



## The Gentle Giant and the truth factory

Once upon a time over the rainbow there was a little land at the bottom of a valley under a big hill called Obey.

The land was known as the land of words and in it everything was black and white just like in a writing story.

The land was very special and everyone who lived there had a name and was true to their word. Each person had a family and they all had children. So the shop was owned by Mr and Mrs

Market and all the people had names associated with their jobs so there was Chic the Dig who has a digger truck and his boy was learning to be a digger just like his talented father. Mr Plum was the plumber and his wife was Ms X Ray because she had incredible eyes and could help with the local hospital. All throughout the village people had their names and all were doing very well.

Anyway after some time a new person arrived called Nicky Liar and she was very rich and famous and opened a factory at the entrance to the village called the truth factory. She was very clever and powerful and the factory was set on the road onto the village so everyone had to pass by in order to get to the village.

Everyone was happy and all was well however one day a stranger arrived and he was from a faraway place. He was a man of colour and he was a bit bigger than most of the others but to the village he seemed either black or white. This is because the village had never seen colours before and preferred to see things as black or white. To some he was black and to some he was white it just depended when they saw him and what they were doing or thinking.

He came and built a house with his Labrador dog Hobnob (Nootka) and his little princess Angela.

Now being a stranger he didn't speak the language of the villagers and so he got by with sign language and just smiling and being friendly. People liked him but found him a little odd and in some ways they were a little scared of him given he seemed to change a bit in their eyes.

Everything settled and although he was away a lot outside the village people recognised him and accepted him as one of their own.

The stranger enjoyed living there and he made an effort to grow a nice wild flower garden for himself to enjoy with his friends and the dog. He cleaned the spring and put in some ponds and worked hard with Chic the Dig and the Mr and Mrs Wisplant. After a year they had started to create a lovely garden and people walked past and admired it.

However, Nicky Liar was not really happy because the stranger came and went from the village and she thought he might upset her plans to control the village better. You see he wasn't a black and white person and so he believed in lots of colours and so Nicky Liar knew she could not get him into one of her structures. You see Nicky Liar also had to be true to her words but as her name was a LIAR she could sometimes be black and sometimes be white as she saw fit. Once she recognised that the stranger could be seen that way she decided she could do something to get him out of the village and take over completely by telling something false about him. The difference was that the stranger was not called Mr Liar but Mr Rainbow but as the villagers had never seen colours before they could not see him properly.

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Nicky Liar then used her special team from her factory to start her war to take over the village and the entire kingdom. She used special people known as wordsmiths people who could adjust the words and names of people and so take control of them. These were also known outside the kingdom as solicitors but the ones Nicky Liar used were under special instructions to make her a great leader and be bullies, deceptive cruel and even abusive and destroy life completely.

Now one of the ways Nicky Liar was so powerful is because when she got the factory she had got a special contract. Now a contract is a special form of words and this contract had a special word called a promise. The promise had been given to her from the Queen of the Universe because the people of that land were important to the queen and she wanted them to be happy and self sufficient. However when the queen gave Nicky the promise she hadn't really set many conditions and so Nicky started to use the promise against the queen without her real knowledge.

Nicky realised that the queen had done the promise to support the welfare of the village and the villagers so they could live in harmony with everyone but Nicky really just wanted to control the village and keep the villagers as her personal servants.

So using her wordsmiths she adjusted then names of the villagers one by one.

She adjusted the names and made them still do the same jobs but made them struggle more just to get by so Mr Plumber became the overworked plumber and Ms Xray became Ms 100 a day Xray so she also had to work much harder. Slowly but surely Nicky Liar adjusted everyone's names and they found themselves working harder and harder for the same outcome. Nicky Liar then also provided a newsletter telling everyone about what was going on outside the village. She also set up a special barrier to prevent he stranger from coming and going from the village. Now because everyone was true to their words they believed everything Nicky said. The village children knew the stranger and could see his colours at first but after a little while Nicky and the wordsmiths convinced them that the colours didn't exist and in the end they also only saw in black and white.

The stranger started to notice that something was wrong in the village and people were not very happy but as he didn't speak the language and was not invited into the truth factory or knew the wordsmiths were adjusting peoples names he didn't know what was going on. He also could not leave the village and get any help or advice.

He didn't realise that people couldn't see the colours he saw so when he found the toads in his garden and showed the neighbours their beautiful orange eyes they didn't see them and just saw an ugly toad. The children who at first could see the colours became a bit unsure and so they started to doubt about the colours too.

The strangers garden also didn't look quite right either. This is because he had different coloured flowers and insects but they only saw the greys and blacks and whites. Because the stranger was in the village all the time and yet mainly working in his garden and creative projects the villagers started to get a bit tired of him being happy and care free when they had to work so hard.

So the stranger decided he need to write about Nicky Liar and so he wrote a story about how the kingdom could be split over a fight between a white unicorn and a black lion as his first Mr Rainbow story.

