

## A Colour Blind World

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One day no one was able to see colour. Everyone had suddenly forgotten colour. It was as if someone had taken the existence of colour right out of the world. The Earth looked gray and boring without colour. The trees were all dark grays, and the sky was always a light, gray or black.

There were still two people who knew about colour, one was able to see colour, her name was Niki. She had long brown hair and dark brown eyes. She was the only one able to see the colour in her hair and eyes. The other was a young girl who could not see colour but still remembered it. Her name was Sarah, she had dirty blond hair and light blue eyes that she remembered seeing when she was little.

Niki and Sarah had gone to school together since they were little. They became best friends and Niki would describe colours to Sarah. They remembered when everyone could see colour and then the way everyone saw the world was dull, like an old painting that had faded away. They wished they could tell people about it, but they could not tell anyone. They had to be secret about it. If the government found out they knew about colour Sarah and Niki would have to run away so the government did not try to take it from them too.

They both hated knowing something that the rest of the world had forgotten. It was also hard to keep it a secret from her parents. If Niki accidentally described something by saying what colour it was, her parents would start to think she was crazy and was making up words.

On the first day of seventh grade, they didn't know anyone other than each other and a few kids that they had gone to school with. Sarah was walking down the hall and she saw something on the ground, it was a bracelet, but she could see colour on it. There was a blue and purple string tied into a bracelet. The bracelet gave Sarah hope that she would see colour again. During lunch that day Niki and Sarah were talking about the bracelet, and if anyone would ever know about colour besides them. One of their teachers, Ms. Malane, had heard them talking. She asked, "What are you two talking about?"

Niki replied, "Math."

Ms. Malane said "Ok". Then she walked back to her class. Niki and Sarah followed her to make sure she did not hear them.

They heard her on the phone saying, "There were two girls talking about colour and their names are Niki Ellis and Sarah Fretch." She put the phone down and started working on paperwork.

"We have to get out of here" Niki said. They ran down the hall, grabbed their bags and went to the door but Ms. Malane was there.

She asked, "Where are you two going?"

Sarah said, "Out for some fresh air."

Ms. Malane said, "You're fine, get back to class you can wait till recess." They walked down the hall on the way to class, but they knew there was another door that way. So as soon as Ms. Malane could not see them, they sprinted down the hall to the door. There was no teacher there, so they ran out the door and as far away as they could get, then saw police cars heading to the school.

Niki asked, "Where do we go?"

"There's this old cabin in the woods that I used to play in when I was little, we could go there." Sarah said.

Niki said, "Do you remember where it is?"

"I think so," Sarah replied. They crossed town to the edge of the woods, there were not a lot of houses out there. The woods got thicker and the farther they went, the less light there was. Finally, they came to a clearing, and in the distance, there was a cabin. The inside was dark and gloomy. There were cobwebs on every corner and doorway of the house. They found a corner to sit down in, that was far from the windows and doors.

"What are we going to do?" Niki asked.

"Well, we have to figure out how to get colour back." Sarah replied.

"Why do you think they took colour or how did they take it?" Niki asked.

"We know where the government does these things and has meetings we could go there," Sarah said.

"Ok but how are we going to get in everyone is trying to get us right now?" Niki asked.

"We'll go underground through the sewers." Sarah said. They decided to wait until night so no one would see them on their way into town. It was pitch black and they couldn't even see their hands in front of their faces. Once their eyes were adjusted to the dark, they started to walk back to town.

On their way they saw the police looking for them. They dove behind a tree, not moving or making a sound. They listened to his footsteps, stepping on leaves and mud. They listened to him get closer to the tree shining a flashlight looking for any shadows or movements. He stood there looking and listening for about ten minutes, then walked in the direction of the road. Niki and Sarah stood up slowly and quietly and started walking back to town. Once they made it to the road, they found the sewer to follow and lifted the lid and jumped in.

Niki yelled "It smells down here!"

"What did you think it'd smell like it's a sewer." Sarah said. They ran through the sewers on their way to the government's laboratory. They remembered the directions from a map they had seen in a geography class. They found the right sewer lid then climbed up and slipped out. They ran to some trees beside the parking lot. In front of them was a seven-story building with giant glass doors and there were windows on every floor. They sat there waiting for someone to leave or go in. When they didn't see anyone, they got up and ran to a window to the left of the doors. When they got in there was a long narrow hallway and a big room at the end. They walked to the end of the hallway and in the room was a computer on a small table in the middle of the room.

They got on the computer and started looking through the files on the computer, most of them were labelled with numbers. When they got to the end of them there was one called why I took colour. They opened that file, and it was a letter it said *I am the only one who can't see colour. When other people describe things in colour I don't know what they are talking about. So, I created a machine that will take colour from everyone.* Then at the bottom of the screen there was a list of a bunch of colours.

Sarah yelled, "I can see it! I can see those colours!"

"This is the machine the one that takes colour so all we have to do is shut it off." Niki said. They found the cable that was plugged into it Niki grabbed it and pulled it out. Then they took the computer and buried in the woods were no one would find it.

Sarah yelled, "I can see everything."

The next day at school everyone could see colour and the world wasn't dull anymore. Everyone could see it, and everything looked brighter now.