

Writing competition

Step into a symphony of stories!

Imagine a world where books burst open and amazing characters from every kind of story leap out!

Write a short story about a wonderful world filled with colourful characters. (Limit of 3 pages per entry.)

In the galaxy IC 1101 on a planet called nexa a civilization of human-like aliens have a special trait. They show different coloured skin for each emotion. One of them, Jaki has a strange disorder. His colour is grey and he is terribly sick. He spends his days in bed at his house and since he is not happy, he doesn't have much. Every day he goes to his small garden.

Every day he goes to his little garden outside but is swift because his lungs are weak to spores in the air. He goes out to water his plants and pray to his little water fountain with a stone statue of a plump man wearing a robe. "Oh spirit," he says and gives it his worries and wishes. He lived a quiet and peaceful life, till one day... everything changed.

On a nice sunny morning Jaki heard a violent knock on his wooden door. He opened the door, confused since visitors aren't often for him. On the doorstep was

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A boy who looked oddly similar to Jaki's little statue. "Hi there uncle!!" said the boy. "Um I don't think I know you.." Replied Jaki. "No seriously I am! You're Jaki xan right?! I'm Fomar xan!" Jaki was startled. How did this kid know Jaki's name?

"Ah Tamar? I'm sorry but -" Jaki was interrupted. "Jaki you have that lung tumor don't you! Here I made this for you!" Fomar held up a strange mask. "It's a olionator! It will help you!" "Fomar are you really my nephew?" Jaki asked. "Yes and I can prove it!" Fomar held out his necklace. It was the same one Jaki had. The family necklace.

"Oh my goodness..." Exclaimed Jaki. "That's the family necklace?!" Fomar shook his head. "Fomar why did you come here?" "My family sent me here to be with you because of my energy." Fomar replied. "Jaki come!" Tamar took his hand and pulled him out of the house and handed him the olionator. "Put this on!" Jaki wrapped it round his face. "See that forest there?" said Fomar. "That's where we are going!" "Wait Fomar!" said Jaki. But Fomar was already in the forest. "Emoh Jaki Jaki ran after him. Soon they were deep in the forest. "Wow!" Exclaimed Tamar. "I always wanted to go here!" "Hey Fomar!" yelled Jaki breathless. "Fomar we should - wowh." Jaki looked forward. A landscape of seemingly endless blue forest. "It's beautiful!" said Jaki. "Emoh duke let's go!" said Fomar. And they went down into the forest. But something was watching them.

As they went deeper into the forest they began to get lost, and worse their statue had almost set over the horizon. "Hey Jaki..." said Fomar. "Are we lost?" Jaki scathed.

the surroundings. "Famor I think so." so they set up camp and started a fire. "I hope we can get back soon.." Sighed Famor. Jaki nodded. Suddenly they heard a loud cry.

Famors skin went a horrifying violet. "Quick!" Jaki yelled and took Famors hand. The crys got louder as they saw large bony avian creatures swoop them. These giant creatures ran into trees and knocked them down "AHH!!!" Yelled Famor. as two large trees almost fell on him.

They were getting tired and short of breath when they meet a rock wall. The creatures cornered them. Jaki was playing dead, while Famor whimpered in Jaki's shirt. "SCREEEEEE ECHH!!!" Screeched the creatures in unison as to say they won. They went closer then closer.

Suddenly a light shined down onto the creatures. They all screeched and shrieked as they slowly evaporated. Jaki and Famor looked up. An eye. A cyan shining eye. What was this? Jaki and Famors necklaces were shining too. The same light towards the creatures. Then they felt an electric shock as they went unconscious.

Jaki and Famor woke up in the place they were before. "Uhh. what just happened?" Famor asked. "were alive?" "Were alive?" replied a sleepy Jaki. They then both exploded into tears of joy. "YEEHAW!!!" "WE SURVIVED!" Famor was a flamingo pink. After a bit of celebrating they decided to try to go home. Smiling they followed their footsteps in the dirt. "Hey Jaki?" said Famor. "Should we go on another adventure?" "You know what sure.." Replied Jaki. But as they walked home Jaki smiled. And slowly his skin began to shine yellow.