the world!

Thank you!

Mr. O the Hip Hop Teacher

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Chapter: 1

The Legend of the Hidden Treasure

There once was a town in California and there were stories of how people used to find gold.

They used to dig a deep ditch, find treasures and get rich, at least this is what the people were told.

So people would come from far and near like Ecuador where it was hot and China where it was cold, they would come from Chicago by train and Morocco by boat. Some husbands would tell their families, "I'll be back honey and little ones because I have hope". Some were in such a rush to get rich that they forgot their toothpaste and soap.

One time each person would try their luck at shoveling and they created a song



“I’ve been digging and digging and digging” “and digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging” “and digging and digging and digging”

Chapter 2

2. Here Comes Lady Luck

Then along came Lady Luck. Many people were jealous of her. They said “Why is she digging, she already has a million bucks? She said “I love to work in the sun, so for me this is just plain old fun! I don’t know how she knew the song, but she said “Oh, how I love the life I’m living so I’m....”

“ digging and digging and digging”

“and digging and digging and digging”

“and digging and digging and digging”

“and digging and digging and digging”



Chapter: 3

3. Mad Muscle Murph

Then a big and bad man came by, his name was Mad Muscle Murph and he said “I’m going to find the treasure. I lived here all my life and this is my turf. Plus I have muscles, I’m strong and I will find the money and be gone. And now for my champion song.

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

And you would never guess what happened to him. He got tired and closed his eyes and fell down and all you heard was Z’s zzz
zzz zzz



Chapter: 4

Barkim the Dog

Rrrrrrr barked Barkim the Dog. He was special around town because Barkim could drop bars... get it? He was a good rapper and had a fearless reputation. Barkim crawled up and said, I'm going to be the one that will find that treasure. I have a special sense of smell. So Barkim started digging and singing.

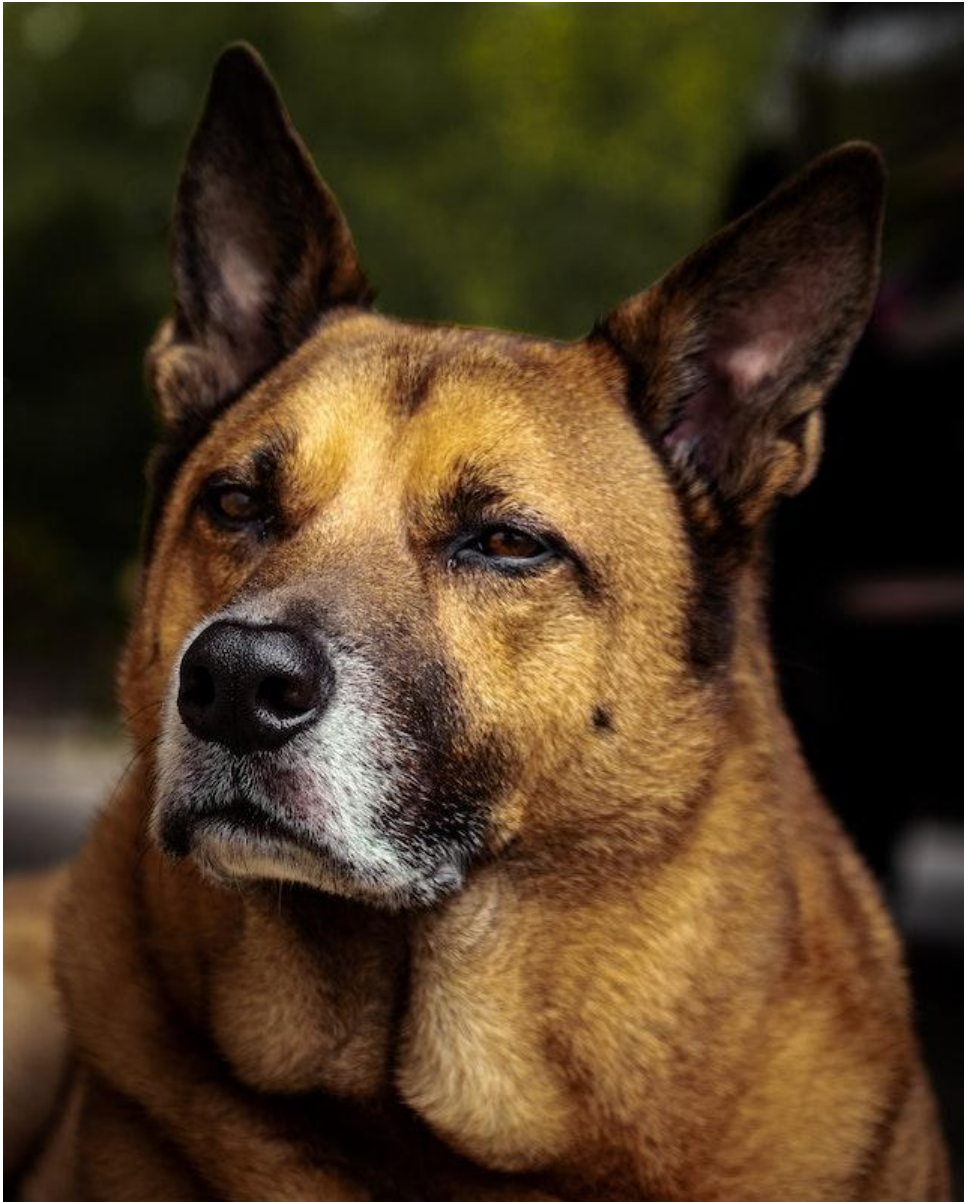
"I've been digging and digging and digging"