But Nicky was cunning and decided she could use this against the stranger and convinced the village that the man who called himself Mr rainbow was trying to pretend he was either the lion or the unicorn to take over the village.

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So the villagers had a meeting and got angry they decided that it was not good to have someone in the village who could be black one minute white the next apart from Nicky who was obviously good because she owned the truth factory, was in charge of the promise and declared the Queen of the Universe as a personal friend.

So one night all the villagers got together and built a great tall bonfire and on it they put all the wood and other things which could burn easily.

They grabbed Mr Rainbow the stranger as Angela and Hobnob had gone away for a while and she had done and said some things which made people unsure about Mr Rainbow. Nicky then did her nasty trick telling everyone in the village that Angela had told her that Mr Rainbow (the stranger) was an ogre and ate children for breakfast and that he didn't have his own children because he had eaten them already. Nicky Liar told all the children so the stranger became isolated and lost contact with the only ones who could see in colours and all the children were afraid.

Now the adults got together and grabbed the stranger and put him on the fire.

That night it was a great fire and all the stars were out watching what was going on. They were very worried as the queen of the universe had put the stranger there to be a guardian of the village and all children and to keep an eye that people kept their promises as well as Nicky herself.

As the flames rose higher Mr Rainbow started to sweat and he was getting very hot. He cried out a little in pain and called out but as he didn't speak the language people didn't hear his pleas and they were hoping that once Mr rainbow died all their troubles would be gone.

And then as the strangers clothes caught on fire there was a great explosion and there was a great rainbow which covered the whole village. No one had seen colours before so they were both frightened and amazed it was like a great bonfire night and fireworks display.

At first people were shocked at what they saw and then they were amazed and then after a little while they were delighted because as you know all the colours are very beautiful. Thankfully Mr Rainbow the stranger was not badly hurt as he came from a place where he was fairly fire retardant. That said he was a bit upset. In fact he was so upset that his voice came back and he found that he could talk to the villagers and they could understand him. He did speak with a funny accent and used some words no one understood but after a little time everyone recognised really he was a nice person after all.

With the colours being released into the village all the community could now see the beauty of Mr Rainbows garden and of even the little colourful animals that he loved too although many still couldn't find themselves attracted to toads.

With the colours around people started to tell Mr Rainbow about their favourite colours, draw pictures, share stories about news and ecology and nature seen and so Mr Rainbow was better able to be a guardian and teacher.

Nicky Liar was very angry however as it meant that she couldn't divide the community into black and white and so her power with the truth factory waned. The villagers started to create their own names for themselves like Magenta the Hair dresser and Daisy the dancer. Freedom returned to the village and the Queen of the Universe ensured that everyone could access the promises not just through Nicky Liar and her wordsmiths. The truth factory was converted into a visitor centre and it

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became a famous stopping off point for people interested in the village and looking to learn more about nature and culture and what people did in the village etc.

That said much of Mr Rainbows activities carried on with his friends, with people involved in his stories and poems and with the other projects he did outside the village.

With all the village working together they became a famous community and many other places followed in their footsteps and created action groups and Mr Rainbow trained a whole group of assistants where he taught them his skills as a teacher and guardian.

So that even today there is a house in the village where Mr Rainbow lives and does his gardening and meets friends and they write stories, make pictures and create poems.

He loves training his most enthusiastic friends about gardening with the some learning about keeping healthy, cooking and growing food, dancing, flowers and animals and others learning about and practicing construction, computer programming and home improvements.

In fact Mr Rainbow is actually not very good with construction and home improvements but his friends help to teach him and they like to have a beer to discuss their projects and share their knowledge. He created a new club for older people and meets with his best friends the Plumber and the Construction guys every month where they have a beer and discuss important things like the weather, football, interesting news of the world and nothing in particular.

When he helps people sometimes they pop round with a gift and he does likewise and this is how the village does so well no matter what happens outside.

Of course Nicky Liar is still around but at least she doesn't cause damage in places where Mr rainbow and his friends and allies are active.

So I hope you like this story about the origin of Mr Rainbow in the village and the coming of colours to a black and while world. It saved the village the whole kingdom and the queen of the Universe was very pleased as she knows how valuable colours are.

So if you also like colours and would like to share any information on nature, home improvements or other things you have seen Mr Rainbow is always interested and willing to help. He has many contacts outside the village and as its guardian is always learning better ways to help others.

And so we must leave Mr Rainbow his story at arriving at the kingdom and the sharing of colours and as we leave we remember one of Mr Rainbows favourite poems.

Truth is the voice of Peace,      Peace is the face of Love  
Love is the heart of life,      & Life is the soul of the earth  
Rainbows are a sign of peace and colours light our Love,  
A gentle rain brings life on earth to glorify all above.

This story was written last year in April 2021 and we shared a little but people were not ready for it and Mr Rainbows friends got attacked so he stopped sending it to anyone.

Now he has realised everyone is attacked to keep everyone from telling or sharing the truth so the story is more important than ever.