

CAST: M.C. (ROD SERLING)

SPONSEE (DOROTHY)

SPONSOR (SCARECROW)

“ON THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO HAPPY DESTINY”

M.C.: Long, long ago... in a galaxy far, far away, a Sponsor and his Sponsee were on a journey--- a journey through time and space-- a journey through the 12 steps---- There's a signpost up ahead: it says: “STEP THREE” --- Let's join them on their journey-- their journey along “THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO HAPPY DESTINY”.

(music: “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” Sponsor (dressed as the Scarecrow) leads his Sponsee (dressed as Dorothy) on from SR.) They get to center, and hold for laughs.

SPONSEE: Whoa! Wait a minute! Slow down, man. That 1st step back there WORE ME OUT! Then that 2nd step nearly KILLED me. Where are you taking me, anyway?

SPONSOR: Why, to the land of Serenity, of course--- where everyone is happy, joyous, and free. Don't you remember? Oh, if you only had a BRAIN! Don't tell me we've got to go all the way back to STEP ONE!!! AGAIN!!!

SPONSEE: NO! NO! Not that STEP ONE again, PLEASE! I remember now, We're gonna “TAKE THE STEPS TOGETHER”, right?

SPONSOR: Right!

SPONSEE: OK, then, let's just keep going FORWARD, alright?

SPONSOR: Alright. But you've got to understand one thing: We're here at the turning point; We're not in Kansas anymore, and you have to make a DECISION.

SPONSEE: Make a what?

SPONSOR: A DECISION! You have to make a DECISION!

SPONSEE: A decision about what?

SPONSOR: Whether or not you are WILLING to take the rest of the steps.

SPONSEE: Wait a minute. Wait JUST - ONE - MINUTE ! How many more steps ARE there, anyway?

SPONSOR: Well... there are 12 altogether.

SPONSEE: Twelve? TWELVE??? You mean I'm not even HALF-WAY THRU???

SPONSOR: Well, SORT of.....

SPONSEE: What do you mean, “SORT OF” ???

SPONSOR: Well.... I don't know if I'm supposed to tell you this, but ... (he looks around suspiciously) After you get to Step 12....

SPONSEE: Yeah?

SPONSOR: The Yellow Brick Road to Happy Destiny leads right back to STEP ONE!!!

SPONSEE: Now wait a doggone minute! THAT'S a HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR! You mean to tell me there's NO END to this road?

SPONSOR: Well, MY experience is that each time I travel the Yellow Brick Road to Happy Destiny, It's a little bit different each time around!

SPONSEE; Really? Hummmmm... What do I have to do next?

SPONSOR: It's quite simple, really -- Just pick up the Key of Willingness (point to giant key in chair) and then step up here on STEP 3. Then you'll be able to see WAY DOWN THE ROAD!

SPONSEE: I don't know... This looks like a pretty TALL STEP!

SPONSOR: It's not that bad IF you pick up the key. Besides, I'll help you up.

SPONSEE: (suddenly excited) Will I be able to see OVER THE RAINBOW???

SPONSOR: I don't know about THAT...

SPONSEE: Where troubles melt like lemon drops?

SPONSOR: The Promises clearly state....

SPONSEE: Away above the chimney tops (sings-) THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND MEEEEEE!

SPONSOR: (angry) JUST PICK UP THE KEY!!

SPONSEE: OK. (he picks up key) Alright, I'm ready--- help me up?

SPONSOR: (helps him up onto chair) Upsee- Daisy. Well, what do you see?

SPONSEE: (shades his eyes, gazes down the road) Man! Look at all those STEPS up ahead! Some of them look pretty HARD!

SPONSOR: (under his breath, but loud enough for audience to hear) Some of them ARE.

SPONSEE: What was that?

SPONSOR: Uh,, I said, "THEY'LL MAKE YOU A STAR!!"

SPONSEE: I'm SCARED. I don't think I can do this. (he gives the key to Sponsor)

SPONSOR: I wouldn't turn BACK if I were you! Look, I was scared, too, when I first got to this step, but my sponsor told me that I don't have to do this ALONE. And neither do YOU. I'll help. Here, take the Key of Willingness back.

SPONSEE: (takes the key back) OK, what do I do now?

SPONSOR: Take one last look down that road--- then step down here, and we'll move on ahead.

SPONSEE: (looks down the road again) Gee! It looks like this road goes on FOREVER!!!

SPONSOR: I sure hope so! Alright, come on down-- we've got some more trudging to do.

SPONSEE: Alright, if you say so. (gets down from chair and sets Key down on it)

SPONSOR: NO! NO! Don't put down the Key of Willingness! Pick it back up! You'll be needing it as we go further down this road.

SPONSEE: You sure? (picks up Key) It's awful HEAVY!

SPONSOR: Oh, that reminds me--- Wait here a second--- I'll be right back! (Sponsor exits and returns with Giant Pencil)

SPONSEE: (shocked) AUNTIE EM AND TOTO TOO!!! What the hell is THAT??

SPONSOR: Never you mind about that right now.... It's just a little something you might be needing a little way down the road at STEP 4. We like to call it "The 500 pound Pencil".

SPONSEE: Damn! It looks HEAVY!!

SPONSOR: It's not that bad after you've USED it a little. So what's it gonna be?

SPONSEE: What do you mean?

SPONSOR: What is your DECISION?

SPONSEE: Well.... (finally decisive) I've decided to go the rest of the way down this road! (he starts off by himself)

SPONSOR: WAIT!! All by yourself? It's pretty scary out there all alone--- there might be lions and tigers and bears...

SPONSEE: OH, MY! (CLOSES EYES AND CLICKS HEELS OF RUBY SLIPPERS TOGETHER, SAYING OVER AND OVER,) There's no place like a home group, there's no place like a home group, there's no place.... (slow realization) Oh! NOW I get it! I guess I need to be reminded every once in a while. (moves next to Sponsor and offers his arm) Will you go with me?

SPONSOR: Sure! (links arm with Sponsee) Let's go!

(music; Follow the Yellow Brick Road. Sponsor and Sponsee sing and skip off down the Yellow Brick Road to Happy Destiny)