"And digging and digging and digging"

"And digging and digging and digging"

"And digging and digging and digging"

And guess what happened? He started smelling and finding bones and he got so happy that he said "forget this Jewelry stuff" my treasure are these bones and he ran back to his dog house.



Chapter: 5

Kamal the Cat

Then came Kamal the Cat and he said “That silly dog doesn’t know how to act. I don’t like bones, so I won’t have a problem like that. Plus, I’m no fool, no matter what happens, I will keep it cool. and the cat started singing:

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

and guess what happened? He dug up an old dish that smelled like his favorite food, which is fish. And he said “I’ll see you later. You can have those treasures. I got my wish. And he started singing:

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”



Chapter 6

The Whole Neighborhood Came by

Then came the doctor, the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, the beautician, the barber and the police, the principal, the teachers and the lunch aides. Everyone wanted to get paid. And they all sang:

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”



Chapter: 7

5. Little Maya Wants to Try

No one could find it. Even the Mayor came and he said “I’m tired of this mess, it’s a hoax, there is no hidden treasure. I quit! And he threw his shovel down hard on the ground and it bounced around.

And all of the people from the town frowned.

Then along came little Maya, she said I want to try it. And everybody laughed, they said you’re just a kid

And you know what Maya did? She started singing

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

And out of nowhere, I kid you not bling bling bling

Maya found a gigantic jewelry box

And she smiled and looked around at all the people in town and said “Persistence overcomes resistance and never give up”

And she walked away with the people behind her. It was like a parade and they all started singing:

“I’ve been digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging”

The End!



“I’ve been digging and digging and digging” “and digging and digging and digging”

“And digging and digging and digging” “and digging and digging and digging”

What quality did Maya have that most of the townspeople didn’t?

When you start something that you really desire, should you stay positive about it?



I want you to know that sometimes if you take one more step or ask one more question, then you will be closer to your goals and dreams!



Also, know that when a problem exists, the solution exists somewhere too. You just have to figure out how to find it.



What would you do if you started to shovel for a long time like 30 minutes or more and nothing happened?

Why do you say that?



What is the moral of the story?



Remember: Persistence overcomes Resistance!

Please repeat it

1 2 3

Remember: Persistence overcomes Resistance!



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